

Middleton Tyas Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 13th March 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs S Perks (Chair), J Perks, G Seal, S Nilsson.

IN ATTENDANCE: NY Cllr Angus Thompson; PC Alex Wilkinson (NY Police);
Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); 11 residents

The Chairman welcomed two new Councillors to the meeting – Gerard Seal and Soren Nilsson.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Henderson, PCSO Elliot Brown (NY Police)

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

All Councillors made the following declaration:

"We, as Parish Councillors, declare that we have an interest in each Agenda item as residents of Middleton Tyas."

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was Resolved to accept the Draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th January 2025 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. **POLICE REPORT**

The Police Crime Report showed there were 3 crimes in January and 4 in February.

Cllr J Perks asked PC Wilkinson why the offences are not detailed. PC Wilkinson explained that the information comes direct from the National reporting system which does not explain the offences in any more detail. PC Wilkinson asked how often Police attend our meetings. Councillors replied that it is very rarely, but we know they will attend if we invite them for a specific reason. PCSO Elliot Brown sends us the Monthly Crime Reports which give us an overall picture of crime in the Ward.

The Crime Report is available on the village website at www.middletontyas.org.uk/ The Council / Agendas & Minutes / March / Additional Documents.

5. **Parking at West End of Village**

1. Mrs Julie Brookes presented a list of safety concerns on behalf of several other residents who are being affected by parking at the West End of the village. Mrs Brookes and the other residents made several proposals to try to resolve the problem.
Cllr Thomson said he was already aware of the situation and had spoken with Ian Beighton from NYC Highways Dept. Mr Beighton would be happy to attend a site meeting with residents to try to resolve the issue.
PC Wilkinson explained the Law regarding illegal and inconsiderate parking, causing an obstruction, discretionary notices and Police powers.
Cllr Perks said that help from the Police with these parking issues would be most helpful. He asked if the Police could take a little time on their trips through the village to ticket offending vehicles with a view to deterring further offending.

2. The Parish Council Resolved that the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Thompson, Mr Beighton and the residents to arrange a convenient date and time for a site meeting to discuss what actions can be taken to resolve this matter. **CJ**

It was also agreed that PC Wilkinson will pass the information discussed to PCSO Elliot Brown and also to his Duty Sergeant. He will then report back to the Parish Council on what enforcement they can undertake. **AW**

6. Footpath along The Slough

1. The meeting received representation from Mr Mark Lavender about the possibility of a new Footpath being created along the side of The Slough. He felt that pedestrians could not walk the length of The Slough in safety as there was no footpath. He explained that this was particularly unsafe for residents with children, with pushchairs, in wheelchairs or with dogs. Residents should be able to safely access village assets on foot (School, Church, Shop, Pub).
Mr Lavender also felt that there was insufficient street lighting along The Slough.
2. It was agreed that a footpath on the South side of The Slough would make it safer for pedestrians and give a consistency across the village, the rest of which is well served by accessible footpaths.
It was Resolved to ask Mr Ian Beighton of NYC Highways Dept for a site meeting with Mr Lavender and a representative of the Parish Council. **CJ**

7. North Yorkshire Council

1. NYC Cllr Angus Thompson presented his update report which had been previously circulated to Councillors and many residents.
2. It was Resolved to ask Mr Ian Beighton of NYC Highways to attend a site meeting to renew the signage at the entrance to the village (Scotch Corner/West End) to control or deter HGVs from entering the village and damaging village assets.
3. NYC Highways had responded to our concerns of 27 November 2024:
Kneeton Lane Flooding – This matter is ongoing between NYC Highways Dept and the landowner.
Removal of Ivy from grass verge on Moulton Road – The Ivy has been cut back, but not removed. The Clerk will ask when this will be done. **CJ**
Reinstatement of Village Sign on Kneeton Lane – No further action has been taken.
The Clerk will ask Wynyard Homes when our stone sign can be reinstated near its original location. **CJ**

8. Planning Matters

www.middletontyas.org.uk / *The Council / Planning page for Richmondshire District Council / Public Access planning application service.*

1. Full Planning Permission to create new Agricultural Entrance on Main Street at Jacob's Croft, Main Street. This application was discussed in some detail and Councillors voted unanimously to Object to the proposals on various road safety issues.
A letter of response will be sent to the Planning Dept. **CJ**

