



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2025

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor C Head.

Councillors: A Barrington, L Bradley, C Brodhurst Brown, L Monks, and E North.

Also present: S Youngman: Clerk to the Council, and Daisy Youngman: Events Assistant and one member of the public.

38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Rose.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

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

None.

40 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None declared.

41 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2025

Council members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

42 ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Councillor A Barrington reported positive feedback from the pantomime and advised that the next event would take place in March.

43 REVIEW OF EVENTS

a. Quiz Night

The Events Assistant reported a successful event, feedback from attendees suggested that a monthly event would be supported along with disco, bingo, psychic, beetle drive and speed dating events.

b. Halloween Party

Council members reported an issue with one parent being intoxicated at the event and advised that the entertainer did not interact with the children throughout the event. A member of the public questioned who was responsible for first aid at the event. The Clerk confirmed that due to the length of the event and the activities taking place a dedicated first aider is not required.

RESOLVED: For feedback to be sent to the entertainer.

c. Firework Event

Council members noted a well-attended event and discussed looking at the option of quieter fireworks. A member of the public raised concerns with the dedicated first aider not being at the first aid point throughout the event, a lack of radios, the condition of the gazebo used for first aid and lost children, and the lack of a defibrillator.

RESOLVED: To look at alternative first aid provision, a robust gazebo, radios and a defibrillator.

d. Remembrance Service

Councillor C Brodhurst Brown expressed thanks to staff, Captain Andrew Payne and the Iain Dove for the work involved in co-ordinating the event. A suggestion was made for the reading of the names to take place outside the Lychgate, to cordon off the area around the Lychgate, and for an additional speaker and microphone to be in place for the next service.

44 **TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS 2025 AND AGREE FURTHER ACTION IF NECESSARY**

Christmas Market & Christmas Light Switch On: 22nd November:

The Clerk advised that all arrangements for the event have been finalised. Councillor L Bradley volunteered to help with Santas Grotto.

Children's Christmas Party: 5th December 2025:

The Clerk advised that tickets are selling slowly. Council members discussed the catering for the event.

RESOLVED: To provide burgers and Christmas biscuits.

Christmas Tea Events: 12th & 13th December 2025:

Council members were provided with an update regarding tickets. The Clerk advised that Markham Main Colliery Band had not yet confirmed their attendance at the event.

Civic Carol Service: 21st December 2025:

The Clerk advised that the posters for the event have been produced and displayed in the village. Councillors N Berry, C Brodhurst Brown and T Needham agreed to perform readings at the event.

45 **EVENTS ASSISTANT UPDATE**

The Events Assistant advised that Shaw Wood Academy had enquired about arranging a Pride of Armthorpe event in April 2026.

RESOLVED: To approve the request for the event

46 **VILLAGE PARADE/GALA**

Council members discussed possible parade routes and timings for the event.

RESOLVED: To discuss the matter further in January.

47 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

RESOLVED: To meet on 20th January 2026 at 6pm.

Re: Pinder's Circus visit 2026

From Pinder's circus Pinder

Date Tue 02/12/2025 15:50

To clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk <clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk>

Good afternoon Sarah

Yes we agree the term and conditions for visiting Armthorpe in 2026 with our family circus.

Kind regards

Erika Pinder

On Wed, 22 Oct 2025, 12:28 clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk,
<clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Erika,

Council members have reviewed the further details and will allow the event to take place providing the following is agreed:

A fee of £1,000 is payable for the use of the land plus a deposit of £500.00.

Ground mats are used to avoid damaging the grass

The area allocated for football use is not used.

Please let me know if the terms are acceptable.

Kind Regards

Sarah

-----Original Message-----

From: "Pinder's circus Pinder"

Sent: Thursday, 18 September, 2025 23:02

To: "clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk" <clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk>

Subject: Re: Pinder's Circus visit 2026

Hello Sarah

Thank you for getting back to me. We would be very interested to work with you. WE can offer a £100 per working day rent and a returnable £500 deposit for the ground.

If this would be acceptable for you, look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Erika

On Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 11:26 AM clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk
<clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Erika,

Council members reviewed the request to hold a circus event in the village next year and are keen to work with you but would just like to confirm what financial compensation would be received for use of the land?

Kind Regards

Sarah

-----Original Message-----
From: "Pinder's circus Pinder" <pinderscircus@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 28 August, 2025 11:08
To: clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk
Subject: Re: Pinder's Circus visit 2026

Good morning Sarah
My apology just noticed the dates were not correct.
We would like to visit Armthorpe in Mon 18th May till Bank Holiday Monday 25th May
Show times possible would be

Mon set up day
Tue no show
Wed 6pm
Thurs 6pm
Fri 4.30pm & 7pm
Sat 2pm & 5pm
Sun 2pm & 5pm
Mon 2pm only
kind regards
Erika

On Thu, Aug 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM Pinder's circus Pinder <pinderscircus@gmail.com> wrote:
Good Morning Sarah

It was nice to speak to you the other morning.
Pinders Circus is a family run circus whose origins can be traced back to the 1850's!
We pride ourselves on serving local communities with affordable and entertaining shows for all ages and delight in seeing familiar faces return year after year. As we are proud to be a part of Carbon Neutral Britain helping the environment with a zero carbon footprint.
In order to do this, we have built up some great relationships over the years in many towns all over the UK with a variety of different councils and clubs, and we are hoping that we might be able to do the same with you.
I have listed some key facts below which I hope May aid you in your decision making:
*We would like to visit Armthorpe in Mon 18th May till Sun 24th May
Show times possible would be

Tues 6pm
Wed 6pm
Thurs 6pm
Fri 4.30pm & 7pm
Sat 2pm & 5pm
Sun 2pm only

* We offer a deposit on all of our sites that we visit, returnable only once you are happy with the condition we have left it in.
* We are completely self contained!
* We rent toilets for our customers to use.
* We run off silent generators.
* We have heavy duty ground Mats that we can use if needed to create a false road to avoid damage to grass areas.
* Our latest show is 7pm, which means we are all quiet for the evening by 9pm.
* We consist of three 7.5 tonne lorries, 6 or 7 caravans and of course the big top! We need an area of 30 square metres to operate on.
* We pride ourselves on our customer service! We want every person in every town that we meet to have wonderful memories of the circus being there, this includes not only visitors of the show but also neighbours surrounding us.
* We have all current documents that you might need which I have attached for your attention.

I hope the above may help with any questions or concerns that you may have, but if I have missed anything, please do not hesitate in contacting me on either this email or my mobile. You can always check our Facebook page for photos and comments



Outlook


Request to Hold a Fun Fair on the Recreation Ground

From Stewart Robinson

Date Wed 17/12/2025 21:23

To clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk <clerk@armthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk>

Cc robinsonsfunfair <robinsonsfunfair@aol.com>

 2 attachments (326 KB)

S Robinson Snr £1m Cover to 29.12.26.pdf; STEWART ROBINSON SNR £9m to 29 June 2026.pdf;

Hi Sarah

As discussed we would like to hold a fun fair for the community on the recreation ground next year.

I have looked in our calendar and the dates I have available are to open from Friday 24th April to Sunday 26th April. We would need 3 set up days in advance probably from the Tuesday (21st) and would vacate by midday on the Monday (27th).

Look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

Stewart

