



# MIDDLETON CHENEY

## Parish Council

Parish Meeting Room  
Main Road  
Middleton Cheney  
Banbury  
OX17 2LR

### EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

#### Minutes

Present:	Cllr Ruth Hoose
Chairman Alan Youel	Cllr Richard Solesbury-Timms
Cllr Nina Truman	Parish Clerk / RFO
Cllr Mark Allen	1 Member of the public
Cllr Kristian Burgess	

#### Meeting started 19:18pm

##### 23/274 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Mills – personal commitments  
Early depart Cllr Truman 9pm work commitment, Cllr Solebury Timms 8:15pm work commitment.  
On the proposal of Cllr Allen, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve apologies for absence.

##### 23/275 OPEN MEETING

A member of the public explained they could be available for questions.  
Cllr Hoose asked for identification of who the current trustees are.  
Cllr Solesbury-Timms asked why the member of the public believes there was a mass resignation.  
The member of the public stated the remaining trustees had attempted due diligence despite of lack experience with charities. The member of the public described acrimonious internal communications. The member of the public stated their concerns around the governance document being outdated. They stated their opinion that there should be an overseeing body to ensure no monopoly over facilities to keep the site open to the wider parish. The member of the public said their charity records are currently unavailable but will provide any documents on request.

#### Open meeting closed 19:26

##### 23/276 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Burgess declared his interest as the Chairman of the PFA.

##### 23/277 Exclusion of press and public

On the proposition of the Chairman it was **RESOLVED**: In accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

##### 23/278 Communications received from Playing Field Association (PFA) members

To consider recent communications received from members of the PFA.  
No legal responsibility or mechanism to influences unless this is directed by the PFA or Charities Commission.

##### 23/279 Legal responsibility to the PFA

Councillors confirmed that, as a custodian trustee and Parish Council, it can't impose any instruction but can encourage courses of action that the PFA decides on by putting forward its support. As a body the Parish Council can offer suggestions however there is no legal obligation for the PFA to take instruction from the Council.

##### 23/280 Arrangements with the PFA

To consider the current arrangements with the PFA pursuant to the 1952 Committee Declaration of Trust and aforementioned legislation.  
Most recent meeting of the PFA confirmed intention to establish a working group with the Parish Council to review the PFA governance model. PFA have put members forward, PC confirmed Cllrs Youel, Allen and Solesbury-Timms to represent the Council in the working group. Recommendations effecting either party will be presented to respective organisations' meetings.



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**End of exclusion of press and public**

**Cllr Solesbury-Timms left 20:13pm**

**23/281 Authorisation of Payments**

On the proposition of Cllr Allen it was **RESOLVED**: to approve the payments scheduled September 2023 – October 2023.

**23/282** Next meeting 20th November 2023 – Full Council Meeting

**Signed:**

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