

GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH 2026, 7.30 PM, FOUNTAIN VILLAGE PUB FUNCTION ROOM

PRESENT; Councillors Berry, Hazeldine, Ackerley, Edmondson, Ogden; Clerk. Three members of the public including Ward Councillor Burnett.

2025/137. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Resolved – no absences were recorded.

2025/138. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Resolved – no declarations of interest were made.

2025/139. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2026.

Resolved – the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Councillor Berry.

2025/140. TO REPORT ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Noted – Councillor Ackerley reported that the ‘YouChoose’ community event in Hoylandswaine went well. Members of the public from Ingbirchworth attended although neither of the projects they submitted (one was community gardening and the other pétanque maintenance) were chosen. Councillor Edmondson noted that he is meeting with Greenotes CIC about seeding wildflowers on the sloped area near the entrance path on the recreation ground. Councillor Berry thanked Councillor Ackerley for getting involved and helping with the Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth project engagement.

2025/141. **TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENT AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

Noted – a member of the public is keen to set up a community gardening and sustainability project for children; this would be not for profit and would need a suitable location. Councillor Edmondson noted this could link with the wildflower planting proposal, Councillor Berry noted a crossover with the unsuccessful YouChoose project. Councillor Hazeldine asked that a short proposal covering the project be submitted to the Council by the member of the public. The Clerk will pass Councillor Edmondson’s details to the member of the public so they can attend the meeting with Greenotes CIC. Councillor Ackerley will let Carmen Taylor (YouChoose organiser) know about these projects as she is keen to help get community projects running in the parish.

Another member of the public present was Ward Councillor Burnett who said he is attending Parish Council meetings where the Council is moving into the Penistone East ward starting from the May 2026 elections.

2025/142. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

2025/1094 REMOVAL OF REAR GARDEN ROOM AND PORCH, AND ERECTION OF TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS, FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION, RAISING

OF ROOF, CHANGES TO WINDOWS, INSTALL OF ROOF LIGHTS AND RELOCATION OF PARTY WALL, HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, INGBIRCHWORTH.

Resolved – no objections from the Council.

2025/143. 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 – Councillor Berry received a reply to the letter sent to Yorkshire Water requesting a public meeting to discuss the events of last November and the communication at the time. Their reply stated that due to Data Protection regulations they could not share information about the incident. Councillor Berry proposed a response stating that the Council is not happy with this and wants to know how the regulations prevent Yorkshire Water agreeing to the request. The Clerk had not received a reply to the second technical letter sent to Yorkshire Water at the same time.

Resolved – Councillors agreed that Councillor Berry should send the reply, again requesting a public meeting. Clerk to let the members of the public who attended the previous meetings to discuss the incident know about progress made.

2025/144. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING ATTENDED BY TWO COUNCILLORS.

Noted - Councillors Hazeldine and Edmondson attended the meeting. Matters discussed included a new subscription formula for the Yorkshire Local Councils Association; the Accounting and Governance Annual Return (AGAR) moving to a digital format; request for suitable training locations in South Yorkshire. A presentation about changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was delivered by a planning expert. This is a major change to the planning policy framework which, if implemented, aims to speed up and streamline planning. It will remove parish councils as statutory consultees. Councillor Edmondson noted that it implies more centralisation of policy via spatial plans. Ward Councillor Burnett noted that Barnsley MBC's current local plan is in place to 2035.

Councillor Edmondson noted that the 91 Thursday bus service was still not arriving in Ingbirchworth.

2025/145. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Noted – Councillor Berry confirmed that he will be standing down from the Council at the May election. Councillor Hazeldine has offered to take all completed nomination forms to the Town Hall. Nominations open on March 31st.

2025/146. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SCANNED MINUTES FROM 2015-2019, FOLLOWING A MATTER RAISED DURING INTERNAL AUDIT.

Noted – all minutes from 2015 onwards are on the Council's webpage.

2025/147. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSET LIST AND RISK ASSESSMENT OF ASSETS.

Noted – the Asset list had the old Council laptop on it and the old picnic table and bench seat that were at Sandbeds (now removed as both were damaged beyond repair). All items have been replaced by newer versions – these are on the Asset List.

Resolved – Council agreed to remove (dispose of) the old laptop (£300) and old picnic bench (£353) and bench seat from the Asset List and approve the updated list.

2025/148. STREET FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGED BY THE COUNCIL.

2025/148.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PICNIC TABLE AT SANDBEDS.

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine and a member of the public installed the new picnic table at Sandbeds. The new bin is still to be installed.

