MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND GENERAL-PURPOSE COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

Chairperson: Councillor M Phillips.

Councillors: A Bradley, L Monks, T Needham, and C Parry.

Clerk to the Council: S Youngman.

Sports and Recreation Officer: C Hughes.

Community Clean Up Champion: L Pedley.

One member of the public.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors M Jackson and M Walton.

38 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Chairperson for the committee.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor A Nicholas.

39 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Vice Chairperson for the committee.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor M Phillips.

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

None.

41 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

42 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A Nicholas and E North.

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43 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting and for the minutes to be signed.

44 SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER UPDATE

Council Members were provided with a written report, which included updates on the following matters:

- Results from the school sports competition football festivals.
- Visit from Mike Keegan to the football festivals, a suggestion was made to invite Mike to the Christmas Tea event.
- Award of £500.00 from the Doncaster Council Anticipate Fund for Halloween and Firework project work.
- October half term holiday programme for children aged twelve to sixteen.

45 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CHAMPION UPDATE

The Community Clean Up Champion provided members with an update on activities undertaken during the previous month. The Bitter About Litter campaign has been refreshed, with an increased emphasis on positive news stories and promoting community pride.

An update was also provided on the monthly newsletter, which is distributed online and through local community venues, including the library and community centre. Members were encouraged to support the campaign by liking and sharing social media posts.

Council members have been invited to participate in future community litter-picking events to demonstrate visible support and engagement within the community. A date for the first session is yet to be confirmed.

The Clean Up Champion advised that she continues to work closely with local groups, including the Brownies, and has recently become a Keep Britain Tidy Litter Hero Ambassador for South Yorkshire.

Members were also informed of ongoing work to develop a database of litter hotspots across the parish. This information will help provide evidence to support the need for additional litter bins in identified locations.

46 APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR EVENTS

Council members were asked to consider providing approval for the following items of expenditure required for the delivery of events:

a. Firework Event

i. Provision of lighting towers from Omni Eco at a cost of £1,248.00
ii. Provision of toilets from Nicholls Loo Hire at a cost of £260.00

b. Remembrance Service

i. Provision of a PA system from Burgray at a cost of £390.00

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c. Christmas Tea Events

i. Provision of a three-course meal from Jaysters of Bawtry at a cost of £17.50 per person or takeaway meal at a cost of £13.50 per person.

RESOLVED: To approve the expenditure

47 ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

a. Evacuation Chair and Training

The Clerk advised that the training had been arranged; however, the trainer identified that the evacuation chair supplied was not suitable for use on the width of the stairs at the facility. Arrangements have therefore been made for the chair to be returned and a full refund obtained. A replacement chair, suitable for the stair dimensions and training requirements, will be purchased in due course.

b. Instant Hot Water Boiler for Bar

Council members were asked to consider the quotation received from Yorkshire Mechanical Services Ltd for plumbing works required to facilitate the provision of hot drinks from behind the bar. The proposed works would enable bar staff to access a suitable hot water supply, improving the facilities available for the preparation and serving of refreshments. Members reviewed the quotation and considered the benefits of the proposed installation.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote at a cost of £490.00 plus VAT.

48 MERCEL AVENUE ALLOTMENTS

a. Meeting with tenants

Council members were asked to agree a date to meet with tenants following on from the meeting held previously to discuss ponds.

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 10th November at 7pm.

b. Complaint regarding Water Charges

Council members were provided with a copy of the complaint received from a tenant regarding the charges for water.

RESOLVED: That the water charges remain payable.

49 BURIAL GROUND

a. Updated Memorial Permit Application

Council members were provided with an updated permit which specified stonemasons to provide a NAMM/BRAMM Registration Number and states that all memorials must comply with BS8415 and NAMM/BRAMM standards.

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RESOLVED: To approve the document.

50 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Briar Road Football Posts

Council members were provided with a copy of the letter regarding the dangerous state of the goalposts located on the field.

RESOLVED: To arrange for the goalposts to be removed and look into replacement posts.

b. Flood Awareness newsletter from Environment Agency

RESOLVED: To share the information via Facebook.

51 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7pm

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