



Harthill with Woodall

Parish Council



Minutes – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

14th July 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, Miss F Radford and Mrs E Simmonite. The Clerk, Caroline Havenhand was in attendance. Two parishioners were in attendance.

Reference	Item	Action
26/97	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Councillors Ms. M Havard (Vice-Chair). It was resolved that the reasons provided were approved.	
26/98	To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.	
	Councillor J Morley declared an interest on matters relating to payment of the cost of the gate at Firvale Allotments.	
26/99	To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2026 as a true and correct record.	
	The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record, and the Chairman accordingly signed the file copy.	
26/100	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.	
26/101	To note any matters arising (For information only)	
	The Clerk reported that the strimming of the bridge at the edge of Woodall would need to be carried out by RMBC or the landowner, as it is too close to traffic. An issue with the strimming of the grass around the bowling green has been raised by the bowlers. RMBC have been contacted and have remedied the issue.	
	Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session	
	Two parishioners attended to discuss the Whitestone Solar Farm application and the co-ordination of correspondence.	
26/102	To receive an update in respect of planning matters and consider any further action on ongoing applications. In particular, to discuss –	
	Whitestone Solar Farm NSIP/DCO Application – Relevant Representation and Delegated Authority To note that the Whitestone Solar Farm Development Consent Order application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination and that the project has now moved into the pre-examination stage. To consider reaffirming the Council's previously resolved objection to the proposal and authorising the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor J Morley or Councillor S Day, to	

	register the Council as an Interested Party and submit a Relevant Representation on behalf of the Council. The Relevant Representation shall be consistent with the Council's previously resolved position to object to the application and may include the Council's concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on the parish, local residents, landscape and visual amenity, public rights of way, highways and construction traffic, agricultural land, biodiversity, cumulative impact, adequacy of consultation, and any other matters considered relevant to the examination. The Clerk be further authorised to respond to procedural deadlines, submit written representations, attend or arrange attendance at hearings where appropriate, liaise with other affected parish councils and relevant bodies, and take such further administrative steps as are necessary to protect the Council's position during the pre-examination and examination stages. Any action taken under this delegation shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. To consider whether to appoint a planning consultant to represent Council in relation to Whitestone 3 and to receive a quotation for that service. To consider whether to enter into a Joint Parish Working Agreement with Wales Parish Council to engage a consultant in relation to Whitestone 3. Planning Applications – Delegated Authority During Summer Recess. To consider delegating authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, to submit responses to planning applications and related planning consultations received before the next ordinary meeting of the Council in September. Planning applications shall be circulated to Members for information and comment where time allows. Any comments received from Members may be taken into account, but the delegated response shall not require the agreement of a majority of Members outside a Council meeting. Responses submitted under this delegation shall have regard to the Council's adopted policies, previous decisions, material planning considerations, consultation responses, and any known local concerns, where relevant. Where the Clerk and Chair/Vice-Chair consider that an application is particularly significant, contentious, or raises matters outside the scope of existing Council policy or previous Council decisions, an extraordinary meeting may be called if timescales allow. Any responses submitted under this delegation shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. RB2026/0766 - Erection of single storey rear extension 36 Northlands, Harthill. http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id= RB2026/0629 - Erection of self-build residential dwelling at Land adjacent 9 Woodall Lane Harthill. Refused 7th July 2026. https://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2026/0629	
	Whitestone Solar Farm NSIP/DCO Application The Clerk reported that the Whitestone Solar Farm Development Consent Order application had been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination and had entered the pre-examination stage.	Clerk

