

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D Henderson (Chairman), J Perks, G Seal, S Nilsson, Mrs S Tennison

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); Dr Claire Blessley (by invitation)

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Sarah Tennison to her first meeting as a co-opted Councillor.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs S Perks, NY Cllr Angus Thompson, 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

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6.15pm were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.

The Minutes of the Ordinary May Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.

### 4. POLICE REPORT

The Police Crime Report for May showed there was an increase in the number of crimes in the area to 8 although none of them was in Middleton Tyas. The Crime Report is available on the village website at [www.middletontyas.org.uk/](http://www.middletontyas.org.uk/) The Council / Agendas & Minutes / May / Additional Documents.

### 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. NY Cllr Angus Thompson's report dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 explaining his view on NYC's Home to School Transport policy was read out to the meeting by the Chairman.
2. The Council had also received a copy of an Open Letter from the School Transport Action Group to Cllr Angus Thompson, issued in response to his 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 report, explaining to North Richmondshire residents why he voted against reinstating school transport rights for children attending their local catchment school.

The Council had also received a copy of NY Cllr Angus Thompson's 'Correction to Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025' dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025; and a copy email from Melsonby Parish Council to Ian Dawson of the School Transport Action Group questioning the accuracy of NY Cllr Thompson's figures in his 'Correction to Report' document.

It was Resolved that the Parish Council will write to NY Cllr Angus Thompson saying that we have grave reservations about this matter as interested groups have written to us with their concerns, and seeking his current opinion in this matter which has implications for village children. Cllr Seal will draft a letter based on Councillors' comments. **ALL/GS**

## **6. PLANNING MATTERS**

[www.middletontyas.org.uk](http://www.middletontyas.org.uk) / The Council / Planning page for North Yorkshire Council / Planning application service.

1. Jacobs Croft, Main Street - Full Planning Permission to Create a New Agricultural Entrance on Main Street (Additional Information Added on 19-05-2025) at Jacobs Croft, Main Street, DL10 6PS – AMENDED PROPOSAL.  
Our response to this Amended Proposal, with renewed Objections to the application (3 June 2025) was Ratified.
2. No 5 Westfield Gardens - It was noted that the Full Planning Application for construction of a New Garage had been withdrawn.
3. No 6 Westfield Gardens - It was noted that the Full Planning Application for construction of a New Garage had been withdrawn.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

1. Clerk's Salary – May 2025	£	624.34
2. Clerk's Expenses – May 2025	£	20.32
3. HMRC – PAYE - May 2025	£	109.00
4. HMRC – Employer's NI – May 2025	£	47.45
5. O2 Mobile – 04 06 25	£	12.19
6. David Henderson – Invoice from Glenwood Paints	£	29.83
7. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – May 2025	£	90.00
8. Robertson's Garden Services – May 2025	£	580.00
9. Vision ICT – Annual Website Support	£	320.70
10. Memorial Hall – Room Hire x 6	£	48.00
11. Ian Crisop Accountancy – Internal Audit 2024-25	£	156.00

### Receipts:

12. Northern PowerGrid – Wayleave	£	8.32
13. Precept – Payment 1 of 2	£	15,100.00
14. HMRC – VAT refund for year ended 31 March 2025	£	673.47

## **8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (AGAR)**

The completed AGAR forms had been approved by and received from the Internal Auditor.

The following matters were agreed by Resolution:

1. The Accounting Statements were considered by the members meeting as a whole;
2. The Accounting Statements were approved;
3. The Accounting Statements were signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which that approval was given;
4. The commencement date for the Exercise of Public Rights was set.

**9. COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES & CONTACT DETAILS**

Some changes were made to Councillors' Responsibilities to include Cllr Sarah Tennison.

**10. NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

Dr Claire Blessley attended the meeting and presented an update report on her application to the National Lottery Community Fund for grant funding of <£20k for new Play Park equipment.

It was agreed that she should remove the reference to the Parish Council "raising more money elsewhere" in case this jeopardised our application. With that comment removed, it was Resolved that the bid should be submitted and Dr Blessley will arrange for that to be done. **CB**

**11. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**

1. There were no new issues to report in the Play Park or on the Playing Field.

Cllr J Perks reported that he will take the Slide (now cut up) to be weighed by a Scrap Merchant and will obtain a receipt for any income received for the scrap. **JP**

The Handyman is re-painting the plastic picnic table in the Play Park.

The Handyman has suggested it would be expensive to remove the Timber Edging from the Footpath (adjacent to the Play Park) and it was agreed to leave it as it is for now and monitor its condition, particularly in the gate entrance to the Play Park.

2. It was noted that an Elm tree on the Footpath was dead and needed removing. The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Tree Boy Ltd to carry out the work for £345. It was Resolved to accept the quotation and ask Tree Boy Ltd to proceed. **CJ**
3. The new padlock on the Playing Field Gate (Kneeton Lane) was noted.

**12. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

1. There were no items to report.
2. There were no new items for discussion with the School.

**13. DEFIBRILLATOR**

To note that the Defibrillator was checked on 1<sup>st</sup> June and all was in order.

Cllr Seal raised the matter of installing 2 new Defibrillators in the village – one on Cow Lane and one at the West End.

It was agreed that the Clerk will check if there are any Defibrillators at Scotch Corner Service Station. **CJ**

It was agreed to put a note in the Village News asking if anyone would be prepared to sponsor a new Defibrillator. **CJ**

**14. FACEBOOK – MIDDLETON TYAS COMMUNITY & VILLAGE WEBSITE**

To receive an update report.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **16. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

1. Cllr J Perks is still trying to find out who is the owner of the grassed area outside SG Garages at Scotch Corner as this is being neglected. **JP**
2.
  1. A resident had asked if it was possible to cut the playing field hedge on the inside. It was agreed this was not necessary at the moment. The matter will be kept under review.
  2. A resident had asked if a pedestrian gate could be provided from Kneeton Lane into the playing field. It was agreed not to provide a gate opening directly onto Kneeton Lane for road safety reasons.
  3. Representatives of the Church asked if the bench seat near the Church entrance door could be repaired and repainted. The Clerk will arrange for the Handyman to complete this work. **CJ**

## **17. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS**

Request for Sponsors for 2 new Defibrillators.  
National Lottery Community Fund application has been submitted and thanks to all involved.

## **18. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

To consider resurfacing works to the Car Park entrance.  
To consider changing the format of the Emergency Plan.

## **19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_