



Harthill with Woodall Parish Council



Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 14th January 2025

This meeting was held in the committee room at Harthill Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Pattison (Chairman), Mrs M Havard (Vice-chair), Mrs S Day, Mr S Green, Mrs B Gunby, Mrs C Hamer, Mr J Morley, Miss F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. Two parishioners were in attendance.

The start of the meeting was delayed until 7.30pm as a Q & A session with Whitestone Solar Farm overran by 30 minutes. Parishioners who attended at 7pm came into this session to listen to the discussion.

Reference	Item	Action
25/1	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
	All Councillors were present.	
25/2	To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.	
	No interests declared	
25/3	To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2024 as a true and correct record.	
	The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record and the Chairman accordingly signed the file copy.	Clerk
25/4	To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.	
	It was resolved that no items required the exclusion of press and public due to the confidential nature of items under discussion.	
25/5	To note any matters arising (For information only)	
	The clerk advised Council of an enforcement order that was taking place with regard to a breach of planning.	
	<u>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</u>	
	Parishioners came to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• express concerns about the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal• provide more information on the request relating to dog training.	
25/6	To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss – <u>RB2024/1781</u> - Single storey front extension, 4 Union Street, Harthill. http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2024/1781	

	<p><u>RB2024/1823</u> - Demolition of building and erection of a self-build detached dwellinghouse and detached car port, Harthill House, Woodall Lane, Harthill. http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2024/1823</p> <p><u>RB2024/1529</u> - Demolition of existing side extension and erection of single storey side extension at 17 Woodall Lane, Harthill. Granted Conditionally 15/12/24.</p> <p><u>RB2024/1556</u> - Erection of extension to rear and alterations to fenestrations at 7 Street Farm Close, Harthill. Granted Conditionally 13/12/24.</p> <p><u>RB2024/1576</u> - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Harthill Conservation Area at Church House, Rectory Gardens, Harthill. No objections 10/12/24</p> <p><u>RB2024/1594</u> - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Harthill Conservation Area at 112 Union Street, Harthill for Harthill Primary School. No objections 13/12/24</p> <p><u>RB2024/0749</u> - DOE Reference: APP/P4415/W/24/3349455 Change of use of land to residential garden area including fencing, erection of external staircase and raised patio and alterations to access at 8 Hillcrest Rise, Harthill' Dismissed 24/12/24</p>	
	It was <u>resolved</u> that no further action is required at this time.	
25/7	To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:	
25/7.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues, and to agree any action.	
	The latest play inspection report received is 2 nd January 2025 and is categorised as moderate risk due to issues with the teen shelter. A grant for the roundabout will be submitted this month to SYCF for £5000.00. The spring has now been replaced on the Cableway. Council as still waiting for the large teen shelter to be removed by the contractor. It was <u>resolved</u> that other minor works will continue to be monitored.	Clerk
25/7.2	To discuss the recent information from Harmony Energy (relating to Proposed Battery Energy Storage System on land west of Hard Lane) and agree any action.	
	Updated information had been provided, that based on feedback received, the batteries proposed would now be green and the number of units was clarified to be 15 pairs, 30 in total. A further consultation meeting has been arranged for 27 th January 2025 at Harthill Village Hall which Councillors will attend. It was <u>resolved</u> to defer any action until February to see what further information is communicated at this further session. The clerk will publish the session on Facebook once the leaflets are available.	Clerk
25/7.3	To discuss the Q&A session with Whitestone Solar Farm and agree any action. To receive Parishioner correspondence on this matter.	

