



Harthill with Woodall Parish Council



Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

14th October 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, Ms. C Hamer, Mr J Morley, Miss F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. Three parishioners were in attendance.

Reference	Item	Action
25/120	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
	None	
25/121	To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.	
	No additional interests were declared	
25/122	To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 th September 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.	
25/123	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 matters require the exclusion of press and public due to the confidential nature of items under discussion.	
25/124	To note any matters arising (For information only)	
	The clerk shared the certificate and plaque from Yorkshire In Bloom awarding Harthill with Woodall Parish 5 Golden Roses and the overall winner of winners award.	
	<u>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</u>	
	Parishioners attended the meeting to voice objections to the Whitestone Solar Farm development. Councillors noted that they had individually been approached by numerous members of the public with concerns following the consultation meetings.	
25/125	<p>To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss –</p> <p><u>RB2025/1164</u> - Trees & Woodlands, Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by RMBC TPO No. 2, 1971 The Beeches, Rectory Gardens, Harthill. http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/1164</p> <p>Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) (to allow changes to the design of the dwelling) imposed by RB2023/1512 at land adjacent 9 Woodall Lane Harthill <u>(RB2025/0694)</u> Refused 25th September 2025.</p>	

	https://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0694 To agree a representative at the Planning Committee meeting for the battery storage facility applied for on Hard Lane. To discuss and agree any feedback in relation to recent consultation presentations for the Proposed Whitestone Solar Farm (EN0110020) Statutory consultation: 16 September to 28 October 2025 Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Duty to consult on a proposed application for a Development Consent Order.	
	It was resolved to respond to the consultation to raise objections to the proposed development known as Whitestone Solar Farm, to delegate the written response to the clerk, with support from Councillors: S Day, J Morley, S Green and J Pattison. Additionally, the clerk, in conjunction with a local community group, is to organise an event for Wednesday 22 nd October between 4 pm and 8 pm to assist parishioners with questions, and responses if needed. Freepost envelopes are to be provided in view of the confusion over correct the freepost address. It was additionally resolved that the clerk has delegated authority to liaise with any third party to seek information required in relation to producing the letter of objection and that she may order any stationery required to assist with open session for parishioners providing the legal budget in the admin section of the budget is not exceeded. It was additionally resolved that Councillor J Morley will represent Council at the planning board meeting relating the planning application for the battery storage on Hard Lane.	Clerk Cllrs Green, Day, Morley and Pattison
25/126	To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:	
25/126.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues. To provide an update on roundabout installation.	
	The latest play inspection report received is 2 nd October 2025 and is categorised as high risk due to issues with the wooden logs which are awaiting removal and replacement with the boulders. The roundabout is being installed on Thursday. In respect to bench fitting around various areas the clerk advised that Council need around 13 addition bags of Postcrete. It was resolved that the clerk order these cost circa 70.00 net.	Clerk
25/126.2	To receive information on the first football game played on Spens Field.	
	Council was delighted to learn that Harthill won its first football game at home. Following a couple of queries at the Leisure Centre the clerk is to speak to the team to cover off cleaning equipment location and which areas need to be locked.	Clerk
25/126.3	To provide an update on the Parish Council insurance renewal.	
	The clerk advised that the renewal was done for 1 year with the existing broker at a cost of £2,988.28. The clerk advised that she has diarised to start getting quotes next year 3 months before it is due as competitor quotes need a much longer lead time than expected.	Clerk
25/126.4	To receive any further information in relation to the Ash Tree on Spens Field	
	It was reported that a quote is still awaited, for this work and so it was resolved to defer this matter until the next meeting.	Clerk
25/127	Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action	
25/127.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no further requests for financial assistance.	

