

TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th September 2026.

Present

Councillor Dixon – Chairman

Councillor Dennis

Councillor Ellingham

Councillor Jeffrey

Councillor Molyneux

Councillor O’Sullivan

Borough Councillor Bacon – From 7.55 p.m.

5 Members of the Public – To 8.50 p.m.

J R Walker – Clerk & Financial Officer

Councillor Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26/125 APOLOGIES

Borough Councillor Allen had been invited to attend but sent her apologies. She would only attend when there was a specific agenda item relating to RMBC services the Parish Council wished to discuss with her.

26/126 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.

26/127 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were raised.

26/128 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th July 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

26/129 REPORT BY THE CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported:-

Monies received since last meeting.

	£
1. Cameron Hill – Hire of Football Pitch	50.00
2. Barclays Bank – Interest	53.05
3. RMBC – Half Year Precept	39485.00

Payments made since last meeting.

1. Haywards Horticulture – Grass Cutting and Hedging Works, etc	1930.00
2. HMRC – August Tax/Ni	425.84
3. J R Walker – August Salary and Expenses	1225.50
4. RMBC – Play Area Inspections 2026/27	1002.00
5. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security August	250.00

6. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Room Hire July	21.00
7. Todwick Village Hall – Meeting Room Hire August	28.00
8. Blaze Fireworks Ltd – Fireworks Display 6.11.26	4875.00
9. SSE Energy Solutions – Electricity Bill at Recreation Ground	244.57
10. Haywards Horticulture – Grounds Maintenance at Recreation Ground	1110.00
11. HMRC – September Tax/NI	522.70
12. Business Stream – Recreation Ground Water Bill	1220.06
13. Business Stream – Allotments Water Bill	131.84
14. Daniel Thorpe – Cleaning and Security September	250.00
15. J R Walker – September Salary & Expenses	1447.19

Payments to be made.

Nil

Un-presented cheques

Nil

Present bank statement balances

Business Saver Account	Community Account
(Cheque Feeder)	(Cheque)
£41,441.81	£1.00

Total balance after all pending payments and receipts £41,442.81 – less any on the day

26/130 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S SALARY

The Clerk and Financial Officer had sent details of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2026/27 to Members in advance of the meeting, together with the calculation giving his new salary and the back monies due in accordance with his Contract of Employment.

Resolved:

1. To confirm an increase in the Clerk and Financial Officer's annual salary from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 from £16,751.54 to £17,304.32.
2. To pay back monies of £230.33 for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026.

26/131 COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATION REPORTS

(a)

The monthly Play Area Inspection Reports had been received in the usual way.

A Dinnington Resident has submitted a Park Watch Report Form to RMBC complaining of litter and a broken bench and broken play equipment at Todwick Recreation Ground. RMBC had asked for this to be investigated and action taken to clear the litter and make repairs.

Councillors Dixon and Jeffrey would inspect the area and take any appropriate action.

The amount of rubbish being collected and stacked at the side of the waste bin at the entrance to the ground had increased significantly since the MUGA had been left open all the time.

Resolved:

To obtain quotations for the provision of a large bin to be sited close to the sports pavilion.

Councillor Dixon would contact private contractors.

Once their charges were known, the Clerk was then to contact RMBC for comparable costs.

(b)

i. Councillor Jeffrey reported that a recent inspection by the RMBC Pest Control Officer at the allotment site had found no issues. There was presently one vacant allotment but this was to be taken up by the next person on the waiting list.

ii. Councillor Dixon reported that one of the vertical posts of the height barrier had been damaged by a vehicle delivering portable toilets. The driver should have been delivering one of these to the adjacent Meadow House but had instead tried to enter the recreation ground. The incident had been witnessed by Matt Hayward, the Grounds Maintenance Contractor who had a video confirming

what had happened. The owner of the vehicle has undertaken to carry out the necessary repair. He would monitor the situation and take any necessary action.

iii. Councillor Molyneux gave details of hirings of the football facilities. Some were charged £60 for each match. Those that hired for the season and also used the pitch for training were to be charged £600.

26/132 NOTICE OF INTENT

An email giving details of the launch of the Upper Strafforth Independence Campaign had been received from Tim A Wells, Dinnington Resident and Coordinator for the Upper Strafforth Independence Campaign and circulated to Members.

Resolved:

Not to support the launch of the Upper Strafforth Independence Campaign.

26/133 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a)

Councillor Dixon reported that the meeting to consider the revision of Standing Orders had not been held but would be rearranged. One possibility may be to adopt the National Associations of Local Councils Model Standing Orders.

(b)

No other reports were received.

26/134 PLANNING MATTERS

1. RB2026/1294

Erection of a single storey front extensions, render the existing property and proposed extension and access ramp to the front at 4 Staniforth Crescent.

Resolved:

Not to object to the proposal.

