

# TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

## **Present**

Councillor Dixon – Chairman

Councillor Ellingham

Councillor Jeffrey

Councillor Molyneux

Councillor O’Sullivan

Borough Councillor Bacon – 8.00 pm to 8.48 pm.

7 Members of the Public – To 8.48 pm

J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

Councillor Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **26/94 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor Davis.

## **26/95 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.

## **26/96 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

No items were raised.

## **26/97 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## **26/98 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:-

### **Monies received since last meeting.**

|                                                           | £       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. R M Khan – Cricket Match Fee                           | 65.00   |
| 2. SSE Energy Solutions – Compensation Payment            | 100.00  |
| 3. SSE Energy Solutions – Customer Refund                 | 1075.69 |
| 4. Barclays Bank – Interest                               | 62.88   |
| 5. British Gas – Village Hall FiT Payment                 | 1296.91 |
| 6. E-on – Sports Pavilion FiT Payment                     | 306.23  |
| 7. Todwick Village Hall Committee – Contribution to Works | 1975.00 |

### **Payments made since last meeting.**

|                                                                           |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. John Jeffrey – Repaid Purchase of New Lock for Allotment Entrance Gate | 17.49  |
| 2. Todwick Village Hall – April Meeting Room Hire                         | 21.00  |
| 3. Todwick Village Hall – May Meeting Room Hire                           | 21.00  |
| 4. SSE Energy Solutions – Electricity Supply at Recreation Ground         | 355.23 |

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 5. Haywards Horticulture – Two Months Grounds Maintenance | 2220.00 |
| 6. HMRC – June TX/NI                                      | 425.84  |
| 7. J R Walker – June Salary and Expenses                  | 1321.65 |
| 8. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security                  | 225.00  |
| 9. Zurich Municipal – Insurance Renewal                   | 6921.72 |
| 10. Business Stream – Recreation Ground Water Bill        | 917.30  |

Payments to be made.

|                                                                           |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. John Jeffrey – Repaid Purchase of New Lock for Allotment Entrance Gate | 28.99   |
| 2. Briddon Ltd – Fixing Railings and Handrails at Todwick Village Hall    | 2370.00 |

Un-presented cheques

Nil

Present bank statement balances

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Business Saver Account | Community Account |
| (Cheque Feeder)        | (Cheque)          |
| £21,286.02             | £1.00             |

Total balance after all pending payments and receipts £20,863.03

## **26/99 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS**

(a)

No report was received.

(b)

i. Councillor Dixon reported that installation of the height restriction barrier at the entrance to the recreation ground was programmed for the 3 July. It had been very difficult to deal with the company involved but the product was good and so hopefully all would be satisfactory.

ii. Councillor Dixon reported that the Christmas tree at the recreation ground had died. Although this had been watered the prolonged dry spell was likely the cause, plus there may be a problem with the soil in the area it was planted. He suggested a more acceptable site would be between the football and cricket pitches, where picnic benches might be sited and the area used for relaxing with refreshments provided from the sports pavilion. There might also be the possibility of applying for a drinks licence so alcohol could be served say at the weekends or during events.

It was pointed out that the area had been a tennis court in the past. The soil may be compacted and unsuitable and care with excavation would need to be taken because an underground electric cable was sited in the area. There was also the possibility of gathering around a Christmas tree sited fronting the village hall.

iii. Councillor Jeffrey reported that the recently provided new lock at the entrance gate to the allotments had been broken and he had obtained a more substantial one.

iv. Councillor Jeffrey had met with the RMBC Pest Control Officer and renewed the contract for the allotment site until the 16 June 2027. He had also discussed the removal of rabbits causing damage at the recreation ground.

v. Councillor Molyneux had given approval for a new football team including some players from the disbanded Todwick Villa FC to play two matches at £50/game.

vi. Councillor Dixon reported two recent break-ins at the bowling pavilion.

## **26/100 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

(a)

Councillor Dixon reported that the meeting to consider the revision of Standing Orders had not been held but would be rearranged.

(b)

No other reports were received.

## 26/101 PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. RB2026/0751

Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension with canopy to front and rear dormer window at 8 Grange Gardens.

#### **Resolved:**

Not to object to the proposal.

### 2. RB2026/0872

Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of integral garage including alterations to garage door to window at 17 Manor Way.

#### **Resolved:**

Not to object to the proposal.

## 26/102 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor O'Sullivan reported:

- i. Criticism of the Council had been made on social media about the village entrance signs now being painted, when previously the Council had said this could not be afforded. He and Councillor Molyneux had explained that the estimate for doing the work had been some £4,331.00. However an offer by a parishioner to paint the three signs at no cost other than materials had been accepted, the difference in costs meaning this could be afforded.
- ii. He had concluded his study into the purchase of the most appropriate new laptop for the Council and recommended the purchase of a Dell Pro 15 Essential Laptop Model: PV15250. Once bought he would install the necessary programmes and arrange a meeting with the Clerk.

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor O'Sullivan arrange the purchase of a Dell Pro 15 Essential Laptop Model: PV15250 and reclaim the cost.

## 26/103 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Clerk reported the crime statistics prepared by Norman Anderson.

