

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

Present: Councillor: M Pearcy, P Wait, J Hobson, S Pearcy and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: none.

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193/25 Open Forum  
Nothing to report.

194/25 Apologies for absence  
County Cllr Dean.

195/25 Declarations of Interest by Councillors  
None.

196/25 Reports from County and District Councillors.  
Cllr Pearcy and County Cllr Dean provided a report before the meeting.

197/25 CRAG update  
The clerk had circulated the minutes before the meeting, Cllr Wait reported the shop committee are not happy about the weeds on the mounds also the path is still be walked in. There was also a lot of excess grass being walked in after the last cut. The clerk is scheduling a meeting with Millie the treasurer to discuss VAT and producing an income & expenditure report for the council before each meeting.

Clerk

198/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

199/25 Planning  
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.25/1667/HHOLD – Lapley Farm Bungalow – erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Erection of open gable roof and pergola (resubmission of S.25/0213/HHOLD) **Comment, Policy HC8**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

- a) S.25/1485/HHOLD – Windlake House – erection of single storey side extension to create and annexe. **Permitted.**

200/25 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation  
None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – September
Hathaway Landscapes	447.90	Grass cutting contract

S Cook	120.35	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter Editing
Coaley Village Hall	112.00	Room hire
Crag	6537.38	CIL Payment
PFK Littlejohn LLP	378.00	External Audit

### Crag Expenses

### Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

### Payments for Authorisation

None

### 201/25 Clerks Report

- The clerk has received a request from the church committee to include Christmas cards for every property in the next edition of the newsletter. Councillors approved this request.
- Councillors allowance was discussed further to the recent review, the councillors voted not to adopt at this time.
- Clerk to email Hathaways about the number of cuts remaining this year.

Clerk

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### 202/25 Tennis Court

Nothing to report.

### 203/25 Village Shop

Cllr Wait reported the shop will be decorated inside & out at the end of November. The shop has discussed offering mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas light switch on, they are in discussion with the produce show. The Christmas opening dates & times will be published once confirmed. The committee is seeking legal advice for under 18's to work in the shop. The new chiller and sensory strips have been installed.

### 204/25 Village Hall Update

The official opening of the Jubilee room took place and was very well attended, there are a few snagging issues to be resolved. The flat has finally been sold, the loan will now be paid back. The solar panels are still to be installed, the committee is keen to progress that project. The hall floor is being regularly polished.

### 205/25 Leases

Further to the meeting at the solicitors offices, draft leases were sent to the solicitors of the shop and the hall. The shop has returned the draft lease as it implied the council owned the shop building as well as the land. The hall committee is disputing the land ownership, they feel the land registry data should reflect the charity commission records. Cllr Pearcy to contact Tony Eve to arrange a meeting to discuss how to move forward.

Cllr Pearcy

Clerk

	A discussion on licensing for events on the field was also discussed, clerk to investigate.	
206/25	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Pearcy confirmed there are currently 3 members, more are needed to really make the scheme work.</p> <p>A future meeting will be scheduled.</p> <p>Cllr Pearcy has been made aware of properties with external post-boxes being broken into and post stolen.</p>	
207/25	<p><u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u></p> <p>Cllr Wait confirmed there are no new entries on the sheet.</p> <p>The clerk has been contacted by PROW regarding the field near the railway bridge, Cllr Pearcy will try and locate the owner.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Mick Thorpe about the repairs as they do not seem to be taking place.</p>	
208/25	<p><u>Allotment Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Pearcy met with David Dungworth re securing the allotment at Trenley Road better when the rams are in grazing. The agreed solution was electric fencing when the sheep are in residence, if the farmer does not wish to do that then the lease will be defaulted.</p>	
209/25	<p><u>Village Maintenance</u></p> <p>The lime tree at Westend is continuing to cause an issue, residences are concerned it will fall down and cause damage to properties, electric and phone lines.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact the tree surgeons who quoted to see if they can carry out the work and if the original quotes still stand.</p>	Clerk
210/25	<p><u>Highways Repair &amp; Maintenance</u></p> <p>Cllr Wait confirmed some patching has taken place on Peak Lane.</p> <p>The top surface of the road on Silver Street by the Randalls property is coming away, a resurfacing report to be submitted to GCC.</p> <p>Cllr Pearcy proposed another speed survey, the council presently has 2 sets of data from 2018/19 &amp; 2020. Cllr Pearcy will pursue as there may be a bit of a lead time.</p> <p>The parking by the school is becoming a problem again, Cllr Pearcy to mention this to the head teacher.</p>	Cllr Pearcy
211/25	<p><u>Playarea Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Pearcy is due to complete the next playarea inspection.</p>	
212/25	<p><u>Biodiversity Policy</u></p> <p>The draft policy had been circulated prior to the meeting, the councillors voted to adopt the policy and progress with completion of actions by the end of March 2026.</p>	
213/25	<p><u>Risk Assessment</u></p> <p>No immediate action with the exception of the continuity risk if the clerk is unable to carry out duties. Clerk to research purchasing a laptop.</p> <p>Annual review of training and council records</p> <p>Councillors voted to adopt the policy.</p>	

214/25    Emergency Plan  
Defer to the next meeting.

215/25    Solar Farm, Peters Street  
Defer to the next meeting.

216/25    Matters for forward consideration  
Emergency Plan  
Solar Farm

217/25    Items for press release and publication  
Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.