

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025

Present: **Councillors** **C Bashforth (Chair), T Staves, A Atherton, G Booth, K Fretwell and A Morley**

Clerk **C Greaves**

District Councillors **M Cummings and U Ali**

MINUTES

2526 94 Apologies for absence

Cllrs R Caley, L Booth and B Burnage and DCllr F Heptinstall sent their apologies.

2526 95 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 95 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 11th November 2025

Approved.

2526 97 To receive updates on ongoing issues

(1) Remembrance Sunday sporting arrangements

Noted – in the future Rycroft Leisure will only allow games after 11.30am.

(2) Planning application 25/01591/FUL

Noted – no progress. The planning officer has been asked to let us know when the case gets close to a decision.

CB

2526 98 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Banking protection limit increases to £120,000

Noted – the Clerk will review the councils banking arrangements in March.

(2) Changes to banking charges at Barclays and Unity Trust

Resolved – Unity Trust charges will increase from £6pm to £7pm. The Barclays a/c will be closed to avoid any charges and the balance will be transferred to Unity Trust.

(3) Wakefield Council Planning Design Code

Noted – Details have been shared with councillors.

(4) Wakefield Council Safe Spaces

Noted – Rycroft Leisure and the Learning Centre have both agreed to be Safe Spaces to support Wakefield Council's local contingency planning.

(5) Havercroft Family Hub meeting 15/12/25 at 10.30am on Cow Lane

Noted – Details have been shared with councillors.

2526 99 District Councillor's comments on local issues (for information only)

DCllr U Ali reported that there had been no update on the planning application.

D Cllr M Cummings agreed to look into the removal of RPC planters from Nostell Lane by Wakefield housing staff and to arrange the collection of a fridge freezer that had been dumped down the ginnel linking Charles Street and Millward Street.

2526 100 WY Police – Safe Scheme

Noted – the report has been posted onto the website. 18 to 20 hours of Police overtime are undertaken each month and the cost charged per hour is £37.

2526 101 Christmas provision

Resolved – the Mill Lane tree lights are out and need repairing, otherwise the arrangements are going to plan.

COA

2526 102 Website and email review

Noted – the latest council policies have been added to the website. Just 3 councillors are still waiting to access their new email accounts. The Website service have been asked to confirm that the council website is WCAG 2.2 complaint.

2526 103 Biodiversity

Approved – all actions are on track and the new guide has been added to the website. Work needs to be done to raise community understanding of biodiversity and this will be done via the newsletter and the website.

2526 104 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – the bike hub has moved away due to low take up. Pickleball sessions have changed. Blood donor sessions may start. Pitch fees have increased to £360. A baby swing needs repair. The Rugby team are looking for funding for indoor sessions. Christmas inflatable event on the weekend before Christmas, and the pantomime on the 22nd. New Years Eve kids event at 1 to 4pm. Last months baby sale brought in new users to the centre. Still looking for funding for the 3G pitch.

Noted – the older age youth club has seen a drop in numbers but many are not in regular education. Additional funding is being sought to take the club beyond March 2026. Young & Heart remains popular. Future SELPH have engaged with 36 of their target of 45 young people with 4 months to run. The mobile van has a new driver from Young Lives with a years worth of funding.

Noted - The extension is going ahead in the next few weeks and the solar panel funding has been approved with installation in early January 2026. A grant HAF will cover the Christmas holiday inflatables weekend and the pantomime with tickets at £3 for a young person (including a goody bag) and free to adults. The family roller disco has secured £980 to cover the next 6 months.

Noted – the degree apprenticeship has started with one-day a week and is going well. All staff are working well together and there are 4 volunteers in the youth club (1adult and 3 young people – 2 of which have come through Future SELPH)

2526 105 Budget and Precept Planning

(1) Budget review and impact on reserves

Noted – the council is likely to underspend its planned budget. This will result in a small increase in reserves at the year end.

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(2) Precept and Budget forecast and impact on Reserves

Resolved – the council amended the draft to provide £1,500 for Planters and determined not to change the rate of Precept. There will be a small change in the actual precept received due to the changes in dwellings and band ratings and the budget is expected to be in deficit and to call on funding of £428 from Reserves.

2526 106 Grant request for £1,250 – Rycroft Holiday Club / SWS Sports

Approved – the grant will be paid directly to Rycroft Leisure.

2526 107 Account Payments (see monthly list)

Approved.

2526 108 Items for the next agenda

Approved – Website and email review, Christmas provision, Rycroft Leisure, Precept Budget setting would be addressed.

2526 109 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the council (13/01/26)

Approved – Next meeting to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on the 13th January 2026 at 6pm

C R Greaves

Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council



Signed as a true record

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Date