

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor Davis
 Councillor Jeffrey
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Matt Baldry
 Daniel Thorpe
 Norman Anderson
 Tony Rusling
 Borough Councillor Bacon – From 7.40 p.m.

25/164 APOLOGIES

Councillor Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 Apologies had been received from Councillor Molyneux, Councillor O’Sullivan and Steven Cocking.

25/165 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 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.

25/166 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

25/167 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

25/168 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer:

- Had received the refund of VAT to the end of November.
- Had again contacted Barclays Bank to arrange payments by bank transfer.

<u>Monies received since last meeting.</u>	£
1. HMRC – Refund of VAT	2155.03
2. Barclays Bank – Interest	99.94

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Haywards Horticulture – November Grounds Maintenance	996.00
2. HMRC – December Tax/NI	425.84

Payments to be made.

1. J R Walker – December Salary and Expenses	1222.07
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2. Daniel Thorpe – December Cleaning and Security	250.00
3. Todwick Village Hall – November meeting Room Hire	21.00

Un-presented cheques

1. HMRC – December Tax/NI	425.84
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Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder) £38,141.68	Community Account (Cheque) £1.00
Total balance after all payments and receipts £37,323.77	

25/169 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

1. Councillor Dixon gave further details related to the provision of a height barrier at the entrance to the recreation ground. He anticipated receipt of other quotations shortly and following discussions with the Clerk and financial Officer, believed the work could be financed during the present financial year.
2. Councillor Jeffrey would shortly be sending out the letters to allotment plot holders seeking payment of rents for 2026/27. He would include a note requesting that the entrance gate to the site always be locked on departure.

The meeting was suspended at 7.45 pm

OPEN SESSION

1. Borough Councillor Bacon gave details of the activities recently undertaken by him in support of Todwick Parish. These included objections to the provision of solar farms in the area and concerns about the disruption of individual and street waste bin collections by RMBC. He was also lobbying RMBC Officers to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order related to the old sections of the A57 and in particular to the areas close to the Red Lion Hotel.

Members and other attendees discussed the matters raised and agreed that the old sections of the A57 were a disgrace and needed sorting out.

2. Matt Baldry and Norman Anderson referred to the Christmas lights erected on some street lighting columns in the area including at Anston and Aston. They asked how these had been funded and whether the Parish Council would consider providing these in Todwick. Councillor Dixon understood them to have been provided by the respective parish councils but these had significantly higher levels of available funding than Todwick. Members would be considering works and activities for financial year 2026/27 at the budget and precept setting meeting in January when this proposal would be considered with everything else.

3. Norman Anderson referred to the Council's November Minutes and asked for confirmation that an edition of The informer newsletter would be published in January.

Councillor Dixon confirmed that this was the intention.

4. Norman Anderson again referred to the November Council Minutes and asked what action had been taken to advertise the four long-standing vacancies on the Parish Council.

Councillor Dixon explained that Councillor O'Sullivan had prepared an article for inclusion on the Council's Website and Facebook Page.

Matt Baldry would include something within the Village Hall Facebook Page.

Norman Anderson suggested an article in the "Your Mag" publication. This would be free of charge and widely distributed locally.

5. Norman Anderson asked when the promised parish-wide CCTV would be installed. Councillor Dixon gave the reasons why RMBC had been delayed and that the Parish Council had continually requested this be carried out at the very earliest opportunity. The RMBC Staff engaged on this were employed on a part-time basis and some materials had been difficult to obtain.

6. Tony Rusling referred to a recent incident and asked for confirmation that dogs were not allowed on the recreation ground.

There followed discussion on the merits of continuing the ban and there was general consensus that the ban should remain in place.

Tony Rusling had previously stated the need to renew the faded signage and again urged this be done as soon as possible.

7. Matt Baldry was aware that Parish Councillors had many commitments but was disappointed that more had not attended the recent Carol Service or Village Hall Christmas Fayre.

Members agreed that would be helpful and would try to do so in future.

8. Tony Rusling referred to the Carol Service to be held in the Church at 2.30 p.m. on the coming Friday ((19th)). This would be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

9. Norman Anderson was aware that this had been raised before but was concerned that employing a parish handyman had not been given the consideration it deserved.

Councillor Dixon confirmed that the employment of a handyman had been considered some years ago and at various times since. Whilst doing so might be desirable it had been decided not to do so having regard to available funding and other demands. Bigger local parish councils had considerably more income from greater communities and residential properties. Todwick had some 670 dwellings and 1400 electors whereas others ran into many thousands. Their income was therefore much greater without the need to set higher precepts. Any work that a handyman could do the councillors at Todwick did it themselves and there would be insufficient work to justify an employee.

The meeting recommenced at 9.15 pm

25/170 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised on the need to review the Asset Register.
No other matters were discussed.

25/171 PLANNING MATTERS

1. RB2025/1582

Application to undertake works to trees protected by RMBC TPO 3 (1971) on Woodland to rear of 160 to 166 Kiveton Lane.

Resolved:

To offer no objection.

2. RB2025/1500

Erection of single storey detached outbuilding for the use of a hydro pool and lift to the rear, boundary treatment to the rear, raised decking to the rear and patio area altered and alterations to fenestrations of the dwelling at Walls End, Todwick Grange.

Resolved:

To offer no objection.

3. RB2025/1618

Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO No. (No.3) 1971 at St Peter And St Paul Church.

Resolved:

To offer no objection.

25/172 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Davis would contact Councillor O'Sullivan to obtain access to the Parish Council's Facebook Page and enabling him to add appropriate posts.

25/173 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Clerk reported the crime statistics prepared by Norman Anderson.

Monthly Categories for Todwick

2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary			1	1	1	2							5
Criminal Damage and Arson				1									1
Other Theft									1				1
Other Crime													
Vehicle Crime	1	1			2					1			5
Public Order	1		1		1	1	3	3					10
Violence and Sexual	2	3		5		2	1	1	1	1			16
Possession of Weapons													
Drugs					1								1
Bicycle Theft													
Shoplifting								1					1
Robbery							1						1
Anti-social Behaviour	6	4	1		1				2	1	2		17
Total	10	8	3	7	6	5	5	7	3				55

25/174 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Council had been received.

25/175 PARISH MATTERS

There were no items to discuss.

25/176 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dixon had earlier confirmed his intention to publish a newsletter in January and would include an article on the need to recruit new Council Members.

25/177 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

25/178 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No items were raised.

25/179 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

1. That the annual budget and precept setting meeting be held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

This would be a closed meeting to be attended only by Members and the Clerk and Financial Officer.

2. That the next monthly meeting be held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.28 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date