

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON MONDAY, 14 APRIL 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor T Needham.

Councillors: A Barrington, C Head and C Parry.

City Councillors: C Marriott and N Pritchard.

Also in attendance: J Brooks, Enforcement Manager (CDC)
J Coward, (South Yorkshire Police, SYP)
S Rashid, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (CDC)
S Youngman, Clerk to the Council.

08 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Brodhurst Brown and Sergeant S Lovell (SYP).

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

09 ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM

None.

10 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None declared.

11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026

Council members were provided with a copy of the draft minutes.

Councillor A Barrington reported that she had provided members with the details of the Safer School Street Scheme, this was not included in the minutes.

Councillor T Needham advised that Item 07, relating to the discussion on the ownership of a field, should have recorded that the land is owned by Armthorpe Academy.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting once amended.

12 FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

Council members received feedback from Armthorpe Academy highlighting ongoing congestion issues along Mere Lane. The school reported that, although a second exit gate adjacent to the sports centre had previously been opened to ease pupil dispersal, and the option of preventing pupils from exiting via Mere Lane had been explored, these measures were ultimately not considered viable. A suggestion was put forward for the parking arrangements on Mere Lane to be reviewed, including the potential for permitting parking on one side of the street only.

A discussion took place regarding the use of the land adjacent to Armthorpe Academy, the implementation of a one-way system or a park and ride system.

Councillor C Marriott questioned whether the land adjacent to Armthorpe is for sale. Councillor T Needham advised that the school lease the land from City of Doncaster Council.

S Rashid suggested the use of land closer to Shaw Wood and agreed to check the ownership of the land.

S Rashid discussed the implementation of a Junior Citizens programme in schools to educate and promote awareness of the problems with traffic and parking.

J Brooks reported that 66 penalty charge notices had been issued along Mere Lane from January to March and advised that officers are only able to enforce charges in marked areas.

Councillor C Marriott agreed to invite a representative from First Bus and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to a meeting to discuss altering bus routes.

Councillor C Parry advised that parents of children with special educational needs, need designated parking.

Councillor T Needham suggested inviting S Whitehurst from the highways department at Doncaster Council to a meeting.

Committee members compiled a list of potential options to help relieve pressure on the local road network and allocated members to investigate each option further.

1. Review of bus timetables and bus routes, drop off lanes: Councillor C Marriott and N Pritchard.
2. Park and Stride system: Councillor T Needham.
3. Junior Citizen Programme: S Rashid.
4. Time bound one-way systems: To discuss with S Whitehurst (CDC).
5. Varying start/end times for schools: C Head.
6. School agreements/planning agreements: S Rashid.
7. Enforcement: J Brooks and J Coward.
8. Provision for children with special educational needs: Councillor C Parry.
9. Safer school streets: A Barrington.

J Brooks provided members with an overview of the partnership between Doncaster Council and Wise (an external contractor) to work on issuing penalty notices.

S. Rashid agreed to provide the contact details for a representative from the Public Health department at Doncaster Council.

Councillor A Barrington reported issues with vehicles blocking private driveways. J Brooks advised that Doncaster Council require the consent of the homeowner to issue tickets for vehicles parked over dropped kerbs.

Councillor C Head suggested for residents with dropped kerbs to display signs to highlight that blocking driveways may result in a penalty.

13 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To receive updates from members on the list compiled within item 12.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 12th May at 6pm.