	It was resolved to reaffirm the Parish Council's previously agreed objection to the proposal and to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor J Morley or Councillor S Day, to register Harthill with Woodall Parish Council as an Interested Party and submit a Relevant Representation on behalf of the Council. It was further resolved that the Clerk be authorised, in accordance with the Council's existing position on the application, to respond to procedural deadlines, submit written representations, liaise with other affected parish councils and relevant bodies, arrange representation at hearings where appropriate, and take such administrative action as is necessary to protect the Council's position throughout the pre-examination and examination stages. Any action taken under this delegation is to be reported to the next ordinary meeting. Planning Consultant / Joint Parish Working It was resolved to appoint Anthony Northcote, Executive Director of TOWN-PLANNING.CO.UK, to provide professional planning advice and representation in relation to the Whitestone Solar Farm DCO application. Council agreed an initial budget of up to £8,500, with authority for this to be increased to a maximum of £12,000 where necessary, having regard to the level of work required during the pre-examination and examination stages. The Clerk reported that discussions had already taken place with Wales Parish Council and Anston Parish Council regarding the establishment of a Joint Parish Working Group, with a view to the consultant representing the three affected Parish Councils collectively. Both Parish Councils had indicated that they would be interested in progressing such an arrangement, subject to formal approval at their respective Council meetings. It was resolved that Harthill with Woodall Parish Council was prepared to engage the consultant and meet the associated costs, if necessary, but that authority be delegated to the Clerk to progress the establishment of the Joint Parish Working Group, with the preferred arrangement being for the consultant's costs to be shared equally between the three participating Parish Councils. The Clerk was further authorised to prepare a Joint Working Group agreement setting out the purpose of the group, representation, decision-making arrangements and the sharing of costs between the participating Councils. It was further resolved that the Chairman and Councillor Sarah Day be authorised to sign the Joint Working Group agreement on behalf of Harthill with Woodall Parish Council, once the terms of the agreement had been finalised. It was further resolved that Councillors Julian Morley and Sarah Day, together with the Clerk, be appointed to represent Harthill with Woodall Parish Council on the Joint Parish Working Group. Planning Applications – Delegated Authority During Summer Recess It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, to submit responses to planning applications and related consultations received before the next ordinary meeting in September 2026. Applications are to be circulated to Members for information and comment where time allows, with any comments received being taken into account. Where an application is considered particularly significant or contentious, an extraordinary meeting may be called where timescales permit. Any responses submitted under this delegation are to be reported to the next ordinary meeting. No further action is required at this time relating to planning matters.	
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26/103	To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:	
26/103.1	To discuss and agree any action in relation to the most recent play inspection report, including any risk issues. To include a quote for surfacing repairs and an update on the Teen Shelter.	
	The latest play inspection report received is dated 1 st July 2026 and is categorised as moderate risk. A contractor has been sourced for the teen shelter, and the work is expected to be carried out this week. It was resolved that no further action is required at this time. One of the quotations has been returned for various groundworks totalling more than £5,000. It was resolved to review the works to determine priorities, whether further quotations should be sought, and whether any elements could be undertaken by volunteers.	Clerk
26/103.2	Potential MUGA - To receive a quotation for a noise survey, cost and installation of a new MUGA and additional architect planning costs in relation to planning consents. To receive a summary of feedback from Harthill Carnival.	
	The Clerk advised that one quotation had been received in relation to the proposed MUGA. The estimated professional fees comprised £200 for planning specialist input, £750 for JVN Design Limited to prepare and submit the MUGA planning application, with any additional work charged at £60 per hour, and £1,600 for a noise survey. The Clerk also reported on feedback received at Harthill Carnival, which indicated strong support for the proposed MUGA. It was resolved to undertake a further parking survey over the summer and to consider holding an open day at Harthill Leisure Centre to obtain additional feedback from residents on the proposals. The Clerk was also requested to try and obtain a further quotation for the noise survey.	Clerk
26/103.3	To discuss the current planning application relating to Harthill Leisure Centre and next steps.	
	Following discussion, it was resolved to amend the current planning application by removing the proposed change of use of the existing court to car parking. It was further resolved to withdraw the proposed change of use of the existing changing rooms and instead seek retail use for the rear room currently used for storage/office purposes. It was noted that this would provide for one retail business only. The Clerk was authorised to liaise with the planning authority and the Council's planning architect as necessary to progress the amendments to the application. The Clerk advised that RMBC would write to those who had objected to the application to ascertain whether they wished to withdraw their objections. If the objections remained, the application was expected to be referred to the Planning Board in September.	Clerk
26/103.4	To receive a response from the Sailing Club in relation to their defibrillator.	
	The Clerk advised that she had received contact from the sailing club. This matter will be raised at their next meeting. It was resolved that no further action is required at this time.	Clerk
26/103.5	To receive an update on the repairs to the damaged path on Woodall Lane Car Park.	
	The clerk advised that the paving flag had been lifted and reset but that it would need monitoring as it was being affected by the roots of a nearby tree.	Clerk
26/103.6	To advise Council that the GoFundMe page is now set up and to approve content.	
	Council resolved to note and approve the setup and content of the GoFundMe page	Clerk
26/104	Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and to agree any action	
26/104.1	To receive any requests for financial assistance including correspondence from the football team in relation to line marking and an application for £400 from Harthill Morris.	
	It was resolved to give a grant to Harthill Morris for £400, the grant is awarded under the General Power of Competence. The Parish Council resolved to add the line marking and	Clerk

