

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARMTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ARMTHORPE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 13
OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor T Needham.

Councillors: A Bradley, M Jackson, L Monks, A Nicholas, C Parry, C Trewick, and M Walton.

City Councillor: C Marriott and N Pritchard.

Clerk to the Council: S Youngman.

Twelve members of the public.

77 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Chairperson.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor T Needham.

78 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Vice Chairperson.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor M Phillips.

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

RESOLVED: Item 11a.

80 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None declared.

81 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors L Bradley, E North, and M Phillips.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

a. Rands Lane Burial Ground.

- i. To consider and determine whether to waive the applicable fee for the Transfer of Exclusive Rights for memorials already inspected.

Council members were advised that is normally a fee of £50.00 for the process.

RESOLVED: To waive the fee for families of the memorials inspected to date.

- ii. To receive an update on the action to appoint an independent stonemason on the memorials already inspected.

The Clerk advised that she had asked the National Association of Memorial Masons to inspect the memorials but had not yet received a response.

- iii. To consider authorising staff to contact relevant members of the public to discuss and progress the necessary arrangements for the transfer of grave ownership and reinstatement of memorials.

RESOLVED: For the process of sharing the reports with families.

b. Play Park Project.

- i. To review the quotes received to provide a Soft Landscaping Scheme: Deferred.

c. Website.

- i. To receive feedback from members on the new website.

Council members were asked for their comments on the website. Positive feedback was received with a suggestion of adding a translation tool and a tool to simplify the text.

RESOLVED: To trial the website with community centre visitors and feedback the results at the next meeting.

- ii. To agree a date to launch the website.

RESOLVED: To agree a date at the next meeting.

- a. To consider whether to object, comment or support any planning applications relating to the Parish, submitted to Doncaster Council since the last meeting (enclosed).**

26/01722/FUL: Ground Floor 24-26 Mill Street: Change of use from Use Class E/Dry Cleaner (Sui Generis) to Sui Generis (Betting Office), external alterations and signage.

No objections raised.

26/01723ADV: 24-26 Mill Street: Display of one non illuminated fascia sign with a height of 0.675m, width of 11.436m, depth of 0.11m and with height from the ground to the base of advertisement of 2.24m and maximum projection from the face of the building is 0.11m.

No objections raised.

26/01701/SCRE: Land at Grange Farm, Mere Lane: Request for a screening opinion for outline planning application for the erection of residential dwellings, care home and nursery and the change of use of existing buildings to retail/ community uses, with all matters reserved except access into the site (but not within).

Enquiry closed.

26/01643/ADV: The Acorn, Hatfield Lane: Display of internally illuminated fascia sign (height 0.76m, width 6.689m and depth 0.045m) and one externally illuminated totem sign (height 3.45m, width 0.92 and depth 0.05m).

No objections raised.

26/01418/COU: 3 The Crescent: Change of use from dwelling (Class C3) to children's care home (Class C2).

No objections raised.

26/00411/OUTM: Land South of Ladycroft Road: Outline application for residential development of up to 200 houses with associated infrastructure (all matters reserved except for access).

RESOLVED To object to the application based on the issues raised in the original letter of objection and to tie in the issues raised by the Against Ladycroft Development group.

b. Planning Decisions

Council members were provided with the list of decisions made since the last meeting.

84 FINANCE

a. To review and approve the Schedule of Accounts for payment.

Council members were provided with a copy of the report.

RESOLVED To approve the report.

b. To review and approve the Bank Reconciliation Dated 31st August 2026.

Council members were provided with a copy of the report.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

c. To review and approve the Income and Expenditure report dated 31st August 2026.

Council members were provided with a copy of the report.

RSOLVED: To approve the report.

d. To note the External Audit Report from PKF Littlejohn LLP for the 2025-2026 accounting year.

RESOLVED: To note receipt of the report and the amend the answer to Section 2, Box 11 to Yes.

85 CITY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor C Marriott provided the following updates:

1. Re-siting of a road sign on Elm Road.
2. Resolving water leaks in the village.
3. Attending the ceremony to rename the Maple Grove Community Hall to the Kevin Keegan Community Hall.
4. Removing nettles on Granby Court.
5. Issues with cars being park on the green space on Rands Lane.
6. All three City Councillors have supported the residents affected by the fire on Fernbank Drive.
7. Support the residents on The Crescent regarding planning application: 26/01418/COU.

Councillor N Pritchard advised that he had been unwell for three weeks but had worked on the following:

1. Ongoing issues on Lime Tree Avenue.
2. Confidential casework.

Councillor T Needham provided the following updates:

1. Assisting the residents affected by the fire on Fernbank Drive.
2. Litter on Forge Close.
3. Overgrown vegetation in empty properties.
4. General casework.
5. Councillor surgeries.

86 CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Banking Hub Update.

This matter was discussed in private. Council members were provided with a copy of the proposal from Cash Access.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposal subject to a request for additional fees towards utilities and the matter of insurance and liability being confirmed.

b. Councillor Resignations.

Council members were provided with a copy of the resignations received from Councillors A Barrington, C Brodhurst Brown and C Head.

87 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

88 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS:

Councillor A Nicholas raised the matter of the matter of the Local Plan being developed by Doncaster Council and questioned how the Parish Council can impact the plans. Councillor T Needham suggested adding the matter of reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan to the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor C Parry raised concerns regarding the lack of accessible homes being built.

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked about the systems in place to record burial information. The Clerk confirmed that historically the records had been paper based but since 2023 the records are digital, staff are working to get the historic information onto the electronic system.

A member of the public asked for full information packs to be made available to members of the public for meetings.

A member of the public complained about speeding along Cow House Lane. Councillor T Needham advised that the matter is the responsibility of South Yorkshire Police and City of Doncaster Council. Members were encouraged to raise their concerns at the Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings or to email City Councillors.

A member of the public reminded members that he had brought up the matter of slow and arrow markings on Cow House Lane previously.

Councillor C Marriott questioned whether a weight limit restriction could be implemented.

A member of the public advised that residents of Gunhills Lane also experience the same issues with speeding traffic.

Councillor N Pritchard advised that he would report the issues at the next PACT meeting.

A member of the public urged the Parish Council to refer to the Neighbourhood Plan when objecting the Ladycroft development.

A member of the public advised that the area recently cleared of fly tipping on Westmoor Link is becoming a problem again, a suggestion was made for a barrier to be installed.

A member of the public advised that he arranged the public consultation for the Grange Farm development and there are plans to include bungalows.

A member of the public asked an update on the Banking Hub. Councillor T Needham advised that information will be shared once the Council are able to.