

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER 2026, 7.30 PM, FOUNTAIN VILLAGE PUB FUNCTION ROOM

PRESENT; Councillors Hazeldine, Turner, Ogden. Three members of the public, one of whom is Councillor Nixon, Penistone East ward Councillor. Clerk.

2026/069. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Noted – apologies and reasons for absence were received from Councillors Ackerley and Edmondson.

Resolved – both reasons for absence (respectively, work training event and holiday transport delay) were approved by the Council.

2026/070. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Noted – no declarations of interest were received.

2026/071. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY 2026.

Resolved – minutes were accepted and signed by Councillor Hazeldine.

2026/072. TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Nothing noted.

2026/073. TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Noted – Ward Councillor Nixon had a response from Yorkshire Water to say that the sewage spill incident from November 2025 had been resolved and repairs made, the CCTV survey of the affected assets did not identify further problems, this reiterated what had been said to Councillor Hazeldine. Nothing was mentioned about the main sewers running under Wellthorne Lane or Huddersfield Road.

A member of the public present asked about if Yorkshire Water would provide the sewer records for the village for free, there is no sign of them doing that. Councillor Hazeldine noted that these records could be inspected at the Town Hall in Barnsley for free or purchased from Yorkshire Water. The member of the public asked what the overall objective of the Council was, Councillor Hazeldine noted that this is to hear from Yorkshire Water that the village sewers are fit for purpose.

2026/074. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

2026/074.1 APPLICATION 2026/0421 - TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, AND CREATION OF ROOF TERRACE TO DWELLING, GUNTHWAITE.

Resolved – no comment by the Council.

2026/074.2 APPLICATION 2026/0608 – VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE WIND FARM TO TAKE PLACE UP TO 40 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMMISSIONING (FROM 25 YEARS), OF APPLICATION 2009/0572 (ERECTION OF 3 NO. WIND

TURBINES (MAXIMUM OF 95M TO BLADE TIP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING TRANSFORMERS, ACCESS TRACKS, CONTROL BUILDING, UNDERGROUND CABLING, 1 NO. METEOROLOGICAL MAST, FORMATION OF NEW SITE ACCESS FROM WHITLEY ROAD AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND), INGBIRCHWORTH

Resolved – no comment by the Council.

APPLICATION 2026/0700 - ERECTION OF 1NO. DETACHED DWELLING, INGBIRCHWORTH.

Resolved – no comment by the Council.

2026/075. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE LETTERS SENT TO YORKSHIRE WATER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL FOLLOWING ON FROM THE NOVEMBER SEWAGE SPILL INCIDENT.

Noted – some discussion of this happened in the public participation part of the meeting, Council is waiting for further information from Yorkshire Water via Ward Councillors.

2026/076. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS TO SUBMIT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE YLCA SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING IN OCTOBER AND/OR THE YLCA JOINT ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine is attending both meetings.

2026/077. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PURCHASE OF A PAPER SHREDDER BY THE CLERK.

Resolved – Clerk can purchase a paper shredder.

2026/078. STREET FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGED BY THE COUNCIL.

2026/078.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF NAILS AND OTHER MATERIALS TO FIX BENCHES AT SUMMERFORD (BIRD HIDE/BUS STOP, AND RUSTIC BENCH).

Noted - Councillor Hazeldine thanked Councillor Ackerley for her report. He visited the bird hide, it needs some wood as well, Councillor Hazeldine will repair this in 5-6 weeks' time.

Councillor Ackerley said she will clean the interpretation board at Summerford entrance.

2026/078.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE INGBIRCHWORTH BOUNDARY MARKER (LOOSE STONES), THE WELLTHORNE LANE BUS SHELTER (WOODWORK NEEDS TREATING), WEEDS GROWING ON THE MUGA, AND AN OLD WOODEN BENCH ON THE RECREATION GROUND WITH EXPOSED NAILS.

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine thanked Councillor Taylor for his report. He will treat the bus shelter. Councillor Hazeldine has cleared the MUGA weeds, spray painted the metalwork, and applied the second tin of asphalt, however the surface cracks need packs of tarmac for a successful repair. The annual MUGA inspection report will be available soon so further works will wait until that has been received and any extra work identified. Councillor Nixon will investigate if the Penistone area environment support team would cover bench removal.

Resolved – Clerk to ask the handyman to quote to repair the stone boundary sign.

2026/078.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO VANDAL DAMAGE TO THE PICNIC TABLE AT SUMMERFORD.

Resolved – defer discussion of this to the next meeting.

2026/078.4 TO NOTE THAT THE DAMAGED DOG WASTE BIN HALFWAY ROUND THE RESERVOIR, PUT IN PLACE AND EMPTIED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FOR MANY YEARS, HAS BEEN REMOVED AS THEY CAN NO LONGER EMPTY IT, ALSO THE BIN WAS DAMAGED.
Noted.

2026/078.5 TO NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL MUGA INSPECTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.
Noted.

2026/078.6 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE OLD BT PHONE BOX.
Noted – Councillor Ogden received some information from Denby Community volunteers about the restoration of their old BT box; they had got sponsorship for glass panes. Councillor Hazeldine worked out that materials for restoration could cost £1000 before any labour costs were included. A brand-new box could be purchased for £3000. Councillor Taylor noted that the box condition is getting worse as time passes.
Resolved – Councillor Ogden and Clerk to create polls for the Facebook groups to determine the level of interest in the village for restoring the box.

