Parish Council Minutes – 9th June 2026

Councillors in attendance. Councillor Rachel Parkin (Chairman), Councillor Corinne Moore (Vice Chairman), Councillor Joyce Shakeshaft, Councillor Maurice Shakeshaft, Councillor Sally Savage, Councillor Mickey Gavin, Councillor Michele Wilson, Councillor Joss Dixon, Councillor Nick Greene. Binal Sawjani Clerk

FC040- **Chairmans Welcome**

The Chair introduced the new Clerk Binal Sawjani

FC041 – **Public participation**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions with regards to the meeting agenda points.

Comments and Questions raised were on the following points:

- The Solar Grants for Halifax memorial cost of £3k, Invoice has been sent to council for the 2 flag poles totalling £1215, asked for remaining £1,500 to be added to the next agenda
- Resident asked why no supporting papers had been published in relation to the AGAR agenda item. Clerk responded that we aren't in a position to file the AGAR and therefore there are no supporting documents.
- Resident asked if the data leak that had been reported in the last full council meeting had been reported to the ICO
- FC002, 21st April declarations of interest re Tennis Club members.
- FC010, Resident was concerned that 3 councillors had agreed to take on the reviewing of the mid term audit and was concerned about the councillors workload – Resident was advised that after a meeting with the internal auditor she had confirmed that there was nothing to action from that report so the councillors no longer had to review the report.
- Queried internal audit report and contract with Internal audit, last year no letter of appointment had been provided by internal auditor.
- No financial investigations re: accounting records, and the basis of audit conducted and associated minutes queried.
- A few meetings ago a councillor alluded to the fact that there had been a £15k saving in the previous years budget. Within the budget last year there was an allocation of funding to repair the potholes on cotton mill lane, it was approved when the budget was approved through the proper process. In the budget the year before it was identified to repair all of the wooden benches around the village. Only 4 or 5 of those benches were repaired so where has the money from that gone?
- Speed cameras on Mansfield Road and when is the pedestrian crossing going to be put into the bottom of new hill. A resident answered this question – The pedestrian crossing has had some of the design work done, its in the early stages but is progressing slowly.

A motion was passed to extend the Public forum by 10 minutes, all in favour.

- A concern about the recent 13 potholes that had been filled in, member of the public had surveyed the work and taken photos of what was described as best as a splash and dash effort. Complaint to council chairman, Mick Barton

- A request for more volunteers for speed watch. Currently have 4 qualified but desperately require more.

Session Closed.

FC042 Update from NSDC District Councillor M Shakeshaft

Planning is changing re < 50 houses go through planning committee.

- Planning committee can intervene and have more powers from 31st October.
- Application A dealt with by officers (household and small stuff)
- Application B – most determined by Head of Planning and Chair of planning committee.
- Update on Speed signs with NSDC – added to agenda for 23/6/26

FC043- Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting.

- Councillor Lesley Healy, a motion was passed to accept apologies

FC044 - To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

- Councillor Parkin declared a non registerable interest in the Plough coffee morning solar grant application.
- Councillor Dixon – Cricket Club grant
- Councillor Maurice Shakeshaft as NSDC councillor

FC045 - To approve as correct records the notes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 April and 19 May 2026 and authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes.

- Minutes reviewed and amended for Full council meetings on 26th April and 19th May 2026. A motion was passed to accept both sets of minutes. Signed by the Chairman.

FC046 - Training – Staff and elected Members: To receive the latest training availability via the National Association of Local Councils and consider and book relevant places for staff and elected members.

- Training remains on agenda, Clerk to make recommendations. Rialtas data entry training remains outstanding, however Clerk asked this not to be actioned as a decision may be taken to not use Rialtas moving forward.

FC047- Chair's Report

- Padlock on Wilsons field, NSDC now have keys and new lock applied.

