

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 31st March 2026.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman
 Councillor O’Sullivan – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Davis
 Councillor Ellingham
 Councillor Jeffrey
 J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer
 Three members of the public.

26/38 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

26/39 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.

26/40 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

26/41 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on on Tuesday 24th February 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

26/42 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:-

An earlier cheque received from Mrs. HG Ecob had been rejected by Barclays Bank but a replacement had subsequently been received and accepted.

A grant of £500 had been received from RMBC towards the cost of the flagpole now erected behind the war memorial

He had arranged for the accounts and other required documents for 2025/26 to be with the internal Auditor on the 2nd April.

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Mrs. HG Ecob – Allotment Plots Rent	180.00
2. Barclays Bank – Interest	74.45
3. Harthill FC – Hire of Football Pitch	40.00
4. J Trench/Todwick Villa FC – Hire of Football Pitch	200.00
5. Todwick Cricket Club – Annual Fee for 2026 Season	400.00
6. Aston Hall Cricket Club – Annual Fees for 2025 and 2026 Seasons	850.00
7. Rotherham MBC – Flagpole Grant	500.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. St John Ambulance – Medical Services at Fireworks	137.28
2. Mrs. J Chant/JB Plastering – Repair/Plastering of Sports Pavilion Ceiling	260.00
3. Information Commissioner – Registration Fee	52.00
4. 848 Services Ltd – Microsoft 365 Business Charges	397.44
5. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Room Charge	21.00
6. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance	1340.00
7. HMRC – March Tax/NI	425.84
8. Business Stream – Allotments Water Bill	99.20
9. Flagpole Express Ltd. – Supply and Install Flagpole	1312.80
10. SSE Energy Supply Ltd. – Electricity Charges at Recreation Ground	1690.99
11. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security	250.00
12. Business Stream – Water Bill at Recreation Ground	135.24
13. J R Walker – March Salary and Expenses	1219.82

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account (Cheque Feeder)	Community Account (Cheque)
£6065.39	£1.00
Total balance after all payments and receipts £6,066.39	

25/43 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

1. Councillor Jeffrey reported:-
 - The vacant allotment plot had now been let and all was satisfactory at the allotments..
 - There were six people on the waiting list in the event of plots becoming available in the future.
 - The RMBC Pest Control Officer was attending the allotment site and reporting/as required.
 - A parishioner had taken down his greenhouse and offered the glass for re-use rather than taking for recycling. The glass was now stacked at the allotments for use as required.

2. Councillor Dixon reported:-
 - The prolonged heavy rain had resulted in no football matches being played at the recreation ground for approximately four weeks. This would likely mean an overlap between the end of the football season and the start of the cricket season. This shouldn't cause any difficulties with the respective pitches but may require some flexibility with possible joint occupation of the sports pavilion.
 - The defective ceiling to the showers in the sports pavilion had been repaired and he would be arranging for the bare plaster to be painted.
 - Black mould had appeared in the ladies toilet at the sports pavilion. This was the result of unsecured guttering and the lack of any air extraction facility. He was seeking quotations for the necessary work.

26/44 GOVERNANCE MATTERSa. Asset Register

The Clerk had circulated copies of the revised Register of Assets.

Resolved:

To approve the Register of Assets in the sum of 1,352,193.

b. Any other urgent governance matters

There were no further items to discuss.

26/45 PLANNING MATTERS1. RB2026/0300

Alteration to the existing single storey front extension and alterations to fenestrations of the dwelling at “Walls End,” Todwick Grange.

Councillor Ellingham gave details of the proposals.

Resolved:

To offer no objection.

26/46 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor O’Sullivan had arranged for an additional Council email address for Councillor Ellingham.

26/47 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Clerk reported the crime statistics prepared by Norman Anderson.

Three “Violence and Sexual” and one “Burglary” incidents had been reported on Manor Close in one month.

Monthly Categories for Todwick

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary	1												
Criminal Damage and Arson													
Other Theft	1												
Other Crime													
Vehicle Crime	1												
Public Order													
Violence and Sexual	5												
Possession of Weapons													
Drugs													
Bicycle Theft													
Shoplifting													
Robbery													
Anti-social Behaviour													
Total	8												

Councillor Dixon reported that although it was not possible to provide supporting evidence he considered it highly likely that the introduction of the village CCTV would assist in reducing some crime. It was also possible that the cameras were helping to reduce vehicles speeding on Kiveton Lane in particular.

26/48 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No new applications to join the Council had been received.

The meeting was suspended at 8.00 pm

OPEN SESSION

Parishioners raised the following:

1. The allotment entrance gate was habitually being left open.
2. The cricket side-screen had been inappropriately relocated
3. Some parishioners considered the brown colour of the metal profile of Queen Elizabeth II to be inappropriate. Silver was suggested as being more appropriate/acceptable
4. Recognition should be given to Alan Billsborough who had been collecting litter in the village for many years
5. The Parish Council had raised its precept by a much higher percentage than RMBC. How did members ensure costs were kept as low as possible including works carried out by contractors?

Council responded:

1. Councillor Jeffrey had repeatedly reminded plot holders of the requirement to close the gate after themselves but it was not possible to constantly monitor this.
2. Councillor Dixon would discuss with representatives of Todwick Cricket Club.
3. Councillor Dixon reported that this had been provided by Tony Hickson and was how the profile was designed to look.
4. Councillor Dixon reported that there were others who had done this.
5. Members explained the reasons for the increase and the mechanisms employed by the Council including setting/managing budgets and appointing contractors.

The meeting recommenced at 8.30 pm

26/49 PARISH MATTERS

1. Members considered providing a commemorative plaque to Sheila Pantry in recognition of the considerable work she had carried out on behalf of the village.

Resolved:

- i. To provide a plaque in commemoration of Sheila Pantry
- ii. To consider removing the existing plaque to Clive Pantry and providing a new plaque to both Sheila and Clive.

2. Members discussed litter being picked by parishioners such as Alan Billsborough.

Resolved:

To offer practical assistance to any parishioners regularly removing rubbish from public areas. Councillor Dixon would make further enquiries to ascertain the names of all those undertaking this and report back to members.

26/50 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

26/51 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

There may be items required in relation to the internal and external audits depending on when the internal audit was completed.

26/52 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

1. That the Annual Parish Assembly of the electors of Todwick be held in Todwick Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 28th April 2026.
2. That next monthly meeting be held on in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28th April 2026..

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date