

# Middleton Tyas Parish Council

## MINUTES of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Perks, Cllr Mrs S Tennison

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs C Jones (Parish Clerk); Dr Claire Blessley (by invitation); 1 resident

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr S Nilsson, Cllr G Seal, 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 Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.

**4. POLICE REPORT**

The Police Crime Report for October noted there had been 3 crimes in our Ward. The Clerk was asked to find out if these were in our village. **CJ**

A warning about how to deal with Distraction Burglary was also included in the report.

The Crime Report is available on the village website at [www.middletontyas.org.uk/](http://www.middletontyas.org.uk/) The Council / Agendas & Minutes / November / Additional Documents.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

1. Cllr Angus Thompson had sent a report to Cllr Mrs Perks which noted that he has awarded us a grant of £355 towards a new bench seat opposite the Shoulder of Mutton, the last one having been demolished by a passing lorry!

3. Village Sign on Kneeton Lane – It was Resolved to tell Ian Beighton, NY Highways Dept, that the Council is agreeable to the stone village sign being rebuilt and installed on Kneeton Lane in the position marked out at this morning's site meeting (Cllr Henderson, Ian Beighton, Lee Starkie the Site Manager, Clerk). The Clerk will inform Ian Beighton. **CJ**

2. It was Resolved that residents will be invited to attend the December PC meeting to allow them to make representation on options for road markings on Middleton Tyas Lane to resolve the issue of inconvenient non-resident parking.

Cllr Tennison will draft a note for the Village News and send to the Clerk. **ST**

**6. PLAY PARK REFURBISHMENT**

Dr Claire Blessley presented the final drawings and proposals from the two providers – Kompan and Playdale. Councillors reviewed the options and then voted in favour of the Playdale proposal.

Councillors wish place on record their grateful thanks to Dr Claire Blessley and Cllr Sarah Tennison for their hard work in securing the Big Lottery Community Grant and for liaising with the two play equipment providers, as well as much research of other play equipment available, and in use at other play parks. Their time and help are very much appreciated.

## 6. PLANNING MATTERS

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

1. Orchard House, Main Street – Listed Building Consent for the removal of dilapidated timber workshop within back garden of Listed building and replacement with stone shed with slate roof on the same footprint but accessed by knocking through from adjacent stone outbuilding rather than through a separate door.  
The Council ratified their letter sent to Planning Dept noting that they had no objection to the application for Listed Building Consent.
2. Orchard House, Main Street – Full Planning Permission for the removal of dilapidated timber workshop within back garden of Listed building and replacement with stone shed with slate roof on the same footprint but accessed by knocking through from adjacent stone outbuilding rather than through a separate door.  
The Council Resolved that there were no objections to this planning application.
3. The Rookery, School Bank – Full planning permission for widening of existing access and construction of a single storey carport (Amended application).  
The Council Resolved to write to reiterate the comments it made on the previous application. They noted that they considered this was still a matter of concern over road safety on The Slough. They also challenged the NY Highways Dept's comments about The Slough being not well used and noted that it is regularly used by both pedestrians and vehicles.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To note the following payments were approved and cheques were duly signed:

1. Clerk's Salary – October 2025	£ 605.89
2. Clerk's Expenses – October 2025	£ 12.82
3. HMRC – PAYE – October 2025	£ 104.40
4. HMRC – Employer's NI – October 2025	£ 43.99
5. O2 Mobile – 4-11-25	£ 12.19
6. Bedeworks – Handyman duties – October 2025	£ 108.00
7. Robertson's Garden Services – October 2025	£ 290.00
8. Memorial Hall – Room Hire x 7	£ 63.00
9. Memorial Hall – Annual grant	£ 1,100.00
10. Memorial Hall – Wayleave for outside light	£ 50.00
11. St Michael & All Angels Church – Annual grant	£ 300.00
12. Village News – Grant for 2025-26	£ 600.00

Receipts:

13. North Yorkshire Council – Urban Grass Cutting Grant 2025-26	£ 539.95
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**9. BUDGET 2026-27**

1. Various items of the 2026-27 Budget proposal were discussed. Cllr Tennison will amend the Budget to account for any changes and circulate a copy to all Councillors. The final Budget will be approved at the December meeting. **ST / ALL**
2. It was agreed to defer setting the 2026-27 Precept until the December meeting.

