



# Harthill with Woodall Parish Council



## Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> June 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, C Hamer, Mr J Morley, Miss F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. No parishioners were in attendance.

Reference	Item	Action
25/79	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
	None.	
25/80	To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.	
	No additional interests were declared	
25/81	To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 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.	
25/82	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 <b>resolved</b> that no matters require the exclusion of press and public due to the confidential nature of items under discussion.	
25/83	To note any matters arising (For information only)	
	There were no matters that are not reported elsewhere on the agenda.	
	<b><u>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</u></b>	
	No parishioners were in attendance.	
25/84	<p>To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss –</p> <p><b><u>RB2025/0719</u></b> - Discharge of conditions 3 &amp; 4 imposed by RB2022/0374, Fairfield, Jackys Lane, Harthill. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0719">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0719</a></p> <p><b><u>RB2025/0694</u></b> - Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) (to allow changes to the design of the dwelling) imposed by RB2023/1512, land adjacent 9 Woodall Lane, Harthill. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0694">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0694</a></p> <p><b><u>RB2025/0620</u></b> - Demolition of detached garage, front canopy and rear extension &amp; erection of single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extension and step access. The use of render and brick work to all elevations 13 Walseker Lane, Woodall. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0620">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0620</a></p>	

	<p><b><u>RB2025/0662</u></b> - Demolition of existing side and rear extension &amp; erection of a single storey side and rear 'wrap round' extension 11 De Sutton Place, Harthill, Rotherham.  <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0662">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0662</a></p> <p><b><u>RB2025/0392</u></b> - Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 4 Carver Close, Harthill. Granted Conditionally 16/05/2025.</p> <p><b><u>RB2025/0394</u></b> - Application for Lawful Development Certificate re: erection of a dormer to rear at 4 Carver Close, Harthill. Granted 09/05/2025.</p>	
	It was <b><u>resolved</u></b> that an objection be raised to application <b><u>RB2025/0694</u></b> on the grounds that the increase in the size and scale of the property dominated the street scene and is out of character.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>25/85</b>	<b>To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:</b>	
25/85.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues. To retrospectively agree the slide repair costs.	
	<p>The latest play inspection report received is 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 and is categorised as moderate risk due to issues with the teen shelter. The contractor instructed to remove this has not been able to carry out the work yet, in view of time elapsed an alternative contractor has been sourced at the same cost of £250.00.</p> <p>The missing timber on embankment slide has been replaced and Council <b><u>resolved</u></b> to ratify the spend to do this £10.74</p> <p>It was <b><u>resolved</u></b> that other minor works will continue to be monitored.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
25/85.2	<p>To discuss and agree action in relation to the plan for the Play Area and Leisure Centre Court:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In view of concerns raised about the level access roundabout and water levels, to receive a quotation for an alternative design better suited to the site.</li> <li>To make a decision in relation whether to retain the Leisure Centre Court or whether to repurpose it. If it is to be retained, to agree the level of refurbishment required and review funds available. If it is to be repurposed, to agree what the new purpose would be.</li> <li>To agree whether to place a new separate MUGA in the 5-year plan if funding can be sought, or if the LC court is to be retained, whether that will be used as a MUGA when not hired.</li> <li>To review the size and cost of the hoop shelter for the teen area and where this would be located. To agree the specification for the climbing net to allow quotes to be obtained. To consider planning approval and consent from the Freeholder.</li> <li>To agree the priorities for funding in relation to play and sport in the Parish, and opportunities for funding.</li> </ol>	
	<p>It was <b><u>resolved</u></b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sutcliffe emoji roundabout be ordered once the grant funder has agreed the alteration to the type of roundabout. To be located in the same place as the current roundabout. Cost approx. £6,500.00 to be fitted and installed by Sutcliffe Play.</li> <li>That the LC Court would not be the best location to be used as a Multi-Use Games Area with free access to provide space for young people to play sports. Council did not believe that this was a suitable location as no matter how much was spent there the site would not:</li> </ol>	<b>Clerk/ Councillors</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an open aspect</li> <li>• Have an attractive appearance due to the need for high netting</li> <li>• Keeps balls away from the Medical Centre and adjacent road</li> <li>• Have varied and safe access points</li> <li>• Solve the problem of conflict arising when users turn up for open access play when the court is already hired</li> </ul> <p>A recorded vote was requested on item ii, Votes in favour Councillors: Mrs S Day, Mr S Green, Mrs C Hamer, Mrs M Havard, Mr J Morley, Miss F Radford. Votes against Councillors: Mrs B Gunby, Mrs J Pattison, Mrs E Simmonite.</p> <p>iii. To place a new purpose built MUGA in the 5- year plan for the play area to be located on Spens Field, in a suitable location above the Tots play Area.</p> <p>iv. The cost of the hoop shelter (circa £30k plus base) and the 12-month order time is of concern. The 6-metre net was agreed in principle as the correct ‘play equipment’ for the area though 3 fixed price quotes will be needed for the Teen Area providing the total cost in under £60k, otherwise it will need to go to formal tender. The clerk will look for similar nets with other play providers. It was <b>resolved</b> that Councillors look at other shelters and seating options and this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was <b>resolved</b> that the teen area be located closer to the Cableway, on the other side of the trees/bushes. Once the exact location and shelter are agreed, planning permission will be needed for the net and possibly the shelter, as well as consent from the Freeholder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The priorities were set as follows, 2025 New Roundabout and then, once funding allows, Teen Area, MUGA, change multi-play, in that order</li> <li>• The path on Spens Field will be looked at alongside this project.</li> </ul>	
25/85.3	To agree the wording for the plaque on the bench on Woodall Lane and to discuss who will install the new benches and picnic table. To agree which budget line these will be paid from.	
	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the wording will be          Harthill with Woodall Parish Council          To commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day          The cost to be paid from the projects budget. The benches are expected mid to end July.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
25/85.4	To provide an update on hanging baskets.	
	RMBC have refused the use of lamp post 24 in Woodall and also the alternative suggestion due to safety reasons. It was <b>resolved</b> to leave 22 in Woodall but to put an extra two on the Woodyard Car Park at an extra cost of £90.00. License agreed by RMBC under an MOU. No requirement in Car Park as under lease to PC.	<b>Clerk</b>
25/85.5	To provide an update on the complaint raised about the overgrown tree on Doctor Lane.	
	The clerk advised that this tree is in the conservation area and that the land is not owned by the Parish Council. She has referred the matter to RMBC, and a tree officer has visited the tree and found no issue with it at the present time. He was happy to discuss the matter directly with the parishioner and so his contact details will be passed on. It was <b>resolved</b> that there is no further action required.	
25/85.6	To note that The Planning Inspectorate has adopted a Scoping Opinion for Whitestone Solar Farm published on 03 June 2025.	
	The comments were noted. Further information is awaited when pre-consultation starts.	
<b>25/86</b>	<b>Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action</b>	

