



# Harthill with Woodall Parish Council



Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Pattison (Chairman), Mrs S Day, Mr S Green, Mrs B Gunby, Ms. C Hamer, Mr J Morley, Ms F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. Five people attended the meeting that were not parishioners.

Reference	Item	Action
26/1	<b>To receive and approve reasons for absence</b>	
	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs M Havard. It was <b>resolved</b> that the reasons provided were approved.	
26/2	<b>To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.</b>	
	No additional interests were declared	
26/3	<b>To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 as a true and correct record.</b>	
	The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record, and the Chairman accordingly signed the file copy.	
26/4	<b>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.</b>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that no matters require the exclusion of press and public due to the confidential nature of items under discussion.	
26/5	<b>To note any matters arising (For information only)</b>	
	There were no matters not already noted elsewhere on the agenda.	
	<b><u>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</u></b>	
	Representatives from the local doctor's surgery spoke in the public session to discuss how best to make people aware of the pharmaceutical services attached to the surgery and the clerk is to add the practice to The Hart mailing list.  Two local business owners attended to discuss potential occupation of two rooms at Harthill Leisure Centre.	
26/6	<b>To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss –</b>	
	<b><u>RB2025/1660</u></b> - Trees & Woodlands, Application to undertake works to trees within Harthill Conservation Area, 48 Union Street, Harthill. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/1660">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/1660</a>	

	<p><b>RB2025/1554</b> - Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) imposed by application RB2022/0916 to allow changes to plots 1 &amp; 3 The Paddocks, Union Street, Harthill. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/1554">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/1554</a></p> <p><b>RB2025/0694</b> - Appeal - land adjacent 9, Woodall Lane, Harthill. Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) (to allow changes to the design of the dwelling) imposed by RB2023/1512 Appeal Reference: 6002593.</p> <p><b>RB2025/1328</b> - Trees &amp; Woodlands Proposal Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Harthill Conservation Area at Land adjacent 11A Street Farm Close, Harthill. No objections 27/11/2025.</p> <p><b>RB2025/1423</b> - Application to vary conditions 02 (Approved plans), to include alterations to windows, front canopy, car port and installation of solar panels 03 (Materials), 04 (Drainage), 05 (Archaeology), 06 (Land contamination), 12 (EV charging) and 13 (Ecology) imposed by RB2024/1005 at Harthill House, Woodall Lane, Harthill. Granted Conditionally 18/12/2025.</p> <p>To discuss next steps in relation to the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm, including nominating a representative for the forthcoming meeting at Ulley.</p>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that Councillor Mrs S Day attend the meeting at Ulley. There are no further actions required at this time.	<b>Cllr. S Day</b>
<b>26/7</b>	<b>To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:</b>	
26/7.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues.	
	The latest play inspection report received is dated 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 and is categorised as high risk due to issues with the wooden logs which are awaiting removal and replacement with the boulders. The contractor has been chased for a date to do this work and the teen shelter removal. It was <b>resolved</b> that no further action is required at this time.	<b>Cllr. J Morley</b>
26/7.2	To receive any update on the Ash Tree on Spens Field.	
	The tree officer has advised that having visited the tree, whilst diseased, it appears in early stages and is worth preserving in the short term. He will have a better idea when the tree is in full growth and is therefore offered to revisit in June. It was <b>resolved</b> to await a further visit unless there is obvious further deterioration.	<b>Clerk</b>
26/7.3	To discuss any response from the Doctors practice relating to parking issues in preparation for discussions around the repurposing of the court.	
	Representatives from the Doctors surgery attended the meeting. General feedback was positive regarding additional parking though security issues will need to be considered.	
26/7.4	To discuss and agree the future purpose of the Leisure Centre Court, including receiving a quotation for possible conversion to car park use.	
	Agenda items 7.4 and 7.5 were considered together. Council <b>resolved</b> to pursue the possibility of conversion of the court to a car park, with the provision that other events could still be held in that space and also to look at changing the planning category of Harthill Leisure Centre to expand its use. The clerk is to:	<b>Clerk</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formally write to RMBC to request that the covenant be reviewed and updated, or confirmation given that the proposed use of the changing room and also the potential introduction of a small café would not breach that covenant providing any income was paid to the charity for the benefit of maintaining the community facility for community benefit.</li> <li>Upon confirmation of the above, to employ an architect to draw up plans and submit a planning application to RMBC for change of use. To agree a provisional budget of £1000.00 including planning fee.</li> </ul>	
26/7.5	To receive an update following a meeting to discuss a request to use the small changing rooms at the Leisure Centre for business purposes.	
	Please see above.	
26/7.6	To discuss costings received in relation to a possible path from Woodall Lane car park to Jacky's Lane, across Spens Field.	
	A quote has been obtained and a path with cost approximately £21k. Three quotations would be required. It was <b>resolved</b> to acquire a scale plan of Spens Field in order that the various suggestions for Spens Field can be properly mapped out before decisions are made.	<b>Clerk</b>
26/7.7	To receive an update on the bench for Doctor Lane play area and the new WI bench.	
	The benches have been received and will be installed shortly. Council noted the update.	
26/7.8	To discuss and agree a revised date for the defibrillator training.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> to book the event for 11 am on 14 <sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to book the village hall.	<b>Clerk</b>
26/7.9	To discuss the lack of response from landowners on Woodall Lane regarding a possible Bridle Path.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> to chase the letters that have already been sent and to follow up on the social media post to clarify the current position that Active Travel have attended.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>26/8</b>	<b>Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action</b>	
26/8.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no requests for financial assistance.	
26/8.2	To receive a costing for re-design of the footpath leaflets.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> to defer this matter until the next meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>
26/8.3	To discuss and agree a response to 'Consideration of Term Dates for 2027/28' correspondence from RMBC.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> not to comment as the schools are far more qualified to comment and so Council will not be making a response.	
26/8.4	To discuss complaints relating to motorised vehicles on Spens Field.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the clerk report this matter to the police and ask them to see what enforcement action is taking place in respect to this issue.	
26/8.5	To discuss the area cleared of shrubs at the Leisure Centre and receive a quotation from RMBC to turf it.	
	The clerk circulated a quote from RMBC but also noted that the football nets are currently being stored in this location and will need to be found a permanent location before any work is done. Until the new committee is in place and the location of the nets can be agreed it was <b>resolved</b> to defer this matter.	
26/8.6	To agree the Hedge Contract for 2026.	

