

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

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

Clerk **C Greaves**

District Councillors **Attending the WY Mayor's Question Time**

MINUTES

2526 141 Apologies for absence

Cllrs R Caley and A Atherton, sent their apologies.

DCllrs M Cummings, U Ali and F Heptinstall sent their apologies. The council expressed its thanks for the help and assistance that they have all provided to the council and to the residents of Ryhill.

2526 142 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 143 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 10th February 2026

Approved.

2526 144 To receive updates on ongoing issues

(1) Missing Planters from Nostell Lane

Noted – The claim is still with Wakefield Housing's insurer and the value has been indicated at £300.

(2) Planning application – Mill Lane Estate

Noted – The application has not yet been re-submitted.



(3) Planted Christmas Trees

Noted – Wakefield Council have declined permission.

(4) Unity Trust accounts

Noted – The new accounts have been opened and the account payments includes internal transfers to maximise the interest earned on reserves.

2526 145 To receive items of correspondence

(1) Healthy working life – Living Well Wakefield

Noted – Details sent onto councillors, Rycroft Leisure and the Learning Centre.

(2) West Yorkshire Mayor Question Time – 10th March 2026

Noted – Details sent onto councillors.

(3) Town and Parish Liaison Group

Noted – Wakefield Council can provide stencils and temporary paint markers for a dog fouling campaign. Christmas arrangements will be covered at the next meeting.

(4) NALC s137 limit for 26/27 is £11.60 per elector

Noted – Ryhill does have some limited s137 expenditure but spending has never come close to breaching the limit.

2526 146 District Councillor's comments on local issues (for information only)

D Cllr M Cummings submitted a written report. The Cemetery gates were due to be completed. The Church Lane traffic lights are planned for spring 2026. Potholes had been reported and repaired on Charles Street and George Street. A planning application for a change of use of the Woodlands to a 4 person Childrens Home has been submitted. Wakefield Council are considering funding improvements to the path from the Beachill estate but they want photos and additional evidence to support the request. The Christmas trees can't be planted at the chosen locations due to objections from Highways. The footway on Chapel Street will receive a slurry seal treatment next week.

2526 147 WY Police – Safe Scheme

Noted – the summary report is on the website.

2526 148 Christmas provision

Resolved – the council will purchase 6 additional planters to use for the Christmas display up to £1k in value. The council would like to understand what the offer, options and costs are for using Wakefield Council for its Christmas display but it is happy to retain its current arrangements with the solar powered lamp column features and additional trees with lights.

CSB

2526 149 Website and Email Review

Cllr K Fretwell reported that the testing had only identified minor changes to meet the accessibility requirements and these will be raised with website provider for action. There are some duplicate links and pages that need to be removed.

Once completed the website provider will be asked to confirm that the website is fully WCAG 2.2 compliant.

Resolved – The website company will be asked to make the required changes.

2526 150 Policy review

Noted – the Clerk has added all of the current required policies onto the website under the Policies and Procedure section.

2526 151 Planting and Biodiversity on the Stray

The contractors have been instructed not to mow the re-wilding area. Most of the whips and saplings have died or been damaged.

Resolved – the Council will purchase more mature established trees and timber guards up to £2k in value.

2526 152 H&R Building Society Deposit a/c

Noted – the account has been closed and the final balance of £51,200.87 has been transferred to the Unity Trust Bank current account.

2526 153 Allotments

Cllr A Atherton will now monitor the Sunny Bank site. Renewals continue and paper renewal forms will be posted out before the end of March. Tenants can return the forms and payment to any councillor or in person at the Parish meeting on the 14th of April.

A new tenant has been asked to remove their wooden compost area and to replace it with a plastic one on solid ground. They have also asked if they can erect a fence and for the boundary to be repaired.

Resolved – The council agreed the new plastic compost bin and for a fence similar to others up to 4 foot high. The boundary hedge will regrow in time and no action is planned.

CAB

2526 154 Account Payments (see monthly list)

Approved.

2526 155 Items for the next agenda

Approved – Annual Parish Meeting, Website review, Christmas provision, Planting & Biodiversity, Rycroft Leisure and Allotments would be addressed.

2526 156 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the council (14/04/26)

Approved – The next meeting of the council is to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on the 14th April 2026 at 6.15pm

Approved – The Annual Parish meeting is to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on the 14th April 2026 at 6pm

C R Greaves

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



Signed as a true record

14.4.26
Date

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Account payments for 10th March 2026

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	A/C	Approver	Submitter	
Unity Trust Bank	Account Service Charge	28/02/26	6.00		UT			Auto
Terry Bingham	Christmas tree works	16/02/26	250.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
John Hope	Caretaker work	13/03/26	60.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Printer Ink	13/03/26	23.99		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Salary & Expenses	13/03/26	455.68		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WYPF	Pension	13/03/26	152.84		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	13/03/26	207.80		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
HMRC NIC	Employers NICs	13/03/26	38.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
WY Police	Safe Scheme payment 2026/7	01/04/26	9,000.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	
Rycroft Leisure	Grant for 2026/7	01/04/26	15,228.00		UT	C Bashforth	C Greaves	

Transfers	Description	Date	Amount £	Paid to
H&R Deposit a/c	Transfer to UT Current	10/04/26	51,200.87	UT Current a/c 2151
UT Current	Transfer to UT 95 Day	10/04/26	50,000.00	UT 95 Day a/c 9826
UT Allot	Transfer to UT Instant	13/03/26	10,000.00	UT Instant a/c 9758
UT Allot	Transfer to UT 95 Day	13/03/26	9,999.00	UT 95 Day a/c 9826
UT Allot	Transfer to UT Current	13/03/26	23,642.13	UT Current a/c 2151

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