25/127.2	To review information relating to the consultation by RMBC on the 20 miles per hour speed limit restrictions proposed for North Farm Close, Whetstone Drive and De Matteis Close, Harthill, Sheffield.	
	It was resolved that Council do not submit any objections to the consultation.	
25/127.3	To agree arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.	
	It was resolved that a wreath be ordered at a cost of £25.00. Councillor J Pattison is to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.	Clerk
25/127.4	To receive correspondence relating to a Salt Bin on Hillside Way.	
	A parishioner has asked if the Parish Council could refill the grit bin which was installed by the builder about 12 months ago. Research suggests that the bin belongs to the builder, and it is on their list to remove. Council resolved that if the bin is still present when bad weather hits the handyman will put a couple of bags of grit in the bin.	Clerk
25/127.5	To discuss and agree any action in relation to Land on Winney Hill currently let as allotments, including considering sale of the portions of the land that is currently used as gardens by the bungalows.	
	It was resolved that this matter be deferred until early next year.	Clerk
25/128	Financial Matters	
25/128.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) After 6 months of the financial year 100% of anticipated income has been received. Outstanding allotment rents are being chased. £2, 261.14 has been collected up to the end of September. 43% of planned expenditure has been spent. b) The account balance on 30th September 2025 is £160,161.32 c) The first and second stage of the 2025/2026 Precept (£84,000.00) has been received from RMBC d) CIL monies received £542.33. This relates to the Union Street development. Information noted by Council.	
25/128.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 30 th September 2025.	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
25/128.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was resolved that accounts presented for payment are approved.	
25/128.4	To agree any transfers to or from reserves.	
	There were no transfers needed.	
25/128.5	To receive Councillors report on quarterly review of receipts and payments for quarter 2 2025/2026.	
	Councillor J Morley reported that he had carried out the quarter 2 review of receipts and payments and found no issues. Information noted by Council.	
25/128.6	To receive and sign an updated letter of engagement for the Internal Auditor.	
	It was resolved that the updated letter of engagement be signed by the Chair.	
25/129	To note any correspondence including correspondence from the Chair of the Standards and Ethics committee.	
	The correspondence was circulated to Council relating to RMBC code of conduct. The information was noted though Council have adopted the NALC code of conduct. It was resolved that no further action is required at this time.	
25/130	To receive reports / information on external meetings.	

	Councillor S Day gave an update on the recent YLCA branch meeting. It was <u>resolved</u> that no further action is required at this time.	
25/131	Individual Councillor reports	
	“Councillors Reports” raised the following items for next month’s agenda: Frames on Trees on Spens Field	Clerk
25/132	To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (11th November 2025)	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11 th November 2025. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.	

Chairman

Date 11th November 2025

Finances

PAYMENT LIST - OCTOBER 2025						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
14th October 2025	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 2,488.34		
				£ 83.60		
				£ 2,571.94		£ 2,571.94
14th October 2025	Fire House Group	Fire Extinguisher Service VH	IB	£ 39.25	£ 7.85	£ 47.10
14th October 2025	HVH Ltd	Room Hire	IB	£ 40.50		£ 40.50
14th October 2025	Brookhouse Gas	LC Gas Safety check	IB	£ 95.00	£ 19.00	£ 114.00
14th October 2025	KCM	Skip allotments	IB	£ 242.55	£ 48.51	£ 291.06
14th October 2025	RMBC	Grounds Maintenance	IB	£ 6,980.27	£ 1,396.05	£ 8,376.32
14th October 2025	Sutcliffe Play	Emoji Roundabout	IB	£ 5,660.12	£ 1,132.02	£ 6,792.14
14th October 2025	Lloyds Bank PLC	Montly Bank Fees	DDR	£ 8.50		£ 8.50
14th October 2025	NEST	Pension Contribution	IB	£ 135.22		£ 135.22
OCTOBER 2025				£ 15,773.35	£ 2,603.43	£ 18,376.78
C/F				£ 34,188.53	£ 986.41	£ 35,174.94
YEAR TOTAL 2025/2026				£ 49,961.88	£ 3,589.84	£ 53,551.72