

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

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

Clerk **C Greaves**

District Councillors **Absent due to election period**

MINUTES

2526 157 Apologies for absence

Cllrs R Caley and DCllrs M Cummings, U Ali and F Heptinstall sent their apologies.

2526 158 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 159 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 10th March 2026

Approved.

2526 160 To receive updates on ongoing issues

- (1) **Insurance claim for Planters from Nostell Lane**
Noted – Settlement of the has been offered at £300.
- (2) **Planning application – Mill Lane Estate**
Noted – The application has not yet been re-submitted.
- (3) **Surface dressing of Ferry Top Lane**
Noted.
- (4) **Debris on road from works to rear of 47 Station Road**
Noted – Details have been forwarded to District councillors for action.

CAB

2526 161 To receive items of correspondence

(1) West Yorkshire Pension Fund employer contribution rates – 14.9% (17.3%)

Noted – The council's pension contribution payment rate has been reduced to 14.9% of Clerk's salary.

(2) Notice of Elections – Wakefield Council

Noted – the notice has been placed on the noticeboard.

(3) Report of Dangerous driving – Station Road

Resolved – Concerns will be sent to WY Police via Safe scheme.

(4) NALC Pay update – 3.3% increase offered by employers

Resolved – Ryhill will implement a 3% interim rise until the increase is settled.

2526 162 District Councillor's comments on local issues (for information only)

D Cllr M Cummings submitted a written report. The Cemetery gates are due to be completed. The Church Lane traffic lights are out for tender and planned for June 2026. The footway on Chapel Street has had a slurry seal treatment.

2526 163 WY Police – Safe Scheme

Noted – the summary report is on the website.

2526 164 Christmas provision

Noted – the council is looking for suitable planters to use.

2526 165 Website review

Noted - Cllr K Fretwell reported that she had updated the Accessibility statement for the website and removed obsolete documents and details.

The website company has reviewed the website page support applications to make sure that they are accessibility compliant.

The website provider has confirmed that the website is fully WCAG 2.2 compliant.

2526 166 Rycroft Leisure

Noted – no update was provided.

CRB

2526 167 Planting and Biodiversity

Noted – Cllr A Atherton will carry out further seeding and the tree planting has been put back to autumn.

2526 168 Allotments

Noted – the renewals are almost complete. There are a number of plots vacant at Cemetery Road site. The grass pathways will be strimmed by the caretaker as a one-off, and a site inspection will be undertaken to look at the plots, paths and rubbish on site.

Resolved - The locks on the Sunny Bank site need replacing though the same keys will be retained and the water tap needs adjusting.

2526 169 Clerk's pay review – scale s22 with a 3% interim pay rise (£17.99ph)

Resolved – The Clerk's automatic grade increase was approved along with an interim pay increase of 3% (pending the national settlement). Combined this will take the Clerk's hourly pay to £17.99.

2526 170 Account Payments (see monthly list)

Approved.

2526 171 Items for the next agenda

Approved – Annual Meeting and Allotments would be addressed.

2526 172 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the council (12/05/26)

Approved – The next meeting of the council is the Annual Meeting to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on the 12th May 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 14th April 2026

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
Unity Trust Bank	Account Service Charge	31/03/26	7.00		UT			Auto
John Hope	Caretaker work	17/04/26	300.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
YLCA	Annual fee	17/04/26	851.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Envelopes	17/04/26	5.04		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	17/04/26	560.57		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	17/04/26	143.16		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	17/04/26	132.60		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC NIC	Employers NICs	17/04/26	42.71		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Business Stream	Water rates for Cemetery Road	17/04/26	82.04		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

Missed payment – authorised at the September 2025 meeting but not sent.

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
HMRC NIC	Employers NICs	17/04/26	38.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

CMB

UT Current a/c 2151 UT Allot a/c 2164 UT 95 Day a/c 9826 UT Instant a/c 9758