	additional grass cuts to its existing grounds maintenance contract, on the basis that the football team pays Harthill with Woodall Community Association CIO for use of the changing rooms.	
26/104.2	To receive a request to host the HARTFEST on Parish Council land.	
	The request for this was withdrawn since the agenda was published as it is to be held in the Blue Bell as usual.	
26/104.3	To receive correspondence from a Parishioner in relation to a request for financial support for a project to improve the Bridleway from Union Street to Sheep Dip at a cost of £45,000.	
	It was resolved that this matter be placed on file for now in view of other projects pending. The clerk will identify any suitable grant-funding opportunities, and the Parishioner is to do so as well.	Clerk
26/104.4	To discuss correspondence received from RMBC in relation to revision of the Local Plan and a 'Call for Sites' exercise.	
	It was resolved that Harthill with Woodall Parish Council does not wish to submit any proposals in relation to the Call for Sites exercise.	
26/105	Allotments	
26/105.1	To receive an update on the progress with the new stress testing reports that RMBC are undertaking and a potential date that the hanging baskets will go up.	
	The clerk notified Council that the stress testing has now been completed. One lamp post (22) in Woodall failed the test. This has therefore been removed from the contract, and the rest of the baskets have been ordered. The contractor has advised that they will be placed on the lamp posts on Friday or early next week. This leaves Woodall without any baskets now. It was resolved that the Clerk contact RMBC lighting to see if this column can be replaced for next year.	Clerk
26/105.2	To provide an update on the gate for the Firvale allotment site.	
	The Clerk notified Council that the allotment gate has now been fitted. Invoices are listed for payment. Councillor J Morley went to collect the gate and payment up front was required. There is an invoice for this amount addressed to the Parish Council. It was resolved to retrospectively agree Councillor Morley making the payment and to reimburse him accordingly.	Clerk
26/106	Financial Matters	
26/106.1	To receive the RFO'S report.	
	a) After three months of the financial year 51% of anticipated income has been received. Outstanding allotment rents are being chased. £2582.64 has been collected up to the end of June. 21% of planned expenditure has been spent. b) The account balance on 30 th June 2026 is £146,189.40. c) The first stage of the 2026/2027 Precept (£45,750.00) has been received from RMBC. d) £483.66 VAT has been reclaimed from 2025/2026. Information noted by Council.	
26/106.2	To receive and verify bank reconciliation to 30 th June 2026.	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
26/106.3	To approve accounts for payments	
	It was resolved that accounts presented for payment are approved.	
26/106.4	To agree any transfers to or from reserves.	
	It was resolved that following review of the year-to-date management accounts against budget, that the following transfer be made: £500 from ER to current account Firvale Gate.	Clerk

26/106.5	To note Councillors quarterly review of Receipts and Payments for Q1 2026/2027.	
	Councillor J Morley notified Council that he had carried out a review of receipts and payments for quarter 1 2026/2027 and found no issues. Council thanked him for carrying out the check.	
26/107	To receive any correspondence not already covered on the agenda.	
	The Clerk advised that she had been asked about selling land at Winney Hill Gardens and also about increasing the number of water supplies on the allotment sites. Council advised that the water supply issue needed to be referred to the allotment and gardens committee and that any review of land would not take place until the new year.	
26/108	To receive reports / information on external meetings.	
	An update was given regarding the recent 'Chairs' meeting relating to Whitestone. There were no other reports from external meetings.	
26/109	Individual Councillor reports	
	Items discussed raised the following items for September's agenda: • None. The Clerk was requested to give thanks to Harthill Carnival, Harthill Village Voices and Harthill Well Dressing for their ongoing work for the village. It was resolved to put this in the Chairman's address in The Hart for the villages to see.	Clerk
26/110	To agree the date and time of the next ordinary Council Meeting. (8th September 2026)	
	The date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8 th September 2026. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.	Clerk

Chairman's Signature

Date 8th September 2026

Finances

DATE	SUPPLIER	ITEM	CHQ OR IB	COST	VAT	TOTAL
14th July 2026	Salaries including expenses	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 2,163.98		£ 2,163.98
14th July 2026	In Bloom Volunteer	LC New Tub	IB	£ 34.99		£ 34.99
14th July 2026	HVH Ltd	Room Hire	IB	£ 42.00		£ 42.00
14th July 2026	A Morley	Labour Gate at allotments Firvale	IB	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
14th July 2026	A Morley	Materials for gate	IB	£ 183.00	£ 36.60	£ 219.60
14th July 2026	John Brailsford Printers	A1 Plans	IB	£ 42.90	£ 8.58	£ 51.48
14th July 2026	Spectrum Futures	Payroll Fee	IB	£ 39.30		£ 39.30
14th July 2026	Sutcliffe Play	Spare Parts	IB	£ 183.41	£ 36.68	£ 220.09
14th July 2026	Lloyds Bank PLC	Montly Bank Fees	FEE	£ 8.50		£ 8.50
14th July 2026	Tedbar Tinker Hire	Black Bags	IB	£ 45.06	£ 9.01	£ 54.07
14th July 2026	JD Summer Plants	For In Bloom local beds and verges	IB	£ 1,253.80		£ 1,253.80
14th July 2026	Harthill Morris	Grant	IB	£ 400.00		£ 400.00
20th July 2026	NEST	Pension Contribution	DDR	£ 256.44		£ 256.44
JULY 2026				£ 4,903.38	£ 90.87	£ 4,994.25
Carried Forward				£ 21,584.67	£ 901.47	£ 22,486.14
YEAR TOTAL 2026/2027				£ 26,488.05	£ 992.34	£ 27,480.39