

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13th January 2026.

Present

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

26/1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Molyneux and her reason for absence accepted.

26/2 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

No applications to join the Council had been received.

26/3 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.

26/4 BUDGETS FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2025/26 AND 2026/27

The Clerk and Financial Officer had provided wide ranging financial information in advance of the meeting including that received from RMBC, giving details of councils’ tax bands.

Members considered the projected receipts and payments for the financial years 2025/26, 2026/27 and end of year balances.

It was estimated that the end of year balance at the 31st March 2026 would be some £3,000. This was considered much too low and gave little resilience to cope with unforeseen events or assist in obtaining grant aid. A more sensible figure for the parish council would be £20,000, an increase of £17,000.

There were several unknowns, including whether the village-wide CCTV would be installed and paid for during 2025/26 or the early part of 2026/27 and what FiT receipts would yet be received from the sports pavilion. It was also necessary to estimate any further receipts at the recreation ground. Letters had been sent out requesting payment of allotment rents.

There were costs which must be paid or where there was already a commitment in 2026/27, including but not exclusively:-

- Insurance
- Tax/NI
- My salary/expenses
- Internal and external audit fees
- Data protection
- Microsoft License
- Pest control
- Litter bin emptying

Meeting room hire
 Water bills
 Electric bills
 Cleaning and security
 Business hosting
 Fire extinguisher servicing
 Play area inspections
 YLCA
 CCTV Maintenance

The figure required for committed funds, future inflation, contingencies and a desired end of year balance at 31 March 2027 of £20,000, was £61,616.

Were the precept for 2026/27 to remain as for 2025/26 and projected receipts be some £83,720, £22,104 would be available to spend on presently uncommitted items.

The parish council now paid the buildings insurance for the village hall. This was a considerable proportion of the overall insurance costs and with limited finance, Members did not to agree to make any additional contribution to the village hall in the coming year.

Some items considered for inclusion in the budget for 2026/27 were:-

- Grounds maintenance at the recreation ground
- Grounds maintenance at the allotments
- Hanging baskets and planting areas at war memorial etc as in 2025/26
- Fell/remove further tree at Bowling Green
- Height restriction barrier at entrance to recreation ground
- Bonfire and firework display incl. medical cover and banner
- Publish The Informer newsletter
- Maintenance of village wide CCTV
- Maximum monies to be donated to other organisations/individuals
- Maintenance of council buildings
- Maintenance/replacement of play equipment, surfacing and seats/picnic benches at the two children's play areas
- Remove/replace/reinstate Teqball table and area
- Improvements to access and car parking at the allotments and clearing out adjacent drainage ditch
- Renewal of surfacing/maintenance at MUGA
- Renewal of signage at the recreation ground, allotments and play areas
- Defibrillator maintenance/renewal
- New litter bins
- Christmas lighting on columns on Kiveton Lane
- Line marking at recreation ground roadway/parking areas

Resolved:

To include the following in year 2026/27 in addition to committed payments :-

	£
Grounds maintenance at recreation ground	- 14,420
Grounds maintenance at allotments	- 600
Hanging baskets and planting areas at war memorial etc	- 4,290
Height restriction barrier at entrance to recreation ground	- 5,400
Bonfire and firework display incl. medical cover and banner	- 7,440
Publish The Informer newsletter	- 250
Maintenance of village wide CCTV	- 300

Maximum £ to be donated to other organisations/individuals	- 1,000
Total	33,700

To achieve this within the criteria already discussed would necessitate an increase in the precept of £33,700 less £22,104 i.e. £11,596 from £68,670 to £80,266 and a total budget of £95,316.

Members considered this to be too high having regard to what an increase to this figure would mean for the various council taxpayers.

Further extensive and detailed discussion considered a precept of £78,970 to be acceptable, achieved by reducing the desired end of year balance at 31 March 2027 from £20,000 to £18,704 giving a total budget of £94,020

The budget for individual spending areas would provisionally be:-

	£
Staff	- 21,728
General Administration	- 9,838
Recreation ground	- 28,014
Allotments	- 1,950
Lindley’s Croft Children’s Playground	- 756
Village Hall	- 0
Village Maintenance	- 4,590
Council Events	- 7,440
S137 and Other Donations	- <u>1,000</u>
	75,316
Required at end of year	<u>18,704</u>
<u>Total Budget 2026/27</u>	<u>94,020</u>

Resolved:

1. To approve a budget of £94,020 for financial year 2026/27.
2. To open a new bank account in 2026/27 to contain monies ring-fenced for future resilience or to assist in grant applications.

26/5 PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

Resolved:

1. That the precept required for financial year 2026/27 be £78,970.00
2. That the Clerk and Financial Officer inform Rotherham MBC.
3. That the minutes of the meeting be added to the Parish Council Website and considered for formal approval by Members at the meeting on the 27 January 2026.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date