



# Harthill with Woodall

Allotment and Gardens Committee Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026



Present: Councillors: **Mrs J Pattison (Chairman)**, **Mrs M Havard (Vice Chair)**, **Mrs B Gunby**, **Miss C Hamer** and the Clerk, Caroline Havenhand. Allotment Representatives: Mrs M Baker (Doctor Lane) Mrs A Fretwell (Thorpe Road), and In Bloom Representatives: Mr I Lloyd, Mrs Jill Coatsworth, Mrs C Evans and Mrs C Leigh. No parishioners were in attendance.

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
A26/1	To receive and approve reasons for absence.	
	None	
A26/2	<b>To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.</b>	
	Allotment representatives declared an interest in the setting of rents and so did not vote on this matter.	
A26/3	<b>To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a true and correct record.</b>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record, and the Chairman accordingly signed the file copy.	
A26/4	<b>To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of press and public, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</b>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that no items should exclude press and public.	
A26/5	<b>To discuss any matters arising (For information only)</b>	
	There were no matters that were not raised elsewhere on the agenda.	
	<b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b>	
A26/6	To discuss any allotment issues, including an update on the Thorpe Road Boundary and vacant plots.	
	The clerk advised that the work on the removal of the Thorpe Road border has been authorised and Council are waiting for the contractor to do the work. She also advised that there is likely to be at least two plots becoming available but there is already a waiting list for these. Clerk is to contact people on the waiting list when these become available. Regarding tenant that queried plot size - The clerk raised that because of the shape of the plot it was difficult to get someone out to do an independent remeasure without this being costly. Members looked at the size compared to others and still consider this to be Extra-Large and so it was <b>resolved</b> to communicate that the cost on this plot would remain £50 for next year.	<b>Clerk</b>
A26/7	To set a date for allotment rent day in April.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that rent day will be held on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10 am to 12 noon.	<b>Clerk/Cllr J Pattison.</b>

<b>A26/8</b>	To agree allotment rents for 2027/2028	
	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the rents for 2027/2028 will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band Small (Under 135 square meters) £27.00, (£22.00 if no water DL)</li> <li>• Band Medium (136 square meters to 299) £32.00, (£27.00 if no water DL)</li> <li>• Band Large (300 square meters plus) £42.00, (£37.00 if no water DL)</li> <li>• Band X Large (Approx 500 square meters or larger) £52.00, (£47.00 if no water DL)</li> </ul> <p>An increase of £2 per plot.</p>	
<b>A26/9</b>	To agree on garage rents for 2027/2028	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the rent for 2027/2028 will be £37.00. An increase of £2.	
<b>A26/10</b>	To consider finance matters relating to allotments.	
	There were no other finance matters relating to allotments other than that the clerk is to chase the invoice for Winter planting as this is still outstanding.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b><u>Harthill With Woodall in Bloom Matters</u></b>		
<b>A26/11</b>	<p>To discuss any outstanding matters relating to areas maintained including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on the removal of beds on Woodall Lane and potential planting of new trees</li> <li>• Any changes to the planting/maintenance schedule as a result of the ‘In Bloom’ feedback.</li> </ul>	
	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the clerk is to speak to volunteers to see what more could be done with the baskets on the precinct. The shrubs have already been put in the contract for an extra cut.</p> <p>With regard to Woodall Lane, it is too wet at the moment for any work to be carried out – it was <b>resolved</b> to place this on the agenda for April and that members visit the site to ensure that the volume of stone that would require removing is clear and necessary.</p>	<b>Clerk/All members.</b>
<b>A26/12</b>	To discuss summer hanging baskets, including style, and to agree what is to be ordered.	
	The clerk advised that the cost of baskets is to increase from £45 per basket to £48 per basket. It was <b>resolved</b> that the existing contractor be used and that the same number be ordered of the plastic wrap-around baskets as these hold water better, to reduce watering and damage during periods of hot weather.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>A26/13</b>	To receive 2026/2027 budget from the Parish Council.	
	The clerk advised that the following budget had been agreed for 2026/2027: Allotment £1,465.00, Meadow £100.00, YIB £2,450.00, Hanging Basket £1,900.00. Information noted.	
<b>A26/14</b>	To consider finance matters relating to Harthill in Bloom.	
	There were no other finance matters relating to allotments other than that the clerk is to chase the invoice for Hanging Baskets.	
<b>A26/15</b>	<b>To arrange the date and time of the next meeting (7<sup>th</sup> April 2026)</b>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the next allotment committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.	

**Chairman****Date 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026****Finance**

<b>Spend Total (ex VAT)</b>		<b>2,299.98</b>		
Budget	YiB	£ 2,350.00		
	Allotments	£ 1,300.00		
	Meadow	£ 100.00		
	Hanging Baskets	£ 1,900.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 5,650.00</b>		
Spend to Date	YiB	£ 1,143.41	2350	
	Allotments	£ 1,156.57	1300	Snagging and skips
	Meadow	£ -	100	
	Hanging Baskets	£ -	1900	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 2,299.98</b>		
	<b>Allocated Budget</b>			
	Hanging Baskets	£ 1,710.00		
	Daffodils	£ 50.00		
	In Bloom	£ -		
	Skips	£ 480.00		
	Winter Planting	£ 500.00		
	Ornamental trees/Woodall Lane	£ 500.00		
		£ 3,240.00		
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£ 110.02</b>		