

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, D Brooke, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva, S Guinan & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

Ward Councillors: M Cummings & U Ali (both until 7.40pm). P Walsh: Clerk

Apology received from PC C Steel.

126 To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence – apologies received and reasons for absence approved from Cllrs Saunders & Earnshaw.

127 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd December 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2025 were **approved** as a correct record.

128 To receive declarations of interest – Cllr Nixon declared an interest in the grant application from Friends of Waterton's Wall (as a trustee).

129 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda. The list of outstanding actions was reviewed and updated.

130 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

Cllr Ali confirmed that Oakenshaw Lane is now 30mph along the full length, although Amey are still to remove the maximum legal limit signs.

Cllr Cummings advised the following:-

- A local resident has been granted a grazing licence for land at Brook Farm.
- A request from a resident for a crossing at St Paul's church would not be approved as there is a footpath on one side of the road only.
- The collapsed drain on Shay Lane will be repaired no later than Thursday 8.1.26.
- The need for a warning sign 'Caution, people crossing' at the junction under the bridge at Greenside/Oakenshaw Lane will be investigated. Cllr Cummings to action.

131 Public Forum – no members of public present.

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

133 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during November 2025 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows at the end of these minutes.
- A precept of £45,000 was approved for 2026-27. Clerk to submit the demand to WMDC.
- To appoint Barry Riley/Internal Audit Services Yorkshire as internal auditor for the 2025-26 AGAR.
- The annual renewal of the Parish Council website hosting was approved with Matt Harrison ex-SR Creative at £250.
- A grant application of £250 from Friends of Waterton's Wall was approved.

134 Planning Working Party

25/02359/FUL Single storey rear & side extension - 204 Shay Lane, WF2 6NW was considered without issue.

- 135 Council resolved to support the Community Safe Places Project. Several suitable sites were considered and recommended. Clerk to prepare and submit to WMDC.

To receive Working Party Updates and Correspondence Received

136 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Robert Blagg at RB Glazing to be contacted again to provide a quote to fix the sticking windows at the village hall. Clerk to action.

137 Park & Jubilee Field

- Cllr Carlon to follow up on the lease for Jubilee Field with the solicitors.
- Cllr Sutcliffe to follow up the caretaker's maintenance schedule for the park & parish environment.

- 138 Parish Environment – the new seat on The Grove has been delivered and installed.

- 139 Floral Displays – Cllr Nixon to contact alternative contractors to supply & fit 3x wooden planters.

- 140 Communications – Cllr Nixon solicited content for the next newsletter.

- 141 Tennis club refurbishment. The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- To submit a pre-application for the tennis club only, with David Ireland to deal directly with WMDC Planning to progress.
- To seek an Arboricultural quote from AWA to support the planning application (along with the full survey carried out previously) with David Ireland to co-ordinate.

The meeting ended at 9.22pm

28.11.25	IAN MORRIS	FLUOR TUBES FOR VH	£37.98
1.12.25	SCRIBE	DEC 25 SOFTWARE	£37.00
2.12.25	EDF	GAS - VH - NOV 25	£271.16
2.12.25	EDF	GAS - TC - NOV 25	46.40
30.11.25	LINEAR SURVEYS	TRIAL PITS - TC LAND	836.9
9.12.25	IAN FOSTER	INSTALL BENCH	120
1.12.25	DAVE PENNY	OVERLOCK - WPARK	150.00
27.11.25	THREE	WIFI & PHONE	22.01
4.12.25	CALDER SECURITY	NEW CCTV RECORDER	274.00
30.11.25	WPC	PRINTER PAPER	5
31.12.25	IAN MORRIS	DANGER SIGNS-WPARK	4.98
23.12.25	KOLA KUBE	WEBSITE HOSTING	250
4.1.26	WPC	TEATOWELS/DISHCLOTH	14.98
1.1.26	SCRIBE	JAN 26 SOFTWARE	37
5.1.26	EDF	GAS - VH - DEC 25	228.16
5.1.26	EDF	GAS - TC - DEC 25	46.38
30.1.26	IAN MORRIS	SALARY JAN 26	
30.1.26	PETER WALSH	SALARY JAN 26	
6.1.26	IAN MORRIS	ROCK SALT	5.50
8.1.26	JOHN CARLON	ROCK SALT	39
8.1.26	FOWW	GRANT NO 2	250