



ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Participation Session

Prior to the formal commencement of the meetings there was an opportunity for members of the community to ask any questions. None were asked.

Draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Full Council meeting

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at the Council Offices, High Green

The meeting commenced: 7.15 pm - concluded: 8.10 pm

Councillors Present. Susan Davidson (Chair), Victoria Bowden, (Vice-Chair) Andy Bainbridge, Dr. John Bowden, Denise Fearnley, Kate Guest, John Housley, Alan Hooper, Carol Levery, Mike Levery, Michael Morrissey, Rob Reiss and Thomas Sturgess

Absent Councillors. Adam Hurst and Alan Woodcock

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

Members of the Public. There were none

Chair's Announcement

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

2025/59 (FC)

Item 59: Apologies and Reasons for Absence

It was reported that one had been received from Councillor Adam Hurst.

Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest, seconded by Councillor John Housley and

RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Adam Hurst be approved.

(13 in favour)

2025/60 (FC)

Item 60: Declarations of Interests

	There were none made
<u>2025/61 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 61: Exclusion of Press and Public</u> It was considered that there were no items on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press and public.
<u>2025/62 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 62: Council Minutes</u> These were considered. Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest, seconded by Councillor Denise Fearnley and RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th September 2025 be approved. <i>(13 in favour)</i>
<u>2025/63 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 63: Environmental Planning Committee Minutes</u> These were considered. a) Proposed by Councillor Andy Bainbridge, seconded by Councillor Alan Hooper and RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environmental Planning Committee meeting held on 4th September 2025 be approved. <i>(13 in favour)</i> b) A verbal report was then provided by Councillor Dr. John Bowden, Chair of the Environmental Planning Committee, for the meeting that had taken place earlier today. He explained that three planning applications had been considered. This included an especially contentious and complex one for a clean multi-energy refuelling and recharging hub at land adjacent to Cowley Way, Sheffield, S35 1QP. Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan had also been considered.
<u>2025/64 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 64: Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee Minutes</u> These were considered. Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest, seconded by Councillor Victoria Bowden and RESOLVED: That it is agreed: a) To purchase the 4m flagpole for outside the Council Offices b) Internal Audit Yorkshire be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025/2026 and be invited to a finance meeting c) A grant of £2,000 be awarded to Chapeltown & District Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS) for Stageline 8 wireless headset microphones with mixer co-ordinated license and QRK Series active moulded speaker cabinet 300w d) The other minutes of the Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee held on 18th September 2025 be approved. <i>(13 in favour)</i>
<u>2025/65 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 65: Payments for Approval</u> A verbal and written report was provided. It was reported that there were none that

	required formal Council approval.
<u>2025/66 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 66: To consider a new logo for the Parish Council</u> Councillor Victoria Bowden led a discussion on the principle of whether a new logo should be developed for the Parish Council. A detailed discussion then took place on this, followed by an indicative vote. A motion was then put forward by Councillor Victoria Bowden, and seconded by Councillor Rob Reiss, that a new logo be developed for the Parish Council, which was the subject of a vote. The motion was lost. <i>(4 in favour, 9 against)</i> Thanks was paid to Nick Bowden for his hard work and efforts in developing indicative logos for the Parish Council
<u>2025/67 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 67: To receive an update on projects and activities</u> Sheffield Plan Additional Sites Consultation Councillor Mike Levery provided a verbal report on the key areas of discussion at the examination hearings which took place between the 29th September and 3rd October 2025 and had focussed on the additional site allocations in the Parish. Councillor Susan Davidson also provided an update. Councillors Susan Davidson, Alan Hooper and Mike Levery as well as the Clerk, were present at all the hearings that week. A discussion then took place on next steps.
<u>2025/68 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 68: 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) – Councillor Denise Fearnley reported that its next meeting was in December. • Ecclesfield Charities (Council representative Councillor Kate Guest). A report was provided on its most recent meeting. This included that the Charities has agreed to make a ‘match’ the Parish Councils financial contribution to the provision of winter warm packs and had agreed in principle to make a financial contribution to the advice service proposal being developed by the Parish Council. • Ecclesfield and District Archives project (Council representatives Councillors Andy Bainbridge, Dr. John Bowden, Victoria Bowden and Susan Davidson) – Councillor Victoria Bowden spoke about the Parish Families & Fun Open Day held on the 13th September 2025. She said that it had gone well but there was room for improvements. These included the timing of future events. She paid tribute to Emma Collins and the other volunteers in its organisation and delivery. • Grenoside Advisory Body (Council representatives Councillors Alan Hooper and Adam Hurst). • Grenoside Exhibition Foundation Charity (all Councillors). Councillor Susan Davidson reported that the Charity had received a legal opinion that the land at Lump Lane was ‘designated’, which was welcome as it should streamline its disposal. She also provided a report on progress with the Land Registry.

	• Sheffield City Council's North Sheffield Local Area Committee (Council representative Councillor Adam Hurst). It was noted that Councillor Adam Hurst had provided a written report on the previous meeting that had been circulated to all Councillors. Also, that the date of the next meeting was the evening of 19th November. • Sheffield City Council Standards Committee (Council representative Councillor Rob Reiss). • Steel Valley Project (Council representatives Councillor Rob Reiss and Councillor Michael Morrissey). Councillor Rob Reiss provided an update on the re branding and re scoping of the project presently underway, and some of the projects being undertaken by them in the Parish, in particular 'Moon Meadows'. • Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (Council representative Councillor Thomas Sturgess).
<u>2025/69 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 69: Correspondence</u> The various correspondence highlighted was noted and discussed.
<u>2025/70 (FC)</u>	<u>Item 70: Date and Time of Future Meetings</u> It was confirmed that the next: • Environmental Planning Delegated Powers Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16th October 2025 at 6.00 pm to be held hybrid (i.e., members can join remotely or in person) • Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee is scheduled for Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7.00 pm. • Environmental Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6th November 2025 at 6.30 pm. • Council Meeting for Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.15 pm • Finance, Premises and Staffing Committee for Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7.00 pm.