

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva (from 7.45pm), T Saunders, S Guinan & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

Ward Councillors: M Cummings & U Ali. West Yorkshire Police: PC C Steel. Clerk: P Walsh. Two MoP.

142 To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence – apologies were received from Cllrs Brooke & Kaushiva and their reasons for absence & late arrival were approved. Cllr Earnshaw's reason for absence was rejected.

143 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 6th January 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2026 were **approved** as a correct record.

144 To receive declarations of interest – none

145 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda.

- Additional planning applications received at WMDC but not advised separately to the Parish Council were noted and will be considered under Planning.
- The list of outstanding actions was reviewed and updated.

146 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

- Cllr Carlon raised the issue about grazing licences and why one had allegedly been issued recently to an individual for unlicensed horses in fields on Shay Lane and yet despite several legitimate requests, one had not been issued to a near resident & farmer for the same fields. A MoP explained that the issues concerned the local council's interpretation of 'best consideration to open land'.
- Cllr Ali was asked to follow up the issue of the grazing licence, to progress the request for 'Caution, people crossing' signs at the railway bridge junction of Oakenshaw Lane/School Lane and to investigate the reason for the ongoing leaks on Shay Lane opposite the Methodist Church which continue to disrupt traffic and pedestrians.
- In response to a question about continued delinquent powered cyclist/motor cyclist abuse of the railway path at the bridge on Oakenshaw Lane, Cllr Cummings advised that the A-frame barrier had been removed by Sustrans in response to access requirements. PC Steel confirmed that they continue to monitor this area for infringements.

147 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The SAFE policing report was reviewed.

148 Public Forum – none

149 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during December 2025 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows at the end of these minutes.

- The Clerk is to approach YLCA for their listing of accredited parish council website hosts & review the Council's options with a view to renewing the website (before the next renewal with the current provider in December 2026).
- The SLCC annual membership renewal for 2026-27 was approved at £200.
- The village hall hire cost for the district elections Thursday 7.5.26 was approved at £750.

150 Planning Working Party

- Applications under review were considered without issue.
- The NPWP (PL) are to draft a follow up to WMDC for further progress.

To receive Working Party Updates and Correspondence Received

151 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

- Robert Blagg at RB Glazing to be contacted one last time to provide a quote to fix the sticking windows at the village hall. Other contractors to be considered. Clerk to action.
- The condition of the side door entrance/porch at CC is to be investigated with a view to replacement. Clerk to action.
- Working at height training to be arranged for the caretaker. Clerk to action.
- Cllrs to consider AED & CPR training. Cllr Guinan to facilitate.
- Cllr Carlon recommended that the clerk open an account at Turner's Supplies Ltd to provide ready access to caretaking and hardware supplies (with a £300 spend limit).

152 Park & Jubilee Field

- Quotes for the tree works agreed in the split decision by WMDC in 2025 are to be requested from AWA & Bowmans. Clerk to action.
- Tennis Club pavilion found to be in an unsatisfactory condition (again) plus gas cylinders left on site (again). Clerk to write to Walton Juniors.

153 Parish Environment – The Balk finger post is expected to be re-installed by 20.4.26.

154 Floral Displays – New contractors are to be considered for the 2026 displays. Clerk to action.

155 Communications – Cllr Nixon solicited content for the next newsletter.

156 Tennis club refurbishment – Agreed actions with David Ireland/WMDC/AWA were reiterated.

157 Pension arrangements & payments due for Ian Morris – Clerk to action immediately

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

31.12.25	SDW PLUMBING	VHGASSERVICE	13.2.25	£375.00
13.1.26	IAN MORRIS	LIGHT BULBS FOR VH		£4.99
20.1.26	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS - VH OCT-DEC 25		1689.85
		WINDOW		
24.1.26	MARK CARTER	CLEANING	1/26	44
	IRELAND	LANDSCAPING INV		
28.1.26	ALBRECHT	1775		1,322.50
29.1.26	POST OFFICE	2ND CLASS STAMPS		13.92
29.1.26	H DENDE-RAJI	REFUND VHH	31.12.26	200
29.1.26	PETER WALSH	SALARY FEB 26		
29.1.26	IAN MORRIS	SALARY FEB 26		
1.2.26	SCRIBE	IT FEB 26		37
2.2.26	EDF	GAS - VH JAN 25		277.02
2.2.26	EDF	GAS - TC JAN 26		44.06
	WEST YKS			
30.1.26	POLICE	SAFE SCHEME Q3		1,111.07