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PARISH COUNCIL**

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Public Participation Session

Two residents expressed concern about a disused building, which they said was in a dangerous condition. They reported that they had raised their concerns about its condition with several agencies, including Sheffield City Council, with little success. The Chairman explained that this was essentially a Sheffield City Council issue, but the Parish Council was keen to help progress this. Parish and City Councillor Alan Woodcock agreed to take this up.

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, there was a presentation (followed by questions) by Kim Seedhouse and other representatives from Chap Market. They spoke about the changes that had taken place to governance of the charity that was responsible for the market as well as planned improvements to the market more generally. They went on to outline activities planned for the market for the next few months and said that should any Councillor or Council staff wish to visit the Market they would be pleased to facilitate this. The Chairman of the Parish council, Susan Davidson, thanked them for attending and their great and hard work.

A minute's silence then took place in honour of and to commemorate former Parish Councillor Eldon Hanson who had sadly passed away and had served on the Parish Council for several years, including as Chairman of the Planning Committee. Several Councillors paid tribute to Eldon Hanson and the great work he did in the local community during and outside his tenure as Parish Councillor.

Minutes of Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held on

Thursday 3 April 2025 at the Council Offices

The meeting commenced: 7.15 pm - concluded: 8.40 pm

Councillors Present. Susan Davidson (Chairman), Andy Bainbridge, Dr. John Bowden, Victoria Bowden, Denise Fearnley, Kate Guest, John Housley, Alan Hooper, Adam Hurst, Carol Levery, Mike Levery, Michael Morrissey, Thomas Sturgess and Alan Woodcock

Absent Councillors. Rob Reiss

Officers. Andrew Towler – Parish Clerk/RFO and Laura Tickle – Administration & Financial Officer

Members of the Public. None.

Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman, Councillor Susan Davidson, opened the meeting. She outlined the procedures to ensure that it was effective and lawful.

Signed Chairman:

Dated:

<u>2024/161 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 161: Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> It was reported that one had been received from Councillor Rob Reiss. Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sturgess, seconded by Councillor John Housley and RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Rob Reiss be approved. (14 in favour)
<u>2024/162 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 162: Declarations of Interests</u> Councillor Kate Guest declared an interest in that part of item 2024/166 (c) dealing with the grant application from Friends of Ecclesfield Park. She stated that would leave the room and not partake in any discussions when the whole of this item (2024/166) was being considered.
<u>2024/163 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 163: Exclusion of Press and Public</u> It was considered that there were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
<u>2024/164 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 164: Council Minutes</u> These were considered. Proposed by Councillor Denise Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Adam Hurst and RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th March 2025 be approved. (14 in favour)
<u>2024/165 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 165: Environmental Planning Committee Minutes</u> These were considered. (a) Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sturgess, seconded by Councillor Andy Bainbridge and RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environmental Planning Committee meeting held on 6th March 2025 be approved. (14 in favour) (b) Proposed by Councillor Denise Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sturgess and RESOLVED: That the notes of the Environmental Planning Committee Delegated Powers Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2025 be endorsed. (14 in favour) (c) Councillor Dr John Bowden, Chairman of the Environmental Planning Committee, provided a verbal report on the main areas of discussion and outcomes from the meeting of the Environmental Planning Committee that had taken place immediately before this meeting. He reported that six planning applications and ten planning decisions made by Sheffield City Council had been considered
<u>2024/166 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 166: Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee Minutes</u> To approve the minutes and any recommendations requiring Council approval of the Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee meeting held on 20th March 2025. a) Proposed by Councillor Victoria Bowden, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery and RESOLVED: That

	(i) £1,847 be awarded to Ecclesfield Gala Committee towards the cost of holding the Ecclesfield Gala in 2025 (ii) £1,071.28 be awarded to Sheffield City Boy Scouts Association Don District towards environmental improvements at Hazelshaw Spring Wood (iii) £450.42 be awarded to Friends of Ecclesfield Park towards establishing a community garden within Ecclesfield Park (iv) The other minutes of the Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee held on 20th March 2025 be approved. <i>(13 in favour)</i>
2024/167 (FC)	<u>Item 167: Monthly Accounts and Payments for Approval</u> A verbal and written report was provided on the February 2025 monthly accounts and the schedule of payments for approval between 24th February 2025 and 25th March 2025. Proposed by Councillor Denise Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Dr. John Bowden and RESOLVED: That the monthly accounts, including the payments for approval between 24th February 2025 and 25th March 2025 (and as shown at Appendix 1) be approved. <i>(14 in favour)</i>
2024/168 (FC)	<u>Item 168: To consider the Armed Forces Champion for the Parish for 2025/2026</u> This was considered. Proposed by Councillor Mike Levery, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sturgess and RESOLVED: That David Roebuck be invited to become the Armed Forces Champion for Ecclesfield Parish for the 2025/2026 municipal year. <i>(14 in favour)</i>
2024/169 (FC)	<u>Item 169: To receive an update on projects and activities</u> a) Bee Squared Project The Clerk reported that early interest in the project had been very strong. This was reflected in interest on social media and media more generally, with the project being covered in Sheffield Live and Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust's newsletter. Also, that there had been great demand for the seeds from residents and local schools, libraries, churches etc, and despite it the project just commencing the stock of seeds was already running low. b) Community Clean-ups Councillors Alan Hooper and Mike Levery reported on the Grenoside Community Clean-up, which had taken place in March. This had gone well with several tonnes of unwanted items safely and sustainably disposed of. The Clerk reported that two further clean-ups had been scheduled for this financial year at High Green (Angram Bank) and Chapeltown (location to be confirmed). c) Annual Calendar of Community Events A verbal and written report was provided on the annual programme of community events (see appendix B), which it is proposed that the Council will be represented at. The Clerk reported that these had been built into staff's work programme but were also dependent on at least two Councillors attending each one, which was noted. The programme was agreed.