2025/148.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE OLD TELEPHONE BOX ON HUDDERSFIELD ROAD.

Noted – a member of the public had commented to Councillor Edmondson on the poor condition of the telephone box. They have details of contractors who can restore the paintwork and glass. Council Ogden has previously tried to get a quote for stripping off the paint and restoring, but the contractor never replied. Councillor Edmondson suggested a creating a working party to do some of the work. Councillor Hazeldine noted that the original paint and parts can be bought for the box model.

Resolved - Councillor Edmondson will follow up with the contractors to find out costs. The stripping and preparation work could be professionally done, with repainting done by the working party.

2025/148.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO GRAFFITI PAINTED IN THE BUS SHELTER NEAR WELLTHORNE LANE.

Noted – Councillor Edmondson noted that the graffiti is not offensive but just needs painting over with exterior paint. Councillor Berry noted that leaving it may invite more so it should be repainted. Councillor Hazeldine proposed buying paint to cover it up.

Resolved – Clerk to purchase paint, Councillor Hazeldine to provide details of what sort to get.

2025/149. LAND THE COUNCIL OWNS OR MANAGES.

2025/149.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF BROWNSEDGE WOODLAND.

Noted – branches have been pruned back from the road and leaving clearance round the telephone wires. Councillor Hazeldine checked the site and took some photos after the work was done.

2025/150. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO BMBC HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY.

Noted – the potholes on Mill Lane near the water treatment works driveway entrance have been filled, although it is an emergency rather than a patch repair. Councillor Ackerley noted that some potholes in Annat Royd Lane had been filled, but others are still there.

2025/151. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES.

Nothing to report.

2025/152. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

2025/152.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE TWO DEFIBRILLATORS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL.

Noted – Councillor Hazeldine noted that no offline hours were reported although the temperature in one cabinet went below 0°C briefly.

2025/152.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER OTHER CRIME AND SAFETY MATTERS.

Noted – Councillor Ackerley attended the PACT meeting; their priority is rural crime and anti-social behaviour. Community Police team had a stall at Melvyn Carr’s shop where residents could raise concerns. Speeding and accidents on the A629 - causing damage to telegraph poles and resident’s walls - was flagged up.

Ward Councillor Burnett noted that speed advisory devices were now in place near all primary schools in Penistone East.

2025/153. FINANCIAL AND INTERNAL CONTROL MATTERS.

2025/153.1 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND INCOME RECEIVED.

Accounts for payment

11.03	#821	BL Lonestar Ltd	Function room hire fee (March 2026 meeting)	£30.00
11.03	#822	YLCA	Course attended by Cllr Hazeldine 'Chairing skills'	£115.00

Income received

31.12	Nat West Bank	Interest	£7.14
30.01	Nat West Bank	Interest	£6.50

Debit card account payments made by Clerk

20.02	Force 36 Limited	Monthly DNS fee	£6.00
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2025/153.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT TO JANUARY 30TH, REPORT TO BE CHECKED WITH BANK STATEMENTS AND SIGNED BY A COUNCILLOR.

Noted – a bank balance of £13,711.29 was reported on 27th February.

Resolved – the bank reconciliation reports for 30th January and 27th February were checked and signed by a Councillor.

2025/153.3 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE BUDGET MONITOR REPORT TO MARCH 11TH INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FROM PREVIOUS BUDGET MONITOR REPORT.

Resolved – budget monitor report accepted.

2025/153.4 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 BY CHEQUE.

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

2025/154.T0 NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

2025/154.1 YLCA WHITE ROSE UPDATES/LAW AND GOVERNANCE/TRAINING BULLETINS (JAN/FEB).

2025/154.2 FROM BMBC HIGHWAYS AND COUNCILLOR KITCHING ABOUT THE POTHoles ON MILL LANE NEAR THE WATER TREATMENT WORKS DRIVEWAY, THESE HAVE NOW BEEN FILLED.

2025/154.3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNED ABOUT BIODIVERSITY LOSS IN THE PARISH.

Noted – Councillor Ackerley noted that daffodils were growing where grass verges had been cut back on Annat Royd Lane across the dam wall.

2025/155. COUNCIL MEETING DATE.

2025/155.1 TO CONFIRM THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE AS WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH, 2026.

Resolved – next meeting on Wednesday 15th April.

2025/155.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AMENDING THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATE FROM 24TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY

Resolved - June 24th meeting will be postponed to July 1st at 7.30pm.