MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL, ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2026

Present

Councillors: Cllr John Walker, Cllr S Eyre, Cllr M Broadhead, Cllr R Herbert, Cllr S Rusby, Cllr J Wilson, Cllr D Marsh, Cllr D Kellett

Clerk: Mrs A Winstanley

Absent: Cllr E Holling

Members of the Public: Anthony Young (resident), Linda Burgess (resident)

Minute No 59 APOLOGIES/REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apology received from Cllr Holling, resolved that reason of working approved by Parish Council.

Minute No 60 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Anthony Young, a resident of Cawthorne living on St Julien's Way, raised concerns about several trees overhanging neighbouring gardens. Residents are worried that the trees could become hazardous during periods of bad weather and potentially cause damage to nearby properties. It was noted that large branches have fallen from the trees previously, and the trees are currently heavily laden with foliage.
There was some uncertainty regarding responsibility for the maintenance of the trees, although Barnsley Council has previously been involved in assessing them. The Clerk agreed to investigate ownership and responsibility and to contact Barnsley Council for clarification.
Mr Young also raised concerns about the yellow lines at the junction of Tivydale, suggesting they should be extended. In addition, he highlighted parking issues outside the museum, where parents are stopping to drop off children for school. He expressed concern that car doors are being opened into the carriageway of a busy main road, creating a potential safety risk.
Linda Burgess also commented on parking problems opposite the museum and along Darton Road.
The Parish Council agreed to continue discussions on parking issues throughout the village and to encourage considerate parking through articles in the Parish Newsletter. It was noted that the Headteacher of the local primary school is proactive in communicating with parents and will be asked to issue a reminder about safe and considerate parking. The Clerk also advised that a representative from Traffic Enforcement will be attending the Parish Council meeting in September.

Minute No 61 TO RESOLVE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2026

Minutes accepted and signed as true.

Minute No 62 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on items from last meeting.

Minute No 63 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES/APPROVAL

Resolved that the minutes from the committee meetings will be circulated and then brought to the next appropriate full council meeting to be signed off. This has also been written in to the terms of reference for all committees.

Minute No 64 ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (3rd June 2026)

The Orchard committee meeting minutes were read out by the clerk and then approved and signed off. It was established that the minutes should be circulated around all members.

Minute No 65 CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

It was resolved that there would be a cemetery committee meeting on site on the 22nd July at 2pm.

Minute No 66 ASSET REGISTER REPORT

The Asset register report was circulated around members before the meeting. There was a discussion around the fountains as to whether they belonged to the Parish Council and it was established that they do – The milestones were mentioned as they are in need of painting – Cllr Rusby mentioned that there is a mile stone society that might have an interest in painting these – The clerk will look into this.
The bus shelters were discussed and some repairs and general maintenance are needed on these – The clerk will get in touch with the handy man and ask that these repairs are carried out.

Minute No 67 CEMETERY BENCH

It was resolved that a bench will be ordered for the cemetery to be situated down at the bottom near the ashes' plots – The cost of the bench was approved by the Parish Council.

Minute No 68 HEADSTONE STABILITY CHECK

The Clerk informed the Parish Council about a meeting had with BMBC and that the check was hopefully to be done during July.

Minute No 69 WORK SCHEDULE & CONTRACTOR UPDATE

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Kevin Parsons was no longer doing work for the Parish Council and that a new contractor would be needed.

Minute No 70 CAWTHORNE JFC GRANT APPLICATION

There has been no new application from the football club.

Minute No 71 DARTON ROAD SPEED LIMITATIONS

This item will remain on the agenda as ongoing. There were more discussions around the parking and how busy it was becoming – There have been numerous meetings with highways asking for safe areas to pull in due to the parked cars but the council have said no – The clerk read out an e mail that had been received from traffic response at Barnsley Council – This will be on the website and available to read on the notice board.

