

FISHLAKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 08th
April 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FISHLAKE

1. Open Public Forum (OPF) 08th April 2025

1.1. Members of the public present at the meeting had no comments, or questions to raise with the Parish Council.

1.2. The Chair closed the public forum.

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ON 08th April 2025 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FISHLAKE

1. PRESENT: The Chair Cllr P Trimingham

Councillors: D White, D Chaffer (Vice Chair), J Waite, R O'Connell.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All councillors were present at the meeting.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST: Cllr Trimingham and Cllr Waite are active members of the Fishlake Monday Club and the Fishlake Flood Wardens Team. Cllr R O'Connell is an active member of the Flood Wardens Team.

Cllr Trimingham formally thanked Cllr White for his support and assistance during the recent Parish Council elections, particularly in helping fellow councillors complete their applications and managing associated tasks.

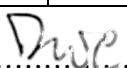
4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING MEETING: It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March be accepted as a true record.

5. TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk presented details of the receipts and payments account of the Council for the period to 30th April 2025.

The Clerk presented a summary of the receipts and payments for the financial year just completed to March 2025. Total receipts during the year were £13,543.77 compared to expenditure of £36,867.92. Total reserves carried forward into the new financial year were £79,186.92.

The statement of receipts and payments for April, the first month of the new year showed bank interest received of £683.93 with expenditure of £708.82. The balance of reserves stands at £79,162.03.

Date	Payee	Amount
31/03/2025	Maris Pumps – 6" Sykes Pump	9,762.00
09/04/2025	Yorkshire Local Council Association	335.00
09/04/2025	J R Hunter – Clerk Salary month 1 2025/26	199.82
09/04/2025	HMRC – PAYE month 1 2025/26	49.80
11/04/2025	3 mobile – Data Sims	62.64
11/04/2025	BT – internet services	58.92
11/04/2025	IONOS – website hosting	7.20

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6. TO CONSIDER ALL ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1 The Clerk reported on correspondence appertaining to the business of the Parish Council received since the last meeting.

- An email from the Press and Communications Officer, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. Notification that South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard has announced that the region's bus services, will be brought back under public control with effect from September 2027.
- An email from the Press and Communications Officer, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. Notification that Arriva Yorkshire will be increasing prices on a range of ticket products from Sunday 30th March 2025. Most fares will rise by approximately 5%, with some increasing by up to 11%. Single fares remain unchanged.
- An email from John Edwards, Operational Playgrounds Inspector, Doncaster Council – Notification that, following a recent inspection, the Clatter Bridge at the play area has been removed due to its severe condition and associated safety concerns. Photos were attached. The Council seeks confirmation of receipt and offers further assistance if required.
- An email from Electoral Services, City of Doncaster Council – Attached Notice of Uncontested Election for public display. As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, no election will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025. Successful candidates will take office on Tuesday 6 May 2025. Any remaining vacancies may be filled by co-option after that date. Further information to follow.
- An email from Sheena, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) – Notification of the publication of NALC's Revised Model Standing Orders 2025. Key updates include changes to Standing Orders 18 and 14 to reflect new procurement legislation and Code of Conduct requirements, as well as gender-neutral language throughout. Councils that have adopted the model standing orders do not need to formally approve these updates. The revised version is available via the YLCA website.
- An email from the City of Doncaster Council, Legal and Democratic Services. Notification of a temporary traffic order for the closure of certain roads within Fishlake during work in the provision of special carriageway surface dressing. The notice period will run from 1st April 2025 until 31st August 2025, during which period roads may be closed for up to 3 consecutive days. The roads affected are:
 - Black Syke Lane, from its junction with Geeseness Lane to its junction with Wormley Hill Lane
 - Geeseness Lane from its junction with Sorrell Lane to its junction with Black Syke Lane.

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- Sorrell Lane, Fosterhouses from its junction with Pinfold Lane to its junction with Geeseness Lane.

7. TO CONSIDER ALL PLANNING MATTERS:

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications submitted for approval:

25/00757/TCON - Notice of intention to fell a Pine Tree, within Fishlake Conservation Area. Coniston, & Dirty Lane, Fishlake. Noted with no comments.

8. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillors discussed concerns regarding the deteriorating state of roads throughout the village. Cllr Trimingham highlighted the severity of potholes and road surface cavitation, noting that vehicle damage and road safety were serious concerns. Particular attention was drawn to Pinfold Lane, where sections were described as hazardous and potentially disastrous if left unaddressed.

