



Harthill with Woodall Parish Council



Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11th February 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 and Mr J Morley. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. No parishioners were in attendance.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
25/14	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Councillors: Miss F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. It was resolved that the reasons provided were approved.	
25/15	To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.	
	No interests declared	
25/16	To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 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
25/17	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.	
25/18	To note any matters arising (For information only)	
	The clerk advised that she had received an update on the Unesco waste. This is covered under external meetings as more detailed information was given at the CAP meeting that Councillor J Pattison will report on.. A query was raised by a telecom company on the ownership of Kye Lane. The Council holds no documents on this matter but suggested contacting the representatives of the Duke of Leeds if all other avenues have been exhausted. Councillor F Radford submitted an email with the up-to-date plans for VE Day 80 that are being put in place. She raised a couple of queries that the clerk will look into.	
	<u>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</u>	
	No parishioners attended the meeting.	
25/19	To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss – <u>RB2025/0139</u> - Trees & Woodlands Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Harthill Conservation Area, 1 Limehouse Lane, Harthill. http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0139	

	RB2024/1781 - Single storey front extension at 4 Union Street, Harthill. Refused 28/01/2025.	
	It was resolved that no further action is required at this time.	
25/20	To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:	
25/20.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues, and to agree any action. To provide an update on the grant application for the new inclusive roundabout.	
	<p>The latest play inspection report received is 3rd February 2025 and is categorised as moderate risk due to issues with the teen shelter and swing seat.</p> <p>The clerk advised that she had submitted the grant for the roundabout to SYCF for £5000.00. The information online now suggests that applications to the scheme can only be made every two years from payment and so she is trying to find out if it has definitely been accepted as our last grant payment was April 2023.</p> <p>Council is still waiting for the large teen shelter to be removed by the contractor.</p> <p>One of the flat swing seats has been flagged on the report and this has been swapped out for the spare seat removed when the tango swing was fitted. One other seat looks as if it should be changed, and so Council resolved to purchase two flat swing seats at a cost of circa £130.00 so that this seat could be changed and a spare held.</p> <p>It was resolved that other minor works will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>The Car park works have been instructed, and we are waiting for a date when they will be carried out.</p>	Clerk
25/20.2	To receive feedback on the recent visit to an active Harmony Energy site and agree any further action.	
	<p>Three Councillors reported on a visit to a Harmony Energy working site so that they could envisage the facility being proposed. The visit was very informative and did give a better idea of what the site would look like, how it operates and what would be involved in constructing it. A copy of the Montage/pictures was to be sent to Council, so the clerk is to chase this.</p> <p>The submission of the planning application is imminent and is likely to be on the agenda next month, so it was resolved that there was no further action at this time.</p>	Clerk
25/20.3	To receive an update following questions raised with Whitestone Solar Farm and agree any further action. To receive a response from our Member of Parliament.	
	The clerk had circulated to Council a response from our local MP which reflected information he has published on social media. The clerk reported that despite two chasers to Whitestone no response has been received to the questions raised. The clerk is to check with RMBC whether the pre-application phase has formally started and has asked for a breakdown of the process that will be followed. The ultimate decision on this rests with the Planning Inspectorate rather than RMBC.	Clerk
25/20.4	To provide an update from the local football team.	
	The clerk advised that communication from the Football Team indicates that they would still like to use part of Spens Field as a pitch, and they are having discussions with the FA on what they would have to do to make it playable so that quotations for the work can be obtained.	
25/21	Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action	
25/21.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no requests for financial assistance.	Clerk
25/21.2	To receive information received from Lloyd's bank with regard to the introduction of bank charges and agree any action.	