Minute No 72 ORCHARD PLAY AREA/NO DOGS ALLOWED

Cllr Kellett requested that the issue of allowing dogs in the Orchard be revisited. She commented that the Orchard is a place for families to enjoy, and that dogs are also an important part of many families. Cllr Kellett also noted that, as the previously agreed signage had not been installed, she felt the matter was no longer considered a priority.
Cllr Wilson commented that she had originally voted against the proposal to prohibit dogs from the Orchard.
Cllr Marsh suggested that a compromise could be reached by fencing off the children's play area, allowing dogs access to the remainder of the Orchard. Cllr Broadhead advised that this option had previously been investigated and found to be prohibitively expensive. She added that the cost would have to be met through an increase in the Parish Council precept, as the Orchard is owned by the village rather than Barnsley Council, and this would not be fair to residents.
Cllr Marsh commented that play areas in other villages are fenced. Cllr Broadhead responded that such installations may have been funded by Barnsley Council, whereas any fencing within the Orchard would need to be funded by the Parish Council.
Cllr Rusby asked whether the Parish Council had a statutory duty to fence the play area. It was confirmed that there is no such obligation.
Cllr Marsh suggested that the play equipment could be relocated into a more compact area, reducing the amount of fencing required. Cllr Broadhead expressed the view that this was not a viable option.
Cllr Walker commented that there are numerous locations in Cawthorne where dogs can be exercised without requiring access to the Orchard.
It was agreed that, should external funding become available to support the fencing of the play area, the proposal would first be considered by the Orchard Committee before being referred to Full Council for a decision.
The Clerk advised Members that a resident had raised concerns regarding the trees at the bottom of the Orchard, which are overhanging neighbouring properties. The Clerk asked whether there had been any progress in arranging for a suitably qualified person to inspect the trees, as discussed at the Orchard Committee meeting held on 3 June 2026.
Cllr Rusby advised that it was hoped a representative, or group of representatives, would be visiting to discuss the delivery of fruit tree pruning workshops. The Clerk sought clarification as to whether the trees at the bottom of the Orchard would form part of this visit and was advised that they would not.
The Clerk confirmed that she would proceed with obtaining quotations for the inspection and any necessary work to the trees as a matter of priority.

Minute No 73 THE ORCHARD PLAY AREA REPORT

The clerk advised the councillors that there were some unsatisfactory reports about the play equipment in the orchard. The clerk was asked to circulate this report so that this could be dealt with in particular the bench that is rotten – this will be looked at in the Orchard Committee meeting on 22nd July.

Cllr Kellett mentioned that a resident on Orchard Terrace had asked about a disabled swing being put in the Orchard – the clerk advised it would have to be put on the next agenda with a cost.

Minute No 74 PARKING ISSUES (VARIOUS AREAS AROUND VILLAGE)

It was agreed that this subject had already been covered in the meeting.

Minute No 75 MEETING VENUE

Cllr Kellett asked if the village hall was always used as the meetings venue or were the councillors open to change? Cllr Kellett found the band playing on a Thursday night a little distracting. Cllr Kellett said that it was just a question as a new councillor that she wanted to ask. The Parish Council said that originally the village hall was used as it is free of charge. Cllr Rusby commented that just because it has always been used other places could still be looked at. It was felt that parking was a little better here also.

Minute No 76 TO APPROVE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AS PER APPENDIX

Approved

Minute No 77 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON BMBC PLANNING DECISIONS

2026/0217 final decision of approved with conditions.

Minute No 78 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2026/0430 – The Vicarage, 5 Church Lane – **NO OBJECTION**

Minute No 79 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT.

The Clerk read out the report.

Minute No 80 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read out by the Clerk:

- E mail from Traffic response
- E mail from Kay Hughes (reform) regarding bell ringing
- E mail regarding 9 Church Street

Minute No 81 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Kellett said that residents on Orchard Terrace had complained about some private parking bays that were in a real mess -the clerk will take photos and report to Berneslai Homes.
It was also mentioned that on Orchard Terrace there was a particular garden that needed some attention and cleaning up, along with a constantly barking dog, again a report to be done to Berneslai Homes.

Cllr Broadhead asked if the Crafty Ladies could have a fixing each side of the peace garden for an archway for the poppies – this was approved and Cllr Broadhead will pass on to the Crafty Ladies. The hedge at No 18 Tivydale will be reported to the estate for tidying up by Cllr Herbert.

Cllr Rusby mentioned the bus shelter at flashhouse saying that residents had mentioned that if it is a particularly rainy, windy day and you are inside the bus shelter, you cannot see if the bus is coming – they asked that there could be a porthole put in like other bus shelters in the village and also the bushes to be cut back for more visibility. Cllr Rusby will cut back bushes and Cllr Herbert will insert a porthole. Cllr Rusby also mentioned the Yew tree up Church Lane that seemed to be hanging over from the grave yard – this will be approached with cannon Kieth and will be looked at in the cemetery meeting on the 22nd July – also mentioned were the lime trees in the peace garden and the antique centre having lots of dead wood. It was discussed that these would be included in the tree inspection.

Cllr Eyre reported the overgrown vegetation on the Gypsy Lane bridal path – the clerk will report this. The hedge at the top of Horncroft was mentioned again – the clerk will ask Cllr Burnett to look into this.

Cllr Walker reported a street light on 'The Park' that is covered in vegetation that needs removing in order for the light to work to its full potential – the vegetation seems to be coming from a resident's garden – the clerk will drop in a letter and ask that this is cleared.

Minute No 82 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESOLUTION OR DECISION

The Clerk reminded the Cllrs that she would be taking August off as holidays so there would be no meeting in August and a revised meeting schedule would be sent round again as there was one more amendment for the staffing committee meeting.

Minute No 83 TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Confirmed that the next meeting would be 3rd September at 7.30 pm in the Moxon Room.

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