	The clerk circulated correspondence from Parishioners regarding the proposal. The clerk advised that she had sent them the feedback link to complete. Council have submitted various questions to Whitestone Solar Farm and awaits a response. In the interim it was resolved that the clerk send an email stating that the Parish Council does not support the proposal and will respond in more detail once more information is available.	Clerk
25/7.4	To review actions to date with regard to Car Park marking on Woodall Lane and agree next steps.	
	It was resolved not to mark out the car park due to the size not being suitable for a structured layout. It was further resolved to engage a contractor, at a cost of £1,300.00, to carry out repairs on the surface.	Clerk
25/7.5	To discuss the current position with regard to the enforcement order on Best Holdings at Unsko and agree any action.	
	It was resolved to write to RMBC to see what is currently happening as there has been no visible evidence of waste being removed.	Clerk
25/7.6	Following December's report circulated to Councillors – to agree the location of the proposed new or refurbished MUGA.	
	The clerk is still to get costings for the refurbishment, so it was resolved to defer the matter until costings are available.	Clerk
25/8	Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action	
25/8.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no requests for financial assistance.	Clerk
25/8.2	To discuss and agree a response to 'Consideration of Term Dates for 2026/27' correspondence from RMBC.	
	It was resolved that the clerk respond to say that the Parish Council considers that the best people to advise on this is the schools themselves.	Clerk
25/8.3	To receive a request from a Parishioner to use Spens Field for Dog Training.	
	It was resolved that it is agreed that the field is used twice a month subject to being cleared afterwards and the group having their own insurance. This is agreed on a 6 month trial basis.	Clerk
25/8.4	To agree the order of a Lamp of Peace for VE Day 80.	
	It was resolved to purchase a lamp of peace at a cost of £55.00.	Clerk
25/8.5	To note a further rock salt purchase by the clerk for health and safety reasons.	
	The clerk advised that she had purchased 15 additional bags since the last meeting due to the weather conditions. This cost £84.90 net. It was resolved to ratify the purchase made under clerk's delegation.	
25/9	Financial Matters	
25/9.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) After 9 months of the financial year 100% of anticipated income has been received due to higher than anticipated interest income. Outstanding rents are being chased, £1,511.64 has been collected up to the end of December. 67% of planned expenditure has been spent. b) The account balance on 31st December 2024 is £119,002.63 c) The full year 2024/2025 Precept (£75,800.00) has been received from RMBC d) CIL monies received £3,484.24. This relates to the Winney Hill development. £12,563.18 has also now been received relating to North Farm. e) VAT Refund received £1,173.86 for end of 2023/2024 and £4252.67 for April to June 2024. The clerk will submit a further return at the end of January. Information noted by Council.	

	Additionally, the clerk advised that there had been some issues, with the high winds, of branches falling on Spens Field and that there was an issue with some other dead branches and trees. As a result, she had engaged a contractor to remove these at a cost of £400.00, under health and safety delegation. Council resolved to ratify this decision.	
25/9.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 31 st December 2024	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
25/9.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was resolved that Accounts presented for payment are approved and that the hedge contract should be paid upon receipt if it arrives after the meeting.	
25/9.4	To agree any transfers to reserves or adjustments to budget lines.	
	It was resolved that no transfers are required at this time.	
25/9.5	To agree items for inclusion in next year's budget, agree final budget and precept and instruct the Clerk to send precept request to RMBC.	
	It was resolved that the draft budget be agreed as attached. Significant changes being provision of increase project costs intended to fund or support the funding of further play area benches, paths on Spens Field, LC repairs and play improvements. General Reserve provision has been left at 1K and the ratio required to precept is to be reviewed next meeting. The increase in budget over various admin lines is due to increasing costs on staple items. The Clerk produced a 2025/2026 budget based on the inclusion of the above items and it was resolved that the budget be accepted and adopted by council. It was further resolved that the clerk submit a precept request for £84,000. Based on this Council believes that this will have result in a 9.6% increase, which is an increase of £9.94 per annum to parishioners in band D for Council Tax..	
25/10	To note any correspondence.	
	The clerk circulated correspondence relating to the proposals of Whitestone Solar Farm	Clerk
25/11	To receive reports / information on external meetings.	
	There was nothing to report in relation to external meetings at this time. Councillor M Havard advised that she is attending a meeting with Harthill Active Travel on Friday.	
25/12	Individual Councillor reports	
	From the items raised the following items were added to the February agenda - There were no items that required agenda items noting for February that are not already mentioned in the minutes.	
25/13	To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (11th February 2025)	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Tuesday 11 th February 2025. The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.	

Chairman

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Finances

JANUARY 2025						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
14th January 2025	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 1,799.38		
				£ 112.40		
				£ 1,911.78		£ 1,911.78
14th January 2025	HVH Ltd	Village Hall Hire	IB	£ 39.00		£ 39.00
14th January 2025	SLCC	Contribution to subscription	IB	£ 198.00		£ 198.00
14th January 2025	MKM Retford	Rock Salt	IB	£ 84.90	£ 16.98	£ 101.88
14th January 2025	Vision ICT	Website hosting and SSL Certificate	IB	£ 225.00	£ 45.00	£ 270.00
14th January 2025	Hedge Contract	Balance of Contracted works	IB	£ 1,564.00		£ 1,564.00
14th January 2025	JD Grower	Winter Planting	IB	£ 343.25		£ 343.25
14th January 2025	Hodgsons Nurseries	Hanging Baskets	IB	£ 1,620.00	£ 324.00	£ 1,944.00
23rd January 2025	NEST	Pension Contribution	IB	£ 104.00		£ 104.00
DECEMBER 2024				£ 6,089.93	£ 385.98	£ 6,475.91
C/F				£ 66,450.61	£ 5,720.86	£ 72,171.47
YEAR TOTAL 2024/2025				£ 72,540.54	£ 6,106.84	£ 78,647.38