	d) Operation Steel It was explained that on Wednesday 11th June 2025 South Yorkshire Police is running Operation Steel. This is a day of action by the police and others and which the Council had been asked to support. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Council should support and take part, including by having a stall in Chapeltown Town Centre in conjunction with the police and others and helping to publicise it. Councillor John Housley reported that Chapeltown Litter Pickers were planning to have a clean up on that day in support of it.
2024/170 (FC)	<u>Item 170: To receive a verbal report from Councillor representatives (by exception) on outside bodies, as appropriate</u> • Ann Reresby Trust (Council representatives Councillors Andy Bainbridge and Denise Fearnley). • Ecclesfield Charities (Council representative Councillor Kate Guest). Councillor Kate Guest reported that several grant applications to the Charities had been considered at its most recent meeting • Grenoside Advisory Body (Council representatives Councillors Alan Hooper and Adam Hurst). Councillor Alan Hooper reported that promotional material had gone out publicising the latest availability of the latest round of grants. • Sheffield City Council Standards Committee (Council representative Councillor Rob Reiss). • Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (Council representative Councillor Andy Bainbridge). Councillor Andy Bainbridge reported that a special meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch of the Associations had taken place to discuss a major planning application for a solar farm in the Rotherham and Doncaster area. • Sheffield City Council's North Sheffield Local Area Committee (Council representative Councillor Adam Hurst). • Ecclesfield and District Archives project (Council representatives Councillors Andy Bainbridge, Dr. John Bowden, Victoria Bowden and John Housley). Councillor Victoria Bowden reported on a display at Ecclesfield Library about the Gatty family of Ecclesfield. • Grenoside Exhibition Foundation Charity (all Councillors).
2024/171 (FC)	<u>Item 171: Correspondence</u> The various correspondence highlighted was noted and discussed.
2024/172 (FC)	<u>Item 172: Date and Time of Future Meetings</u> It was confirmed that the next: • Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.15 pm at the Council Offices. • Environmental Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th May 2025 at 6.30 pm at the Council Offices. • Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.15 pm at the Council Offices. • Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council followed by a Full Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.45 pm at the Council Offices. • Environmental Planning Committee Delegated Powers is to be confirmed.

APPENDIX 1: Payments List 24th February – 25th March 2025 – (See Item 2024/167)

Date invoice received	Payee Name	Description	Payment method	Net Amount	VAT if eligible	Total Amount
28.2.25	Wragg's Electrical	Defib installation – Eva Ratcliffe House	BACS	£280.00 PAID	-	£280.00
8.3.25	Bradwell Skip Hire	Skip hire – Grenoside skip day	BACS	£630.00	£126.00	£756.00
24.3.25	Earth Anchors	Lecturn – Airfield at Ecclesfield Park	BACS	£829.00	£165.80	£994.80

APPENDIX 2: Draft Annual Calendar of Community Events for the Municipal Year – (See Item 2024/169 (d))

- Civic Service – Sunday morning, 6th April 2025
- Participatory Budgeting Introduction Night – Tuesday evening, 29th April 2025
- 80th Anniversary of VE Commemorations – Thursday afternoon and evening, 8th May 2025
- Operation Steel (provisional) – Wednesday afternoon 11th June 2025
- Grenoside Gala – Saturday afternoon, 21st June 2025
- SYFAB Funding Advice event – Wednesday evening, 25th June 2025
- Yorkshire Day (Archive Group) – Friday afternoon, 1st August 2025 (exact time and date tbc)
- Ecclesfield Gala – Sunday afternoon, 31st August 2025
- Participatory Budgeting Event – Wednesday evening, 17th September 2025
- Parish Families Open Day (Archive Group) – Saturday afternoon, 20th September 2025
- Remembrance Service – Saturday morning, 8th November 2025
- Heritage Fair (Archive) – weekend afternoon, January 2026 (exact date tbc)

Dates to be Confirmed

- Parish Families Open Day (Archive Group)
- Chapeltown Community Skip Day
- High Green Party in the Park
- Chapeltown Market Summer Gala (provisional)
- High Green Community Skip Day