

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2025

Present:

Councillors	C Bashforth (Chair) A Atherton, G Booth, L Booth, K Fretwell and A Morley
Clerk	C Greaves
District Councillors	F Heptinstall and U Ali

MINUTES

2526 21 Apologies for absence
Cllrs B Burnage, T Staves, R Caley and DCllr M Cummings sent their apologies.

2526 22 Declarations of interest

(1) Cllrs G Booth, L Booth and B Burnage in respect of the Caretaker.

(2) Cllrs A Morley, K Fretwell and L Booth for Rycroft Leisure.

2526 23 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 13th May 2025
Approved.

2526 24 To receive updates on ongoing issues

(1) **Allotment renewals**

Noted – the renewals have been completed and vacant plots are now available.

(2) **Planters**

Noted – they have been delivered and planted up.

(3) **Planning Inspectorate appeal on farm access**

No update.

2526 25 To receive items of correspondence

(1) **Highways H Bar over access to Ryhill Stray**

Noted – these should help maintain access into the Stray, though access issues for wide and larger vehicles remain.

(2) **Roadworks in Ryhill**

Noted – 2 Gas works near each other on Cow Lane 16th – 20th June 2025.

(3) **Rycroft Leisure – Youth Investment Fund grant approved.**

Noted.

2526 26 District Councillor's comments on local issues (for information only)

The following points were noted.

DCllr U Ali reported that no formal planning application had yet been submitted for the proposed Mill Lane development and no additional information is currently available. Concerns have been expressed over drug dealing and ASB at the community and leisure centres and residents have been asked to report it directly to the Police.

The Beat the Street event went well with 30 residents attending and more events planned. Winn View Court – ViCo (formally WDH) are managing the rebuild and construction work is to start this month.

Requests for more bins, a 20mph zone through the village, and for the repainting of the dog fouling stencils have been received from residents and are being followed-up by District Councillors.

District Councillors are lobbying for additional buses to be set on to travel into Barnsley under the cross-border transport arrangements that the combined authorities are trying to set up.

2526 27 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

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

2526 28 Newsletter

Approved – a draft will be produced for the July meeting.

2526 29 AGAR and audit

(1) Internal Audit report

Approved – The Internal Auditor identified 2 areas for further consideration – the treatment of VAT in the accounts and Asset revaluations. The Clerk will look into both and report back at the next meeting.

(2) Approval of AGAR 24/25 forms

Approved – the accounts and the AGAR were approved for submission to the External Auditor and the notice of public rights to inspect the accounts was approved to be issued.

2526 30 Policy Review following YLCA training event

(1) Planning Applications

Approved – The council will continue with the current system of only considering specific applications on request.

(2) Additional policies required – Pension scheme and Investment Strategy

Approved – both policies were approved as drafted and will be added to the council's suite of policies.

2526 31 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – Additional parking provision is being investigated. Repairs are needed to the 3G pitch. The play park repairs cost £2k. Pedal in the Park attracted 50 people and will be held weekly for the next 6 weeks.

A request has been made to move the bar area curfew from 8pm to 9pm for the summer months. The toilets require constant repairs and consideration is being given to a full reworking of the facilities. The noise from the Majorettes is causing an issue and the centre may install a noise indicator alarm.

The youth club continues to do well and has 2 student staff on placement and funding is in place until September. The youth worker is proactive at seeking funding and plans are in place to secure more grants. HAF funding for summer holiday activities has been secured and the mobile van is up and running.

Young at Heart is going well, and Future Self is now into it's 4th year, with 17 having engaged in the first 2 months of the year with the target for the whole year being 45 people.

2526 32 Account Payment authorisations (see monthly list)

Resolved – the council approved the payments.

2526 33 Items for the next agenda (08/07/25)

Approved - Policy review, Newsletter, Biodiversity, Maintenance of St James' hermitage.

2526 34 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the council (08/07/25)

Approved – Next meeting to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on the 8th July 2026 at 6pm

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council



Signed as a true record



Date

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Account payments for 10th June 2025

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
JC Powerco Ltd	Strimmer Fuel pipe & filter	19/05/25	63.54	10.59	UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Unity Trust Bank	Account Service Charge	31/05/25	6.00		UT			Auto
Charles Greaves	Mileage re internal audit	10/06/25	42.30		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Reimbursement ink & envelopes	10/06/25	30.67	5.12	UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Cash to M Bartell re planters	10/06/25	5.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	10/06/25	536.68		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	10/06/25	146.81		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	10/06/25	126.80		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC NIC	Employers NICs	10/06/25	38.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
John Hope	Caretaker work	10/06/25	420.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Cheryle Bashforth	Reimbursement – Planters x 3	10/06/25	36.50		UT	L Booth	C Greaves	

Item	Description	Date	Amount £	Amendment
Integra Accounts	Internal Audit fee plus vat	02/06/25	240.00	Bill was £200 + £40 VAT = £240 Integra have refunded the £10 that was overpaid.

Receipt	Description	Date	Amount £	Paid to
Northern Powergrid	Stray & Park Wayleave payment	22/05/25	191.27	Unity Trust account

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Reserves & Investment Policy and Allocations – 10th June 2025

The council will hold at least 50% and no more than 100% of annual planned expenditure as a general reserve (planned expenditure for 25/26 is £57,228).

It will hold an Elections reserve of £20,000 to cover by-elections and the 2027 elections.

It will hold a Legal, Audit and Insurances reserve for £10,000.

It will hold an Environmental Projects reserve for £20,000.

It will hold £300 in reserve for Allotment Key Deposits (£50 as cash).

All funds will be held in deposit accounts with UK regulated firms.

No more than £80k will be held with any one banking group.

The council will not borrow any funds to invest or deposit.

<u>Reserves at</u>	<u>31st March 2024</u>	<u>31st March 2025</u>
	£	£
General	49,290.73	44,727.08
Earmarked		
Elections	17,000.00	20,000.00
Legal, Audit & Insurances	5,000.00	10,000.00
Environmental Projects	20,000.00	20,000.00
Allotment Key Deposit	-	300.00
Total	91,290.73	95,027.08
Barclays	90,290.50	250.00
Unity Trust T1	500	4,046.03
Unity Trust IA	500.23	40,680.75
Hinkley & Rugby	-	50,000.00
Cash in Hand	-	50.30

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LGPS Pension Discretions Statement – 10th June 2025

Required under LGPS Regulations 2013.

The council is a member of an LGPS - the West Yorkshire Pension Fund.

There is one leaver (the former Clerk) and one active member (the current Clerk).

No former member of the council's pension fund left before 1st April 2014.

The five discretions

- (1) Shared cost Additional Pension Contributions - Regulation 16 (2)(e) and 16(4)(d)**
RPC will not fund this in whole or in part
- (2) Awarding Additional Pension - Regulation 31**
RPC will not fund this in whole or in part
- (3) Flexible Retirement – Regulation 30(6)**
RPC will not fund this in whole or in part
- (4) Waiving actuarial reductions – Regulation 30(8)**
RPC will not fund this in whole or in part
- (5) Switching on the 85 rule – Schedule 2 - 1(1)(c) of the LGPS Transitional Regulations 2014.**
RPC will not switch on the rule nor will it fund this in whole or in part

Link to WYPF guidance notes:

[guide-to-lgps-employer-discretions-final-april-2024.docx](#)

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