**10. AGAR 2024-25 – RISK ASSESSMENT**

It was agreed to defer this matter to the December meeting due to Cllr Seal's absence. **GS**

**11. DIGITAL AND DATA COMPLIANCE – ASSERTION 10**

The Council received Vision ICT's proposal and quotation for transferring the Council to a new Domain in compliance with the new legislation.

It was agreed to ask Vision ICT some questions about transfer of existing email accounts and to defer a decision until that information had been received. **CJ**

It was Resolved to ask for the Domain name - middletontyasPC.gov.uk

Councillors will decide at the next meeting whether to use (for example) a.brown@ or arthur.brown@ . **ALL**

**11. PLAYING FIELD & PLAY PARK**

1. Cllr Nilsson reported by email that he had inspected the Playing Field and there was nothing to report.
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5. The Clerk has asked Mac Plant Hire to attend a site meeting to review maintenance work to the Car Park and to provide a quotation for the works. A response was awaited. **CJ**
5. A resident asked if a group of residents could prune the hedge at the far end (North) of the Playing Field as it was overgrown.  
It was agreed that, for safety and insurance reasons, we would ask the adjoining landowner if he could recommend a local hedge cutting contractor who could quote for these works. **CJ**

**13. CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

1. It was Resolved to give permission to the Memorial Hall Management Committee to erect a Christmas Tree on the Green under the same Terms & Conditions as usual, of which they are aware. **CJ**
2. It was Resolved to grant the Memorial Hall Management Committee permission to erect the Christmas Tree on the Village Green every year for a period of 5 years (2026-2030 incl) on the same T&Cs, without seeking permission each year. **CJ**

**14. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2026-27**

It was Resolved that the Council will ask two companies to quote for the grass cutting 2026-27 season. The Clerk and Cllr S. Perks will contact two companies for their quotations. **CJ/SP**

**15. NO COLD CALLING**

This matter was discussed briefly and it was agreed that Cllr Henderson would contact NYC Trading Standards to ask for further information and advice. **DH**

**16. HARBUS**

Cllr Henderson had attended a meeting of HARBUS in Northallerton and explained that they were looking into providing more 'on demand' services in the area, similar to the Little White Bus. He will report on any further developments in due course. **DH**

**17. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS)**

Monk Fryston Parish Council had asked if we would support them in asking NYC to allow Parish Councils to purchase/use other VAS signs, rather than the one type which we are currently allowed to use. They say that other signs are more useful for their purpose. Having tried to provide a different VAS when we purchased ours, it was agreed to support Monk Fryston PC in their project and to write to NYC to state this support. **DH/CJ**

**18. SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

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

**19. DEFIBRILLATOR**

1. To note that the Defibrillator was checked on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and all was in order.
2. To receive any information from NYC Street Lighting regarding the possibility of installing a new Defibrillator to a street light in the village.
3. To receive any information on possible grant funding for a new Defibrillator.

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

There were no items to report.

**21. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Clerk had contacted AUS, sub-contractors, about the installation of QuickLine Broadband in the village, following several complaints from residents. The MD and the Site Manager had both phoned the Clerk to discuss the complaints and said that if any resident wishes to further pursue a complaint with the company, to get in touch and they will speak with you. It was agreed to put this matter in the Village News. **CJ**

**22. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

1. It was Resolved to write to NYC Highways Dept to ask the developers of Copperfield Park to re-surface the pavement between the end of Kneeton Park and the start of Copperfield Park as a matter of some urgency. This pavement has not been re-surfaced since the new housing development started and is in a poor state of repair with raised services covers and a broken surface. Residents have complained that it is considered dangerous walking into/ out of the village, particularly when it is dark as there is no street lighting. **CJ**
2. Cllr Mrs Perks informed the meeting that a building company had installed an advertising board in the village, on the grass verge and tied to a utility pole. She noted that the village is in an 'Advertising Control Area' and, as such, no-one is allowed to place any advertising media without first seeking planning permission from NYC Planning Department.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the offending company and ask them to remove the sign. This will also be reported to NYC Planning Dept. **CJ**

**23. ITEMS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS**

Residents invited to 11<sup>th</sup> December meeting to review road markings at West End  
Specialist Support Services for women and girls – new Directory available

**24. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

2026-27 Budget for approval  
Set the Precept for 2026-27  
Installation of new Defibrillator  
Car Park maintenance  
Play Park Equipment – update  
Risk Assessment  
Playing Field hedge cutting

**25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm prompt.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

*Christine Jones*  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**  
**4 December 2025**