### Monthly Categories for Todwick

| 2026                      | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Burglary                  | 1   |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Criminal Damage and Arson |     |     | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Other Theft               | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Other Crime               |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Vehicle Crime             | 1   |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Public Order              |     |     | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Violence and Sexual       | 5   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Possession of Weapons     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Drugs                     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Bicycle Theft             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Shoplifting               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Robbery                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Anti-social Behaviour     |     | 2   | 2   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Total                     | 8   | 2   | 9   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |

In April:-

There had been 5 issues at the Hardwick Lane area but only one within the village boundary.  
The vehicle crime was at Church View

Borough-wide, the 3 main statistics totals for April were:-

Violence and Sex 292

Anti-Social Behaviour 212

Shoplifting 72.

*The meeting was suspended at 7.50 pm*

## **OPEN SESSION**

The following matters were raised:

1. Councillor Dixon confirmed that there were presently three vacancies on the Council, the maximum number being nine.
2. Two trees had died on the verge at Goosecarr Lane. One of these had a substantial branch overhanging the footway and was potentially very dangerous. The Clerk would report this to RMBC.
3. Reference was made to fly tipping at the north end of Goosecarr Lane and a CCTV camera was requested to deter offenders. The Council undertook to consider doing this in the future. Councillor O'Sullivan suggested the erection of a "We're watching you" sign, which could be a deterrent.
4. A parishioner had complained that springs on her car had been broken because of the poor road surface on Kiveton Lane. The precise location of the defect/s would be given to the Clerk to enable him to report to RMBC.
5. Councillor Dixon and the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee were to meet with recommended builders to discuss the work required to stabilise copings at the Kiveton Lane gable of the village hall. It was hoped the necessary works could be completed soon.
6. The works to rebuild the dwarf wall at the front entrance to the village hall and the provision of railings and handrails at both the front entrance and side exit had been satisfactorily completed.
7. It was suggested that the recent planting completed at the war memorial and the raised bed fronting the car park at The Pastures was not being watered but it was explained that was not correct because watering was taking place in accordance with the contract for the works.
8. Works to clear land off Osborne Road had been carried out recently and residents had complained that this may contravene the Enforcement Notice established by the Planning Inspectorate on the 10 July 2019, following an appeal by the landowner. Planning permission had been refused on the application deemed to have been made under section 177(5) of the 1990 Planning Act (as amended). RMBC had stated that no planning applications had recently been submitted in relation to this site. It may be the landowner was looking to put the land forward for potential housing as part of the Council's recent "Call for Sites" initiative, part of the preparation of the Council's new Local Plan. Discussions between parishioners present placed some doubt as to true ownership. Borough Councillor Bacon would liaise with RMBC Officers to establish the ownership and the potential effect any change might have on planning related issues.
9. Concern was raised about the removal of a police sponsored CCTV camera previously sited at the Church car park adjacent to the Children's Play Area. This had been very helpful in reducing use of the area for a number of antisocial activities and it was feared the removal would result in an increase of these. Borough Councillor Bacon was aware that this had been moved to another site considered of a higher priority but he would ask the police for a camera to be placed there again.
10. A question was asked as to who had access to view information from the CCTV cameras positioned at various locations in the village. Councillor Dixon explained that this was confined only to the police and the RMBC Officers monitoring at central control. The parish Council did not have access. Shields had been placed on cameras to ensure there was no intrusion on to private property.
11. Discussion took place on the recent requirement imposed by RMBC before any item could be attached to street lighting columns. This included hanging baskets, CCTV cameras and poppies. Each column in question would be required to undergo an integrity check to ensure it could support the attachments. This would be required in advance with the cost of the testing to be borne by those wishing to attach the item(s). This would amount to a significant cost for the Parish Council that

had not been budgeted for in January. Todwick and many, if not all parish councils in the Borough had objected but to no avail.

Borough Councillor Bacon agreed that the matter had been dealt with very poorly by RMBC and advance notice wholly inadequate. RMBC had now proposed to fund 75% of the cost in the first year.

It was suggested that RMBC had told Dalton Parish Council that it would refund the cost of any compensation necessary to reimburse the contractor if the hanging baskets were no longer to be required but other parish councils had not been notified.

Borough Councillor Bacon would check on this and report his findings. He was to meet with relevant RMBC Officers and would invite a TPC representative to attend once the date/time were known. It was suggested the contractor also be represented.

12. Councillor Dixon confirmed that the recreation ground could be hired to host a charity event.

*The meeting recommenced at 8.48 pm*

## **26/104 COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Emma Monks and Lee Dennis were in attendance and both expressed a desire to become members of the council.

### **Resolved:**

To co-opt Emma Monks and Lee Dennis to fill two of the three vacancies on the Council.

Emma Monks and Lee Dennis signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk signed on behalf of the Council and they took their seats.

The Clerk would inform RMBC of the co-options, forward a copy of the existing Standing Orders for information and the Members Interest Forms for completion. These should be returned to him and he would then forward a copy to the Monitoring Officer at RMBC.

## **26/105 PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor O'Sullivan had reported problems associated with a water leak at The Pastures/Barber Close to Borough Councillor Bacon, now employed by the Company.

## **26/106 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were no items to discuss.

## **26/107 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

No items were raised.

## **26/108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To agree that the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in Todwick Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date