

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE ORCHARD COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE ORCHARD, CAWTHORNE ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026**

Present

Councillors: Cllr Margaret Broadhead, Cllr S Rusby, Cllr D Marsh, Cllr D Kellett

Clerk: Mrs A Winstanley

Absent: None – all present

Members of the Public: None

Minute No 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Cllr Rusby be elected as chairman for the year 2026-27
Cllr Broadhead to continue with Orchard Inspections.

Minute No 2 TO RESOLVE TO ACCEPT ANY REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Resolved – All councillors present

**Minute No 3 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY
INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT TO ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

No public present

**MINUTE NO 4 TO RESOLVE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF ANY PREVIOUS
MEETINGS AS A TRUE RECORD.**

No previous meetings (First one)

Minute No 5 GENERAL ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllrs Rusby, Marsh and Kellett expressed concerns regarding the fruit trees in the Orchard and their overall condition. It was felt that the trees had become overly dense with branches, resulting in excessive fruit production. The volume of fallen fruit was attracting wasps, bees and other insects throughout the Orchard, creating a potential hazard for children using the area.

It was agreed that a fruit tree specialist should be engaged to inspect the trees and provide guidance and recommendations on their management. Following receipt of this advice, quotations for any recommended works would be obtained. The matter of trees overhanging the rear of the properties on Darton Lane will be included in the recommended works. Members also discussed grass-cutting operations within the Orchard. Concerns were raised that low-hanging branches were being caught by mowing equipment, causing them to break off and be left scattered around the site. The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the grass-cutting contractor.

It was proposed that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) be approached to request the provision of four additional litter bins for the Orchard.

Cllrs Kellett and Marsh queried the current "No Dogs Allowed" policy within the Orchard. The Clerk advised that this restriction had previously been approved by Full Council and that any proposal to amend or remove it would need to be considered at a future Full Council meeting and placed on the agenda accordingly.

Minute No 6 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on site at the Orchard on Wednesday 22nd July at 4pm

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