- Bunds at Hadley due for trim, Police recommendation to cut to grass level around the entrance to the car park
- There is poison hemlock in the bunds surrounding Hadley Park and the Carpark. NSDC are arranging for a quote from a contractor they use to remove and dispose of the Poison Hemlock.
- NSDC have had a delivery of bedding plants and suggested a village flower bed or planters within Farnsfield. NSDC will be in touch with a quote, F&E to decide possible locations
- Request for party in park for straw bales, a motion was passed to allow the use of straw bales, on the condition the site is cleaned afterwards

FC048- Clerk's Report

In the short time I have been here there are three items we need to concentrate on

1. AGAR - I have found that the figures on Rialtas do not match the paper copy of the AGAR that was on the clerk's desk. Using both versions Clerk has managed to satisfy the IA question apart from the bank reconciliation. The figures do not agree. The figures in Rialtas are only as good as what has been inputted. I will pick up the AGAR on my return.
2. Governance Review – As minuted in April the chair and clerk met the MO to discuss the Governance review and clerk is proposing that we sign of an initial 10 days for a consultant to come in and undertake this process. Consultant is £500 per day. Clerk will report back at each meeting as to the progress of the review. Scope of work will be distributed to full council. Councillor WILSON, DIXON and SHAKESHAFT (M) raised challenge and requested more information. Councillor Wilson questioned why we had to use this one consultant and why hadn't we received quotes from 3 different consultants. Clerk explained that Will Bradshaw was more qualified and recommended by the MO that the previous person NSDC had recommended charged £700-£800 per day. A vote to proceed with the governance review recommendation – 7 voted for, 2 abstained (MW, MG) A motion was passed to agree a spend of £5000 for 10 days 7 for 2 Abstained
3. Subject Access has been outstanding since 8 May has been dealt with

FC049- Parish Matters: To receive updates from in respect of:

- **AGAR Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26 –** As above
- **Library Leak -** Ongoing for scope of works in relation to loss adjusters email recommended for works to be carried out. Recommend a councillor get 3 quotes asap and bring to next Full council meeting if possible, so works can start asap due to possible loss of cover for further delay. A motion was passed giving Councillor Nick Greene delegated authority to obtain the 3 quotes in the absence of the Clerk. 8 for 1 abstained

- **Grants: Solar Fund –** Plough coffee morning. Councillor Parkin had sought further information in relation to this grant application due to the wording of the deed and had sought clarification if it came under "Hospitality" Senior Associate from Solar grant provided additional information that requires a specific set of rules that need to be met. , but confirmed that it did not fall under hospitality. Councillor Wilson expressed

concerns that this additional information was not shared amongst all councillors for due diligence prior to meeting. Councillor Parkin explained that the email had only been received very late in the day today, which is why it had not been shared with Councillors. A motion was passed to accept the application. 6 Voted for and 3 abstained.

- **Tea for Two - Church** - Tea for two grant application for £550 to be passed onto the church towards the cost of the refurbishment of the chairs used for several community groups in the village. Councillor Wilson stated that this fell under religious purposes and that the church had lots of money and therefore did not need this contribution. Proposal to accept the grant 4 for 5 against the motion did not pass.
- **Highways -The clerk stated this will be a permanent agenda item moving forward.** Clerk recommended fix my street app to report potholes.
- **Cricket club – astro turf, £10,800 –** Due to no evidence of any fund raising, and no evidence of their accounts. It was agreed that more info is required.

FC050- Planning Applications - Farnsfield Application No 26/00727/ADV. Proposal Proposed installation of a 9m totem pole

- Councillor Shakeshaft (M) updated - make comment or not to Planning at NSDC re planning application - No comments

FC051- Correspondence: To receive and dispose of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- NSDC had written in stating that from 29th June 2026, all Parish Councillor home addresses would be removed from the public Website, due to a change in legislation.

FC052 - Date of next meeting:

- Full Council meeting 23rd June 2026

FC053 - Financial matters:

- To note bank balances on bank statements as of June **2026 = £90, 882.74** (main Unity bank)
- Councillor Wilson asked about any Reserve Account – This to be added to meeting agenda for 23rd June 2026, along with an update on Income and Expenditure. The clerk explained she currently had no access to any of the bank accounts but was hoping she would have access to the main account by the time she starts on 3rd August, she will then get access to the other 3 banks. All 4 will then be included on every agenda moving forward.

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FC054- To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following:

- **To receive updates and financially sensitive information in respect of employment matters –** During this session Councillors discussed the governance review and what this would entail. Many councillors raised questions in relation to the proposal set out by the MO. No resolutions were passed

Meeting closed at 21.15pm