25/86.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no further requests for financial assistance.	
25/86.2	To note that the Fixed Electrical Test is due for the Leisure Centre and agree any action.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> to instruct a fixed electrical test for the Leisure Centre at a cost of £344.00 net.	<b>Clerk</b>
25/86.3	To discuss the location of village defibrillators as well as agreement to order stock of replacement pads.	
	The issue of location has been resolved following clarification from SYAS. It was <b>resolved</b> to order three new pads to be fitted at the end of August when the current pads expire.	
25/86.4	To receive a request relating to whether Council will apply for a license to putting a stone memorial on Thorpe Road (close to where an original Anglo-Saxon cross once stood) and then adopt and insure this going forward.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> to apply for a license once the plaque has been donated to the Parish Council. Concerns were raised about the location and Council would not commit to replacement if the plaque was stolen or damaged by a vehicle.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>25/87</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
25/87.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) After 2 months of the financial year 51% of anticipated income has been received. Outstanding allotment rents are being chased. £2,116.14 has been collected up to the end of April. 11% of planned expenditure has been spent.</li> <li>b) The account balance on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 is £145,715.88</li> <li>c) The first stage of the 2025/2026 Precept (£42,000.00) has been received from RMBC</li> <li>d) CIL monies received £542.33. This relates to the Union Street development.</li> </ul> Information noted by Council.	
25/87.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
25/87.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that accounts presented for payment are approved.	
25/87.4	To agree any transfers to or from reserves.	
	There were no transfers needed.	
<b>25/88</b>	<b>Allotment Matters</b>	
25/88.1	To receive minutes from the recent allotment meeting and agree any action.	
	The minutes were received and noted.	
25/88.2	To discuss the planters on the precinct and assistance needed.	
	Councillor S Green volunteered to remove the planters once the summer plants have to have gone.	<b>Cllr. S Green</b>
25/88.3	To discuss an issue raised regarding trees and insurance.	
	The clerk advised that she had been asked for clarification as to who insured and maintained the trees on land under a lease. She has referred this matter to the solicitor who drew up the lease and is awaiting a response. Information noted by Council.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>25/89</b>	<b>To note any correspondence.</b>	
	There is no further correspondence.	
<b>25/90</b>	<b>To receive reports / information on external meetings.</b>	
	There were no reports on external meetings.	
<b>25/91</b>	<b>Individual Councillor reports</b>	

	Councillors Reports Raised the following items for next month's agenda:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Sale</li> </ul>	
<b>25/92</b>	<b>To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (8<sup>th</sup> July 2025)</b>	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.	

**Chairman**

**Date 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Finances**

PAYMENT LIST - JUNE 2025						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
10th June 2025	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 2,191.94		
				£ 83.60		
				£ 2,275.54		£ 2,275.54
10th June 2025	Scottish Water	Allotments	IB	£ 40.75		£ 40.75
10th June 2025	HVH Ltd	Village Hall Hire	IB	£ 40.50		£ 40.50
10th June 2025	John Brailsfords	The Hart	IB	£ 862.00		£ 862.00
10th June 2025	Expenses	Lamp of Peace	IB	£ 55.00		£ 55.00
10th June 2025	Expenses GMO	Wood to repair top of slide	IB	£ 10.74		£ 10.74
10th June 2025	Volunteer Purchase	In Bloom	IB	£ 9.01		£ 9.01
10th June 2025	HMRC	PAYE	IB	£ 2,028.70		£ 2,028.70
10th June 2025	Lloyds Bank PLC	Montly Bank Fees	IB	£ 11.93		£ 11.93
10th June 2025	NEST	Pension Contribution	IB	£ 111.18		£ 111.18
JUNE 2025				£ 5,445.35	£ -	£ 5,445.35
C/F				£ 7,301.87	£ 24.50	£ 7,326.37
YEAR TOTAL 2025/2026				£ 12,747.22	£ 24.50	£ 12,771.72