**TREETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM ON MONDAY 28th July 2025**

**Present:**

Cllr W Parker-Foers (Chairperson), Cllr V Beckett, Cllr J Chadburn, Cllr B Croxton, Cllr K Parry and Cllr R Rowbottom,

**In Attendance**

Mrs Y Colverson – Clerk

3 members of public

A period of fifteen minutes was be made available for members of the public, and Members of the Council, to comment on any matter prior to the start of the meeting.

Following the questions asked at the meeting held on 30th June, a member of the public asked further questions regarding the use of the Cowfield by football teams.

**RESOLVED:** This will be investigated and an item will be added as an agenda item to the next meeting.

A question was asked regarding the reduction in bus services over the summer.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Croxton will look into this

**AGENDA**

**25-108 Apologies for Absence** – To receive, and approve if appropriate, apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies and explanations were received from: Cllr T Adair and Cllr O Baum-Dixon

**RESOLVED** That these absences are approved

**25-109 Declaration of Members Interests**

1. Members are reminded to declare any interest in any item on the agenda at this time, or at any time during the meeting, in accordance with Treeton Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. (Where a Member indicates that they have an interest, but wish to make representations regarding the item, those representations must be made during public participation prior to the start of the meeting).

None received.

1. To receive, and approve if appropriate, requests for dispensation from Members on matters in which they have an interest and wish to vote.

None received.

**25-110 To Approve Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 30th June 2025 and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025.

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meetings held on 16th June 2025 and 30th June 2025 are a true record of the meetings.

**25-111 Clerk’s Report** – To receive a report from the Clerk stating actions undertaken since the meeting held on Monday 30th June 2025.

**Emails Received and Forwarded to Councillors:**

Planning Weekly Lists 30/06/2025 - 30/07/2025

The Rotherham Roundup – 4th July

YLCA - Important Notice - Neighbourhood Plans

What’s on in Rotherham

YLCA - Planning Enforcement and Appeals Webinar

YLCA - Business Fire Safety Responsibilities and Update from South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services (SYFRS) Webinar - Tuesday, 29 July

YLCA - Law and Governance Monthly June 2025

YLCA White Rose Weekly Bulletin 4 July 2025

RMBC Results of a ballot to appoint three parish representatives to the RMBC Ethics and Standards Committee (SEC)

YLCA Training Day – 16 October 2025, Thirsk Racecourse

Councillors Discussion Forum - Wednesday, 16 July

YLCA Training Programme July to September 2025

SYMCA information on E-Scooters and E-Bikes from YLCA

Bus service changes in South Yorkshire from Sunday 20 July

Community Transport Customer Consultation 2025

YLCA Whole Council Training

YLCA White Rose Weekly Bulletin 18 July 2025

YLCA TRAINING DAY - THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025, THIRSK RACECOURSE,

Rotherham Round-up: 18 July 2025

Rother Vale News from Rotherham Council - July 25

NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL SALARY INCREASE FOR YEAR 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

RMBC Traffic Delay Report 25.07.2025

Other items to be noted:

Community skip day, now proposed for Saturday 1st November to co-inside with the monthly litter pick and the end of the school half term – Community Centre not used during half term.

Newsletters have been distributed to all houses in the village. Thanks were expressed to Shaun Singleton for delivering them.

**RESOLVED** That this information is received.

A request has been received from the Deputy Leader of RMBC, Cllr Cusworth, to attend the Parish Council meeting on Monday 24th November and has asked for a few minutes to introduce herself. Would the Council be happy for this to go ahead?

**RESOLVED** That Cllr Cusworth will be invited to the meeting to be held on 24th November and an item will be added to the September meeting to discuss questions to be put to Cllr Cusworth.

**25-112 Councillor Reports –** To receive reports from Councillors on actions and information relating to Treeton.

1. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Parker-Foers delivered a report on behalf of Cllr Adair. There was an update provided on the work being carried out on the Cemetery Wall off Church Lane and on the work being planned for the resurfacing of Front Street/Wood Lane.

**RESOLVED** That this information is received.

1. **Cowfield** – To receive a report on drainage.

Cllr Parker-Foers reported on behalf of Cllr Adair that Chris Siddal, RMBC Sports Officer, has received two quotations for the drainage work and is awaiting a third before any decision can be made.

**RESOLVED** That this information is received.

1. **Events Committee** –

Cllr Rowbotton, Cllr Beckett and Cllr Chadburn reported on behalf of the Events Committee:

**(i) Update on the Postponed** **Picnic on the Pitch**

It was noted that ‘The Picnic on the Pitch’ has been rescheduled to take place on Sunday 20th September and that the majority of vendors were happy to reschedule as was the first aid provider.

