

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, D Brooke, B Kaushiva, S Guinan, T Saunders & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

Ward councillors: B Watkins. Apologies for absence from Cllrs S & P Ashton & PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police).

Clerk: P Walsh. 1 MoP.

- 39 To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence** - Cllr J Sutcliffe was absent from the meeting and no apology had been provided. However, the reason for absence was known and accepted by the Council.

40 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd June 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026 were **approved** as a correct record.

41 To receive declarations of interest – none

42 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.

43 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

Councillors Watkins updated the parish council on the following...

- Horses at Brook Farm – similar issues are faced at Castleford and WMDC are trying to resolve a corporate approach to avoid a negative media response. Council asked what options are available
- The request to WMDC for a 'Caution, People Crossing' sign at the junction of School Lane and Oakenshaw Lane/Greenside has been refused as there is no formal crossing.

44 Public Forum – A resident of Waterton Close expressed concerns about delinquent parking along the end of the Balk and opposite the entrance/exit at Waterton Close which restricts resident access/exit, as well as preventing access to bin collection lorries.

45 SAFE Scheme & Police matters – Current traffic transgressions and policing matters were considered including the recent PACT meeting. Following this, it was **RESOLVED** to trial a Smiley Sid on loan from Sharlston Parish Council up to a maximum cost of £300 inc. insurance.

46 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during May 2026 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows on page 2.
- The Clerk submitted details of bank account balances at the end of May 2026 which were: -

Barclays current	£15,762.04
Barclays premium	£67,350.17
Nationwide savings	£61,121.52
Total	£144,233.73

- To adopt the 55p/mile tax free mileage rate for up to 10,000 miles for staff and councillors when on council business, approved by HMRC from 6.4.26

47 Planning Committee Working Party – current planning applications under review were considered without further action.

To receive Working Party Updates and Correspondence Received (if any)

THE FOLLOWING WERE RESOLVED:-

48 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Village Hall

- Sandal Security to provide a risk assessment of the building security to include two points of access and the fire doors

Coronation Cottage

- Quotes for new conservatory and back door to be sought.

49 Park & Jubilee Field

- Payment to Amos of £300 for the cutting of Jubilee field x2 was approved.
- Clerk to write to WMDC Planning to advise them that 2x trees had been felled in contravention of the TPOs in place and in direct violation of planning consent

50 Parish Environment – no report.

51 Floral Displays – 29 sponsors have paid to date.

52 Communications – Newsletter draft was reviewed.

53 Tennis club refurbishment – Consent was given for the pre-planning application to include lighting and a canopy for the padel courts.

54 Correspondence Received – Correspondence already received had been dealt with by the clerk and circulated before the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

15.6.26	IAN MORRIS	PENSION PAYMENT	£33.18
22.6.26	POST OFFICE	STAMPS	£21.68
27.5.26	H3G	MOBILE & WIFI	£24.11
26.6.26	POST OFFICE	AGAR POSTAGE/PKF	3.30
7.7.26	PETER WALSH	SALARY 31.7.26	
1.6.26	SCRIBE D/D	SOFTWARE	37
13.5.26	BARCLAYS	BANK CHARGES	9.70
15.5.26	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS SUPPLY - VH	311.50
2.7.26	EDF	ELEC - TC	56.05
2.7.26	EDF	ELEC - VH	242.35
27.5.26	IRELAND		
27.5.26	ALBRECHT	LANDSCAPING WORKS	2139.45
	AMOS/ATE		
29.6.26	RENEW	CUT JUBILEE FIELD	300
1.7.26	SCRIBE	SOFTWARE	37
7.7.26	IAN MORRIS	SALARY 31.7.26	
	TURNERS		
7.7.26	SUPPLIES	TOILETROLLS/BINLINERS	7.26
7.7.26	VHH AMY CROSS	REFUND OF BOND	200