	Monthly charges of £4.25 per month, per current account, have now been introduced, with the account being switched to their community account tariff. There may also be some small transaction charges for cheques and cash which should be minimal. Overall, the impact is expected to be under £125 per annum. The accounts do offer all the service Council need, including internet banking and three signature control of payments, so it was resolved to accept the change and take no action.	
25/21.3	To review the grit bin list circulated and agree any action.	
	It was resolved that the grit bins are adequate and that the Snow Warden scheme should be promoted in the next Hart. In the event of severe snow conditions that prevent food delivery to local shops, it was resolved that a Facebook post be added to engage good neighbouring to highlight if anyone needs support. Councillors with 4 x 4 vehicles indicated that they would be willing to get involved to provide assistance.	Clerk
25/21.4	To discuss any village hall issues.	
	An issue has been raised about a problem with a drain at the back of the hall, which has become a reoccurring problem since the houses were built behind the village hall. The problem is currently being managed by HVH Ltd and Severn Trent are coming out to look at the issue as the blockages so far have appeared to come from items flowing down from the houses. It was resolved to await an update after the visit.	
25/22	Allotment Matters	
25/22.1	To receive the allotment minutes from 4th February 2025 and agree any action.	
	It was resolved to request a license for a bench on Woodall Lane located close to the Bus stop.	Clerk
25/22.2	To discuss quotes for the cutting of the hedge on Firvale Allotments.	
	It was resolved to engage a local contractor to cut the hedge to 6 foot in height and trimming the allotment side of the hedge. The conifers will be cut to ground level and an area of brambles removed. Cost up to £2,000.00.	
25/23	Financial Matters	
25/23.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) After 10 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 January. 75% of planned expenditure has been spent. b) The account balance on 31st January 2025 is £112,598.83 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. A further VAT return is being submitted for £1,854.17. <p>Information noted by Council.</p>	Clerk
25/23.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 31 st January 2025	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
25/23.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was resolved that accounts presented for payment are approved.	
25/23.4	To agree any transfers to reserves or adjustments to budget lines.	
	It was resolved that no transfers are required at this time.	
25/24	To note any correspondence including from a parishioner regarding Rewilding funding and the benefits of a Pump track on Spens Field.	

	The rewilding funding was for areas larger than the Parish has. The pump track was discussed and the feedback retrieved from the exercise that took place last Summer to plan play provision in the Parish. There were few requests for this compared to other facilities, so it was resolved not to pursue this at the current time.	
25/25	To receive reports / information on external meetings.	
	CAP Meeting – Councillor J Pattison reported that there was an enforcement update relating to the waste at the Unsc0 site. The removal work will start in a fortnight. The waste will be sorted on site into various categories and taken to a suitable recycling site. The work is expected to last about 85 days and involve around 1000 lorry movements, taking place via the A57. Harthill Active Travel meeting – Councillor M Havard reported that they are now awaiting the production of a feasibility report and funding for any works becoming available.	
25/26	Individual Councillor reports	
	Councillor M Havard reported that there will be frequent road closures from April on Hard Lane whilst broken Water Pipes are replaced to prevent the outages. She also advised that the long-awaited traffic calming measure are now due by 31 st March 2025, this will lead to further road closures. From the items raised the following items were added to the March agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotten Footpath Sign. • Concerns were raised about Email accounts and attempted hacking. 	
25/27	To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (11th March 2025)	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Tuesday 11 th March 2025. The meeting closed at 20.50 pm.	

Chairman

Date 11th March 2025

Finances

FEBRUARY 2025						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
11th February 2025	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 1,909.44		
				£ 112.40		
				£ 2,021.84		£ 2,021.84
11th February 2025	HVH Ltd	Village Hall Hire	IB	£ 52.00		£ 52.00
11th February 2025	Morley Maintenance	Emergency Tree works	IB	£ 400.00	£ 80.00	£ 480.00
11th February 2025	Brookhouse Gas	Appliance Safety Check	IB	£ 95.00	£ 19.00	£ 114.00
11th February 2025	VAR	Payroll Admin	IB	£ 39.30		£ 39.30
23rd February 2025	NEST	Pension Contribution	IB	£ 104.00		£ 104.00
JANUARY 2025				£ 2,712.14	£ 99.00	£ 2,811.14
C/F				£ 72,540.54	£ 6,106.84	£ 78,647.38
YEAR TOTAL 2024/2025				£ 75,252.68	£ 6,205.84	£ 81,458.52