**(ii) Hidden Heroes**

It was noted that Hidden Heroes event will take place on Friday 11th October in the Reading Room. The Events Committee will meet next on 6th August, to discuss criteria for awards and details of the event.

**(iii) Future Events**

It was noted that there are plans for a Halloween event and Christmas events, these will be discussed at the Event’s Committee on 6th August.

**RESOLVED** That this information is received

**25-113 Planning** – To consider planning applications, appeals and policies which may affect Treeton

No planning applications for Treeton had been received

**25-114 Item for consideration and resolution**

1. **Whitestone Solar Farm** – Cllr Croxton provided a report following his attendance at a meeting regarding potential community benefits.

The meeting discussed how funds from the Solar Farm might be used and distributed to communities affected by the development.

Cllr Beckett presented a draft petition opposing the development and moved that this is shared with the community in order to gain support against the development and to evidence the level of local opposition.

All in favour

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk will produce an electronic version of the petition that can then be shared with Members for comment and once finalised circulated on social media and in hard copy around the village.

1. **Newsletter** – to consider production and delivery of future newsletters

Cllr Baum-Dixon had previously advised that the last newsletter was to be the last he would produce due to constraints on his time.

Cllr Rowbottom stated that Cllr Chadburn and herself were familiar with the software used, and a draft model could be used, and moved that everyone contribute to writing articles and collecting local information to put in the newsletter.

All in favour

**RESOLVED** That the next copy of the newsletter will be ready for print early November and delivered mid to end of November.

1. **Community Skip Day** – To consider delivering a Community Skip Day, in partnership with RMBC.

As discussed in the Clerk’s report. This will now take place on Saturday 1st November 2025

1. **Allotments** – To review charges for allotments 2025/26

Cllr Rowbottom stated that in previous years allotment tenants were written to in August informing them of allotment fees for the following year and how these could be paid.

There was some uncertainty about the amount allotment fees could be increased by.

Cllr Parry expressed her surprise at the low level of charges and suggested that they should be increased to cover the Parish Council’s expenses which are incurred when allotment tenancies are terminated.

All in favour

**RESOLVED** That the clerk will investigate and increase the fees accordingly

1. **Reading Room**
2. **Work to Reading Room**

No further quotations for work had been obtained since the meeting on 30th June.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk will continue to speak to potential trades people in order to gain more quotations.

**(ii) Dates for Housing Surgeries**

The next surgeries will be held on 6th August and 3rd September at which a representative from the Police will also be present.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr Parker-Foers, Cllr Croxton and Cllr Parry will be in attendance at these surgeries.

* 1. **Finance**
1. **Account balances** – to receive balances as at 28th July 2025

Current account £9,954.43

Instant access account £53,200.09

Cambridge Building Society £80,000.44

Nationwide Building Society £36,891.14

Total £180,046.10

**RESOLVED** That this information is received

1. **Payments** – To receive and approve authorisation of payments

A Flinders Burial ground maintenance £395.65

ARCO PPE, Footpaths Officer £78.83

HP Instaprint Ink contract £13.49

Sarah’s Home Cleaning Cleaning of Reading Room £51.00

Earl of Arundel Lease charges for land 0.60p

Rother print Newsletter £870.00

Rowley Surveying Desktop survey + plan £300. 00

Sky Business Broadband £28.74

Staff costs £2,190.56

**RESOLVED** That these payments are approved

1. **Bank Reconciliation** – To approve bank reconciliation to 30th June 2025

**RESOLVED** That the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2025 is approved

**116 Items to be Included on the Next Agenda**

Sports activities – The Clerk to request a report outlining the activities provided and number of young people attending the youth sports coaching funded by the Council

Treeton Terriers – arrangements relating to the use of the Cowfield

The provision of a notice board on the Cowfield

Website

Cllr Cusworth’s Attendance at the November Meeting

**25-117 Exclusion of Press and Public** – due to the confidential nature of the following items, to resolve to discussed these with the press and public excluded.

*Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960*

1. Legal Update – A legal update was received and considered.

**25-118 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To consider and resolve the date and time of the next meeting. Proposed to bring the meeting forward to **Monday 15th September** **2025.** As there is no meeting in August this will reduce the length of time between meetings.

**RESOLVED** That the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 15th September 2025.

The Clerk requested that Councillors inform her of additional items they wish included on the agenda by 18th August in order to prepare the next agenda before she goes on leave.