The meeting was suspended at 7.55 pm

OPEN SESSION

The following matters were discussed:

1. A new waste bin had been installed on the east side of Goosecarr Lane. This was for general waste only whereas the previous bin was for general and dog waste.
2. The "No Dogs" Notice at the recreation ground was being ignored by some connected to football teams.
3. The white parking bay and yellow no parking lines were faded and required re-marking at the recreation ground. Vehicles were parking at yellow lines causing problems for those accessing the bowling facilities.
4. Dog excrement was becoming more prevalent on The Meadows and at the redundant section of the A57.
5. The August crime figures were not yet available but would be forwarded to the Clerk when they were.
6. It was suggested that the parish council notice board fronting the village hall needed updating including the provision of vandal proof transparent doors. Items displayed were open to the elements and often became faded or destroyed.
It was agreed to place an appropriate item on the agenda for the October meeting.
7. The defective gable end at the Kiveton Lane frontage of the village hall had been renewed using new stone and lead.
8. Matt Baldry reported that he would be resigning from chairmanship of the village hall committee at the AGM on the 7th October. He would remain a member of the committee. Colin Bowker would be the new chairman. The latest audited accounts would be published shortly. Members of the parish council were invited to attend the AGM.

Councillor Dixon thanked him for his contribution to the successful management of the hall and for his work on behalf of the village.

9. A dead branch overhanging the footway on Goosecarr Lane had not been removed by RMBC despite requests by the parish council.

Borough Councillor Bacon would pursue this with RMBC.

10. Complaints were made concerning planters placed on The Pastures by RMBC as part of a scheme financed by the Towns and Villages Fund. This had been reported some two months ago but nothing had been received from RMBC Officers or Members.

Borough Councillor Bacon informed that maintenance of the planters was the responsibility of RMBC until March 2028 and it was likely it would maintain them after that.

This stimulated a number of criticisms of RMBC Officers and Ward Members and reference made to a lack of responses by RMBC and content of recent emails received as a consequence.

Councillors Dixon (Chairman) O'Sullivan (Vice-Chairman) and the Clerk would hold private discussions with Borough Councillor Bacon on conclusion of the meeting and report back to the other Members.

11. A complaint was received concerning the unsatisfactory condition of the planted area at the war memorial and the area west of that on The Pastures.

Hobson Nurseries Ltd would be asked to tidy the planting area and provide a quotation for removing the overgrown shrubs, provision of new soil and replanting with winter bedding to match the rest of the beds.

12. The memorial seat at the war memorial required renovating.

Councillors Dixon and Jeffrey would carry out an inspection.

The meeting recommenced at 8.50 pm

26/135 IT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

No reports were received.

26/136 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				1						3
Criminal Damage and Arson			2	1	1		1						5
Other Theft	1												1
Other Crime				1			1						2
Vehicle Crime	1			1		1							3
Public Order			1	1	2	1							5
Violence and Sexual	5		2		2	1	1						11
Possession of Weapons													
Drugs			1										1
Bicycle Theft													
Shoplifting													
Robbery					1								1
Anti-social Behaviour		2	2	2	4	2	1						13
Total	8	2	9	6	10	5	5						45

The numbers for Todwick were almost static and therefore considered 'low', with 44 issues reported last year and 45 this year to date.

Burglaries were down, but Criminal Damage and Arson were up.

26/137 COUNCIL VACANCIES

No applications to join the Council had been received.

26/138 PARISH MATTERS

(i) The Clerk reported that the Ramblers Association had commissioned a plaque to commemorate/celebrate the exceptional work parishioner Jim Tompkin had undertaken for many years, to protect and enhance the public rights network throughout the Rotherham Borough. The plaque was to be sited on land owned at Common Farm. The RMBC Public Rights of Way Officer had thanked the farm owner, Andrew Tweed, and the Parish Council Chairman and Clerk for helping this to happen.

(ii) Councillor O’Sullivan had suggested it would be worthwhile contacting other Parish Councils to gauge their success with RMBC and obtain a sense of engagement.

Resolved:

To await the outcome of the discussions with Borough Councillor Bacon on conclusion of the meeting.

(iii) Councillor Jeffrey asked the Clerk to let him have receipts and payments information to assist in considering plot rents for 2027.

Resolved:

To place an item on the agenda for the October meeting.

(iv) Councillor Jeffrey could acquire a “We Will Remember Them” Flag and suggested flying this in addition to the Union Flag for the period around remembrance day.

Resolved:

That Councillor Jeffrey acquire a “We Will Remember Them” Flag and attached this to the flagpole sited at the war memorial for the period around remembrance day.

(v) Councillor Dixon referred to arrangements for the fireworks display on the 6th November. There would be a variety of stalls and activities and it was hoped that a bonfire could be provided. Emma Monks may be able to acquire the requisite number of pallets and Councillor Dennis had volunteered to provide a machine to stack them

26/139 DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were no items to discuss.

26/140 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

- (i) Improvements to the Parish Council Notice Board
- (ii) Allotment Plot Rents for 2027

26/141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next council meeting take place in Todwick Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 27th October 2026.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date