9. Financial Matters

1. The following payments were approved and cheques were duly signed:

1. Clerk's Salary – January 2025	£	579.19
2. Clerk's Expenses – January 2025	£	9.80
3. HMRC – PAYE + N.I. – January 2025	£	97.80
4. O2 Mobile – 04 02 25	£	10.39
5. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – January 2025	£	75.00
6. TP Jones & Co LLP – Payroll October – December 2024	£	58.50
7. NYC – Supply and fit 2 x Litter Bins	£	676.80
8. Village News – Grant funding 2 of 2 – y/e 31 March 2025	£	600.00
9. Clerk's Salary – February 2025	£	579.19
10. Clerk's Expenses – February 2025	£	11.30
11. HMRC – PAYE + N.I. – February 2025	£	97.80
12. O2 Mobile – 04 03 25	£	10.39
13. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – February 2025	£	60.00
14. Rage Powder Coatings – Finger Post Re-coating	£	240.00

Receipts:

15. Dales Academy Trust – MUGA Lease 11.1.2025 to 11.7.2025	£	67.50
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10. Clerk's Salary Review

1. The Clerk's Salary Scale for the year from 1 January 2025 was confirmed as SCP18. The Chairman will inform TP Jones & Co LLP of the change. **SP**
2. It was confirmed that the Clerk's National Salary Award from 1 April 2025 will be in line with Local Government recommendations.

11. Grass Cutting Contract for 2025

It was Resolved to continue to appoint Robertsons' Garden Services for the year from 1st April to 31st October 2025 under the existing 5 year fixed price contract we have with them. The Clerk will inform them and remind them that they are contracted to carry out 12 cuts – one in late April, two each month from May to September, and one in early October. **CJ**

12. Councillors' Responsibilities & Contact Details

The list was amended to include the new Councillors and the Clerk will re-circulate it to those named. **CJ**

13. Annual Tree Survey

It was noted that Tree Boy Ltd have carried out all the tree maintenance work, as recommended in their recent survey report and their Quotation in the sum of £645.00.

14. Finger Post on the Green

It was noted that Rage Powder Coatings have completed their restoration work on the Finger Post and Cllr Henderson will collect it from Thirsk. The lettering now needs re-painting and a Signwriter will be sought. **ALL**

15. Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village Competition 2025

It was Resolved not to enter this year's competition and the Clerk will inform the organisers. **CJ**

16. Defibrillator

It was noted that the Defibrillator was checked on 2nd February and 23rd February and all was in order.

17. School Liaison Officer

1. There was no update report in Cllr Henderson's absence.
2. There were no new items for discussion with the School.

18. Lease Agreement for MUGA

1. It was noted that the Lease Agreement with the School for their siting of the MUGA on the Playing Field land has been renewed by way of a new Memorandum.
2. It was noted that the School has been invoiced from 11th January to 11th July 2025 at the current rental rate and the invoice has been paid.

19. Playing Field & Play Park

1. It was noted that the Rocking Chicken ride in the Play Park has been removed to the Tip as it had broken off its base and was unrepairable.
2. It was noted that the foundation of the Rocking Chicken ride in the Play Park has been removed, the hole back-filled with soil and re-seeded with grass seed by MacPlant. It was also noted that the area had not been left in a tidy condition. Cllr J Perks will visit the site and arrange to make good the back-filling, re-seeding and the soil area around the repair. **JP**
The Clerk will contact MacPlant to inform them of our disappointment with their work on this occasion. **CJ**
3. It was noted that the fencing at the NW corner of the field has been repaired with solid boarding, rather than post & rail to match the existing. The saplings we have been offered are now ready and Cllr Henderson will liaise with the Chairman and the resident to have these moved to the field for planting. **DH/SP**
4. The Slide is still in storage in the village but the residents need it to be removed. It was Resolved to have the Slide scrapped. Cllr J Perks will send the Clerk contact details for a scrap merchant. **JP/CJ**
5. It was noted that Dr Claire Blessley is currently completing an application form for a National Lottery Grant and will report back to the next meeting.

20. Facebook – Middleton Tyas Community & Village Website

There was nothing new to report.

21. Correspondence

1. Mrs Sandra Baxter has withdrawn her request to use the Playing Field for a private event on Sunday 8th June.
2. A request was received from Mrs Christine Bryant to sell/dispose of the Brother Printer which was provided for her to print the Village News. It was Resolved that the Printer belongs to the Village News and Mrs Bryant is free to dispose of it and add the proceeds to the Village News account. The Clerk will inform her. **CJ**

22. Residents' Questions

Residents present at the meeting asked about:

1. The large fallen tree in the Churchyard. This is a PCC matter.
2. The Designer Outlet – if/when it will be completed. Informed that it will not be until the A66 Dualling project receives Government consent to proceed.
3. Fibre Broadband. A resident is investigating this on behalf of the Parish Council and will report back in due course.

23. Items for the Village News and D&S Times

Dog poo left on village Green and in Playing Field
Best Kept Village – not entering.
NYC contact information for reporting repairs
How a PC meeting works
Fund-raising by residents for the Play Park

24. Items for discussion at the next meeting

No new items were notified to the Clerk for inclusion on the Agenda of the next meeting.

25. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 17th April 2025 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____