

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025

Present:

Councillors	C Bashforth (Chair) B Burnage, A Atherton, G Booth L Booth, A Morley and R Caley
Clerk	C Greaves
District Councillors	M Cummings

MINUTES

2425 177 Apologies for absence

Cllrs T Staves and DCllrs F Heptinstall and U Ali sent their apologies.

2425 178 Declarations of interest

Cllrs G Booth, L Booth and B Burnage in respect of the Caretaker.
Cllrs A Morley, K Fretwell, L Booth and T Staves for Rycroft Leisure.

2425 179 To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on the 11th February 2025

Approved.

2425 180 Matters arising (for information only)

(1) H&R Deposit account

Noted – the account has been opened and £41,000 deposited with a further £9,000 to be paid in this month.

(2) Planters

Noted – the Planters have been delivered and will be planted in April.

(3) Planning concerns 24/01027/FUL

Noted – the application was refused.

(4) Biodiversity webinar training – Cllr C Bashforth

Noted – the slides from the webinar have been circulated and further consideration needs to be given to the council's policy.

2425 181 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Help shape resilience and emergency preparedness in West Yorkshire

Noted.

(2) Roadworks in Ryhill

Noted – details forwarded to councillors.

(3) Mayors Question Time – 19th March

Noted.

(4) Cemetery Road allotments – parking concerns

Noted – No further reports have been made but the situation will be monitored.

2425 182 District Councillor's comments (for information only)

DCllr M Cummings reported that she had also received concerns over parking on Cemetery Road. The planning application for access at Westfield Farm 24/01027/FUL has been refused. The list of road works and closures has been shared with councillors. The Church Lane crossroads review is ongoing but urgent action has been requested following a further accident. The Cemetery gates will be repaired and repainted. On Tuesday 18th March there will be an onsite consultation on gravestone safety between 10am and 1pm. The Kids Kitchen was a great event and will be back in Ryhill in May. There is a Buffet & Bingo session at St James' church on the 27th March.

A request was made regarding potholes on Ten Lands Lane and a comment made that the white lining works were a success.

2425 183 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

Noted - the Chair shared an update and a summary is on the website.

2425 184 Access to wellhead and maintenance of St James hermitage

Noted – discussions with the landowners over the required work continue.

2425 185 Annual Parish Meeting arrangements 08/04/25

Noted – the meeting will take place at 6pm, before the regular council meeting. All councillors are invited to attend as residents. The Chair will Chair the meeting.

2425 186 Allotment Management

(1) Vacant allotments, surrender of plots and return of keys

Noted – the allotment tenant has not replied the plot will be relet.

(2) Allotment renewals £30 per plot (CR water charge £12.83)

Approved – the Clerk will issue the renewal letters.

2425 187 Policy review following the YLCA training event.

(1) Committees, Working Groups and terms of reference

Resolved – the council approved all of the recommendations.

(2) Declarations of interest, DPI returns and dispensations

Noted – the Clerk and 8 councillors have submitted their DPI returns. 1 remains outstanding but will be completed before the April meeting. The returns will be posted on the website and forwarded to Wakefield Council.

2425 188 Account Payment authorisations (see monthly list)

Resolved – the council approved the payments.

2425 189 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – All PAT testing is complete. Football changes over to Rugby on the 15TH March. Gym membership is up but there are issues with non-payers. Equipment has been updated, Pickleball sessions are starting and British Triathlon are looking into running “Pedal in the Park” sessions in June/July and creating a Bike Hire facility.

Youth work across the area continues to develop. This is funded from a range of sources and grants and there is a continual process of reporting back and securing grants for the future. Youth staffing is being increased with extra paid hours and additional volunteers and there is a need for another part-time youth worker.

There is concern over young people participating in organised fights and further work is needed to understand and to disrupt what is going on and additional training and support is being sought.

2425 190 Items for the next agenda – Annual Council Meeting (May)

Annual Council meeting, Cemetery gates, Wildflower seeding, Clerk pay review, Biodiversity action plan, Planters, DPI forms, St James’ hermitage and Allotments.

2425 191 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council (08/04/25)

(1) Annual Parish Meeting – 6pm on the 8th April 2025

at St Paul’s Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill

(2) April Council Meeting – 6.15pm on the 8th April 2025

at St Paul’s Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill

C R Greaves

**Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council**

Signed as a true record

Date