	A quotation has been received from the existing hedge contractor. The existing contractor has advised of a price increase from £3,773 to £4,075, plus the cost of brown bin disposal. This represents an increase of approximately 8% on the current contract value. It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the increase without further quotations as the increase is seen to be reasonable and the contractor does additional tasks that add value at no additional cost.	Clerk
26/8.7	To discuss a concern raised regarding a loose bench.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the bench be fixed when the two new ones are installed.	Clerk
<b>26/9</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
26/9.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	<p>a) After 9 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 October. 66% of planned expenditure has been spent.</p> <p>b) The account balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 is £136,058.77</p> <p>c) The first and second stage of the 2025/2026 Precept (£84,000.00) has been received from RMBC</p> <p>d) CIL monies received £542.33. This relates to the Union Street development.</p> <p>Information noted by Council.</p>	
26/9.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025.	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
26/9.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that accounts presented for payment are approved.	
26/9.4	To agree any transfers to or from reserves.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that no transfers are required at this time.	
26/9.5	To agree items for inclusion in next year's budget, agree the final budget and precept and instruct the Clerk to send the precept request to RMBC.	
	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the draft budget be agreed as attached. Significant changes being provision of increased project costs intended to fund or support the funding of further play area projects, potential paths on Spens Field, LC and Court repairs/repurpose. General Reserve provision has been left at 1K and the ratio required to precept is to be reviewed next meeting. Othe increases relate to staff pension provision and small increases across a number of budget lines.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a 2026/2027 budget based on the inclusion of the above items and it was <b>resolved</b> that the budget be accepted and adopted by council. It was further <b>resolved</b> that the clerk submit a precept request for £91,500. Based on this Council believes that this will have result in a 7.55% increase, which is an increase of £8.55 per annum to parishioners in band D for Council Tax.</p>	Clerk
<b>26/10</b>	<b>To note any correspondence.</b>	
	There was no correspondence that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
<b>26/11</b>	<b>To receive reports / information on external meetings.</b>	
	There were no reports from external meetings.	
<b>26/12</b>	<b>Individual Councillor reports</b>	
	<p>Items discussed raised the following items for February's agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To locate Lamp of Peace</li> </ul>	Clerk
<b>26/13</b>	<b>To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (10<sup>th</sup> February 2026)</b>	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.	

Finances

PAYMENT LIST - JANUARY 2026						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
13th January 2026	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 1,952.75		
				£ 83.60		
				£ 2,036.35		£ 2,036.35
13th January 2026	HVH Ltd	Room Hire	IB	£ 27.00		£ 27.00
13th January 2026	Brookhouse Gas Limited	Gas Safety Check Village Hall	IB	£ 105.00	£ 21.00	£ 126.00
13th January 2026	Brookhouse Gas Limited	Installation of a new radiator and air vent	IB	£ 487.74	£ 97.55	£ 585.29
13th January 2026	Glasdon UK Limited	2 x New benches - WI and Doctor Lane	IB	£ 1,256.14	£ 251.23	£ 1,507.37
13th January 2026	MKM	Rock Salt	IB	£ 45.28	£ 9.06	£ 54.34
13th January 2026	Morley Maintenance (Inv expected)	Shrub removal at Leisure Centre	IB	£ 1,490.00	£ 298.00	£ 1,788.00
13th January 2026	Lloyds Bank PLC	Montly Bank Fees	DDR	£ 8.50		£ 8.50
13th January 2026	NEST	Pension Contribution	IB	£ 256.44		£ 256.44
JANUARY 2026				£ 5,712.45	£ 676.84	£ 6,389.29
				£ 60,751.47	£ 3,787.25	£ 64,538.72
C/F				£ 66,463.92	£ 4,464.09	£ 70,928.01
YEAR TOTAL 2025/2026						