

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor Davis
 Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Jeffrey
 Councillor O’Sullivan
 Matt Baldry
 Tony Rusling
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

24/103 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lambert and Molyneux.

24/104 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) There were no disclosures made by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant interests under the Members’ Code of Conduct

(b) There were no requests for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they had declared disclosable pecuniary interests.

24/105 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

24/106 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council held on on Wednesday 30th July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

24/107 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Miguel Llera – Hire of MUGA	170.00
2. Shirebrook FC – Hire of Football Pitch	300.00
3. Thurcroft FC – Hire of Football Pitch	350.00
4. Todwick Villa FC – Hire of Football Pitch	350.00
5. Thurcroft FC – Hire of Football Pitch	350.00
6. Joe Wallhead – Hire of Football Pitch	30.00
7. Barclays Bank – Interest	83.21
8. Joe Wallhead – Hire of Football Pitch	30.00
9. RMBC – Second Half-year Precept	31500.00
10. Miguel Llera – Hire of MUGA	110.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Rent	21.00
2. Haywards Horticulture – Hedge Cutting at Allotments	278.00
3. HMRC – August Tax/NI	334.85
4. AD Electrical Services Ltd. – Install Lighting columns at MUGA	6894.00

5. J R Walker – August Salary and Expenses	1142.25
6. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	996.00
7. Susan Wright – Opening Recreation Ground Gates	50.00
8. PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit Fee	378.00
9. HMRC – September Tax/NI	334.85

Payments to be made.

1. Susan Wright – Opening Recreation Ground Gates	50.00
2. J R Walker – September Salary and Expenses	1149.00
3. Chesterfield Canal Trust – Annual Subscription	50.00
4. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security at Recreation Ground	500.00
5. Business Stream – Allotment Water Bill	303.13

Un-presented cheques

There were no unrepresented cheques.

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£36,758.85	£1.00

Total balance after all payments and receipts to date £34,817.72

24/108 AUDIT 2023/24

Clerk reported on the receipt of the External Auditor’s Report and Certificate together with the Completion of the Limited Assurance Review for the Year Ended 31 March 2024.

On the basis of the review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR was considered to be in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters had come to the Auditor’s attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

He had prepared and displayed the requisite Conclusion of Audit Notice which had also been posted on the Parish Council Website.

24/109 COMMITTEES ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a) Councillor Jeffrey reported on the play areas inspection reports and noted there were no defects requiring immediate attention. There was a potential problem with the path in the children’s play park at Lindley’s Croft. Ideally it ought to be renewed because tree roots were gradually destroying the surface.

The Clerk reminded Members of past Councillor Lucy Morley’s offer to assist in obtaining grants for the play areas even after she was no longer a Councillor.

Councillor Dixon would discuss with Lucy.

(b)

i. Councillor Jeffrey reported that all was well at the allotments.

ii. Councillor Dixon reported on the increasing use of the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA).

Managing the booking of this and other facilities at the recreation ground was now proving to be very time consuming and suggested it may be that someone should be employed to do this. He would discuss the possibility of combining managing bookings at the recreation ground and at the village hall with Matt Baldry the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.

24/110 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Councillor Dixon and the Clerk had discussed the relationship between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Charity. Clarification on finance, respective responsibilities and actions was required to be confident all was being conducted correctly.

Councillor Dixon suggested this be discussed after the Open Session as in may take some time.

Resolved:

To discuss the relationship between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Charity after the Open Session.

24/111 PLANNING MATTERS1. RB2024/1080

Single storey side extension and conversion of garage at Four Winds, Sheffield Road.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application

2. RB2024/1190

Application to undertake works to trees protected by RMBC TPO 3 1971 at Manor House, Manor Way.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

3. RB2024/1302

Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO Order No.1 (1993) at 136 Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

4. RB2024/1359

Erection of single storey retail unit at Greenscene, Side Farm.

Resolved:

Not to object to the application.

24/112 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Councillor O’Sullivan had updated the Website and Councillor Lambert had added the Conclusion of Audit Notice.

2. Councillors Davis and Dixon and the Clerk had experienced difficulty in accessing the Council’s emails.

Councillor O’Sullivan recommend installing the Microsoft Authentication App.

24/113 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Clerk reported the crime statistics prepared by Norman Anderson.

Monthly Categories

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary	1	3				1	2						7
Criminal Damage and Arson			2										2
Other Theft	1		1	1									3
Other Crime							1						1
Vehicle Crime	2	2	1	3		1							9
Public Order		1	1				1						3
Violence and Sexual		3	4		1	1	5						14
Possession of Weapons				1		1							2
Drugs			1										1
Bicycle Theft													
Anti-social Behaviour	1	4	2	2		4							13
Total	5	13	12	7	1	8	9						55

At the end of July there were 845 reported issues within Rotherham Borough, with Violence and Sexual at 273, Antisocial Behaviour at 177 and Vehicle Crime at 70 as the most.

Councillors Davis and O’Sullivan referred to a meeting between residents from the Todwick Grange Estate and Jake Richards MP and comments posted on social media by Borough Councillor Josh Bacon. These referred to continuing problems associated with prearranged meetings where private cars were raced on the A57 between the Red Lion and M1 Roundabouts. The speeding vehicles were recorded and a winner announced. The dangers of doing this were obvious and potentially extremely serious. To date action by the Police had been ineffectual. Councillor O’Sullivan had undertaken some investigation on social media and may have found a link to a possible offender.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Tony Rusling highlighted the problem of blocked road gullies and high grass and other weeds growing in the carriageway channels on Goosecarr Lane and throughout the village. The Clerk would once again report to RMBC.
2. Tony Rusling reported a problem caused by footballs from the MUGA being kicked over the perimeter fencing onto the bowling green and with young people then forcing their way through onto the green. He asked that the council erect netting above the fence to prevent this. Councillor Dixon would investigate.
3. Councillor Jeffrey reported a problem at the highway verge fronting a property at The Pastures. A hardstanding had been created on which to store the property wheelie bins. The Clerk would report to RMBC.
4. Matt Baldry was aware of the quotation to provide an electric supply in advance of siting a permanent Christmas Tree at the recreation ground.
5. Matt Baldry drew the Council’s attention to the new alarm codes for the village hall. A new sound system was also to be installed, together with a new projector, plug sockets and “disco” lighting
6. Councillor Jeffrey asked whether RMBC was to provide another wayside bench on Goosecarr Lane near the A57. The Clerk would ask RMBC.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.25 p.m.

24/110 GOVERNANCE MATTERS (continued)

Councillor Dixon explained in detail his lengthy conversation earlier with the Charity Commission and summarised his findings and recommendations.

The Clerk referred to the information he had circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and emphasized the need to ensure that the Parish Council was acting as it should both as a parish council and as the Sole Trustee of the Recreation Ground.

Resolved:

That Councillor Dixon take further advice and report at the October meeting.

24/114 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Parish Council had been received.

24/115 PARISH MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

24/116 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon hoped to be able to publish the next edition of the “Informer” as early as the end of October and requested Members to submit articles.

24/117 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

24/118 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Jeffrey asked that allotment rents be added to the October Agenda.

24/119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date