The Council agreed that urgent action was needed to address the road conditions, especially in areas such as Pinfold Lane and Pinfold Gardens.

Action: The Clerk to write to Highways to formally raise concerns about road safety in Fishlake, requesting urgent inspection and remedial work, including the provision of proper drainage solution or dyke to the rear of Pinfold Gardens.

Cllr Trimingham advised that the Fishlake welcome sign that has been missing for several years has now been recovered and will be relocated in due course.

9. **TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES:** Councillors had nothing to report under this item.

10. **TO CONSIDER FISHLAKE PLAYING FIELD MATTERS:** The playing field group advised that a green space grant of £5,000 has been awarded for the purchase of plants that will be located at suitable locations in the community park.

However, to secure the allocated funds written permission is required from the Parish Council as owners of the land granting formal approval for the planting of vegetables and flowers in raised beds.

Action: Clerk to provide formal written consent for the planting of vegetables and flowers in the park.

11. TO CONSIDER FLOOD PLAN / PREVENTION:

Cllr Trimingham provided an update on flood prevention efforts and infrastructure improvements:

- He thanked John Foster, lead engineer at City of Doncaster Council, for the successful installation of hard standing pads at the rear of the Church. These will facilitate access for water pumps and lorries during flood events, with access issues now resolved.

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- He praised the Humber and Don Drainage Board for replacing a key drainage pipe under the road with a larger bore pipe. This will significantly improved water flow through the drainage network, now efficiently moving water from the Ings to the Nab and ultimately to Stainforth Bridge.
- Cllr Trimingham also commended the Internal Drainage Board for drainage improvements between Ducketts Farm and Syke House.
- Frustration was expressed regarding the lack of engagement and information from the Environment Agency. It was noted that the Agency has a new CEO, and hopes were expressed that she would visit Fishlake and meet with the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed a letter of invitation has been sent.
- It was confirmed that two 6" pumps for emergency use are now securely stored at the Goldthorpe family property. Cllr Trimingham expressed thanks to Stewart Twell for all his efforts in managing the acquisition and secure storage of the water pumps.

The Council acknowledged significant progress in local flood mitigation infrastructure, though concern remains regarding the Environment Agency's lack of communication or visible planning.

Actions Arising:

- A letter of invitation has been sent to the new CEO of the Environment Agency (noted).
- R. O'Connell to seek expert advice on selling the 8" pump stored at Graham Waite's Farm, exploring routes such as Euromart Auction to ensure best value.

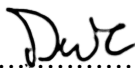
12. **TO CONSIDER POLICE MATTERS / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Cllr Trimingham, reminded Councillors that the village is technically policed from Askern. However, support is being offered, when possible, from police officers based in Thorne who have indicated they plan to set up a radar trap on the road from Thorne. Information gathered from the Neighbour Hood watch is passed to the police.

Concerns were raised regarding youths congregating in the middle of Sour Lane and riding electric scooters illegally, posing a risk of serious accidents. Cllr Trimingham proposed that a reminder be published in *Fishlake News* to inform residents that this behaviour is unlawful.

Action: A notice will be included in *Fishlake News* reminding residents that riding electric scooter on public roads is illegal. Incidents will also, be reported directly to the PCSO at Thorne Police Station.

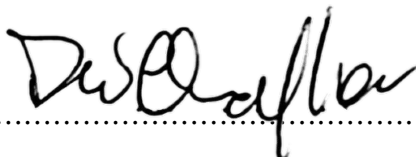
13. **A.O.B:** Preparation for the VE 80 events are currently in the early stages. A commemorative service will take place at Doncaster Minster, featuring period songs performed by the congregation. In Fishlake, a concert will be held in the Beer Garden of the pub, followed by the lighting of the village beacon on the Landing at 9:00pm.

Action: Event notices to be produced and published in *Fishlake News* and other appropriate local channels.

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Councillors acknowledged the resignation of Cllr O'Connell from the Parish Council, noting his decision was due to increasing work commitments preventing him from dedicating the time he felt the role deserved. The Council expressed sincere thanks for his contributions and the diligence with which he approached his duties. Councillors wished him well for the future.

14. **TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** as Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Fishlake

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