2026/079. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO LAND THE COUNCIL OWNS OR MANAGES.

2026/079.1 TO NOTE THAT THE CLERK HAS CONFIRMED WITH THE GARDENER THAT THE TWO MEMORIAL BENCHES ON SUMMERFORD ARE TO BE STRIMMED ROUND, THE GARDENER WAS NOT AWARE THAT THESE ARE COUNCIL BENCHES.
Noted.

2026/079.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PAID HOURS FOR GARDEN WORK.
Noted – annual budget for garden tasks was set at £500, if an overspend is likely to be needed then the decision to be put to the Council. Gardener usually finishes at the end of October/early November, for example the memorial garden needs to be ready for Remembrance Day.
Resolved – up to 5 hours extra (£80) can be funded if needed.

Noted - Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday 8th November with the usual arrangements, Councillor Edmondson to be asked to contact Revd Stocker about the service.
Resolved – Clerk can purchase the poppy wreath and wooden crosses.

2026/080. TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO BMBC HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.
Noted – Councillor Hazeldine asked Councillor Ogden to check the drain from the A629 that goes under Sandbeds, as the gardener had reported holes in the ground there. The Parish Council and BMBC highways did a repair there earlier this year. Mill Lane junction retaining wall rebuild still not done, Councillor Nixon will follow up on this. Blocked road gullies at the bottom of Huddersfield Road had been reported by Councillor Burnett, some had been cleared but others need a rolling road closure to clear safely, Councillor Nixon will follow this up. Annat Royd lane up to Spicer House – road surface in poor condition, also investigate improving the surface of the passing places, Councillor Nixon has reported both to highways.

2026/081. TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.
Noted – nothing to report.

2026/082. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

2026/082.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TWO DEFIBRILLATORS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL.

Noted – both are operating within tolerances, Clerk will be ordering the adult pads as agreed at previous meetings.

2026/082.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE REQUEST BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ORGANISE TRAINING FOR CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR USE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, FOLLOWING ON FROM SIMILAR TRAINING IN 2023.

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine thought the Parish Council should arrange this. Councillor Nixon noted that first aid training is delivered for environmental groups under the agreement with Penistone Area team and will investigate if this includes CPR training.

2026/082.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER OTHER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Noted – nothing reported.

2026/083. FINANCIAL AND INTERNAL CONTROL MATTERS.

2026/083.1 TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND NOTE INCOME RECEIVED.

Accounts for payment

16.09	#839	BL Lonestar Ltd	Function room hire fee (Sept 2026 meeting)	£30.00
16.09	#840	Liz Charlesworth	Village garden tasks July - August	£84.00

Income received

31.07	NatWest Bank	Interest payment	£6.04
24.08	HMRC	VAT reclaim payment 2026	£746.71
28.08	NatWest Bank	Interest payment	£5.46

Debit card account payments made by Clerk

16.08	Force 36 Limited	Monthly DNS fee - August	£6.00
15.09	Force 36 Limited	Monthly DNS fee - September	£6.00

2026/083.2 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO AUGUST 28TH.

Noted – a bank balance of £15,944.57 was reported on 28th August.

Resolved – the bank reconciliation report for 28th August was checked and signed by a Councillor.

2026/083.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE BUDGET MONITOR REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 16TH.

Resolved – budget monitor report reviewed and accepted.

2026/083.4 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ACCOUNTS PAID BY DEBIT CARD BY THE CLERK, COUNCILLORS TO SIGN AND DATE THE PAYMENT CONFIRMATION SLIP TO CONFIRM NO DOUBLE PAYMENTS MADE.

Resolved – debit card payments were checked, and the confirmation slip was signed by three Councillors.

2026/083.5 TO NOTE THAT CLERK RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HMRC WITH NOTICE OF PENALTIES TOTALLING £200 FOR LATE SUBMISSION OF PAYE RETURNS. THESE WERE FOR MONTHS WHERE NO SALARY WAS PAID, AS CLERK IS PAID QUARTERLY. CLERK HAS APPEALED THESE PENALTIES AND IS WAITING FOR THE OUTCOME.

Noted.

2026/083.6 TO NOTE THAT AGREEMENT ON RATES OF PAY FOR LOCAL COUNCIL EMPLOYEES THAT ARE ENGAGED ON NJC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FROM 1 APRIL 2026 HAVE BEEN AGREED, CLERK'S SALARY CHANGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE STAFFING COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.

Noted.

2026/084.TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

2026/084.1 YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATES/LAW AND GOVERNANCE BULLETINS (JULY/AUG).

Noted – Clerk to pass on Employment Law update to Staffing committee.

2026/084.2 FROM SYMCA ABOUT BUS FRANCHISING PROGRESS.

2026/084.3 BARNSELY COUNCIL MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS.

2026/084.4 BARNSELY 2040 CONSULTATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

2026/085.TO CONFIRM FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES.

2026/085.1 TO CONFIRM THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE AS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2026.

Noted – date shown is wrong, should be Wednesday 28th October.

Resolved – Wednesday 28th October confirmed for next meeting.

2026/085.2 TO CONFIRM THE DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2027 UP TO AND INCLUDING THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, ALL ON WEDNESDAYS, ON

13TH JANUARY, 3RD MARCH, 14TH APRIL,

19TH MAY - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved – dates for 2027 up to the Annual Council meeting are booked.