



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

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

Councillors: N Berry, A Bradley, L Bradley, C Head, L Monks, T Needham, and E North.

Clerk to the Council: S Youngman.

Sports & Recreation Officer: C Hughes.

Community Clean up Champion: Lea Pedley.

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor M Jackson.

46 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Walton and the reason for absence was approved:

47 TO CONSIDER ITEMS THAT REQUIRE THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

48 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

49 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2025

Council members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

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

50 MONTHLY REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER

Council members were provided with a copy of the report which included an overview of the anticipate week activities and the return of the youth club sessions. A request for funding to the sum of £150.00 was received to support a Christmas Inflatable Fun Session to be held in December.

RESOLVED: For the funding request to be approved.

51 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CHAMPION

Members were provided with a newsletter which included details of how much litter had been collected in October, along with a summary of the litter collected from the firework event. The Clean up Champion advised that the litter in the pit top area, along with Briar Road and Beech Road is getting worse.

52 PROVISION OF PUBLIC BENCHES

Councillor T Needham advised that discussions are ongoing regarding the costs quoted by Doncaster Council.

53 REFURBISHMENT OF BURIAL GROUND PERGOLA

No updates.

54 TREE MAINTENANCE COW HOUSE LANE

Council members were provided with a quote to prune back trees along the boundary of Cow House Lane and the caravan park.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote received from Gloaming Tree Surgery at a cost of £960.00

55 PURCHASE OF SHREDDER

Council members were provided with a summary of quotes for the provision of a shredder. A discussion took place regarding the current fees for shredding.

RESOLVED: To continue with the use of a contractor for shredding.

56 ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE MATTERS

a. Electrical Issues

Council members received a report from J P Glasby Ltd outlining the remedial works undertaken following unsafe practices identified during the removal of the container from the site.

RESOLVED: To write to 32nd Doncaster (Armthorpe) Scouts to request a reimbursement for the remedial works and not to allow any third-party contractors to carry out work on the site.

b. Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that City Councillor C Marriott had provided funding of £795.00 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Council members were provided with the details of three units available within the budget.

RESOLVED: To purchase a defibrillator with paediatric pads.

c. Servicing of boilers

Council members were provided with a summary of companies contacted to provide a quote to service the water and heating boilers within the building. Council members noted that only one contractor had been able to provide a quote for the work.

RESOLVED: To appoint Yorkshire Mechanical Services Ltd at a cost of £439.57 plus VAT.

d. Access Audit Report

Council members were provided with two quotes to provide an Access Audit Report which would identify barriers for visitors with any impairments.

RESOLVED: To appoint About Access Ltd at a cost of £1,100.00 plus VAT.

e. Collection point for plastic bags

Council members were provided with a copy of a letter requesting permission to set up a plastic bag drop off point, once collected the bags are made into mats for homeless people.

RESOLVED: Not to approve the request due to a lack of space.

57 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7pm.

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Armthorpe Parish Council

Report of the Sports and Recreation Officer to a meeting of the Council's Community Centre and General Purposes Committee, to be held on 20th January 2026

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Committee about (amongst other things) activities undertaken in the previous month since its last meeting.

2. Tag Rugby Festival

The Armthorpe Schools will participate in tag rugby festivals this month. Players have participated in practice sessions and trial games to prepare for this year's competitions. Young people are motivated by the more physical aspects of the game and will now compete against the very best tag rugby players of Armthorpe.

3. Christmas Market

APC provided its annual Christmas Market last November which was a success. As part of the event, nominated school children were invited from Armthorpe schools to turn on the community Christmas lights. Therefore, we introduced the children to the public, before turning the Christmas lights on in front of a crowd. The young people enjoyed the occasion that celebrates their individual success.



School Nominations

Sienna Williams - Shaw Wood Academy

Raimy Boyce - Our Lady of Sorrows Primary

George Fennelly - Tranmoor Primary

Kaeyln Simpson - Southfield Primary

Kira Cook - Armthorpe Academy (Head Girl)

Esthapano Jubin - Armthorpe Academy (Head Boy)



4. Armthorpe Youth Club

I am pleased with the response from young people who have been attending the Armthorpe Youth Club sessions. The programme is delivered on a Monday evening to 7-11 year olds on a Thursday evening to 12-16 year olds. The attending young people have enjoyed most aspects of the sessions, including social and sporting activities. The project will now develop further with access to the computer suite, giving young people a wide range of activities.



5. **Christmas Inflatable Fun**

During the Christmas School holidays, APC provided an inflatable fun party to celebrate the initial success of the new youth club programme. The participating youth club members enjoyed the party style activities which included inflatable fun, music, indoor sports and games with refreshments available for all attending children.

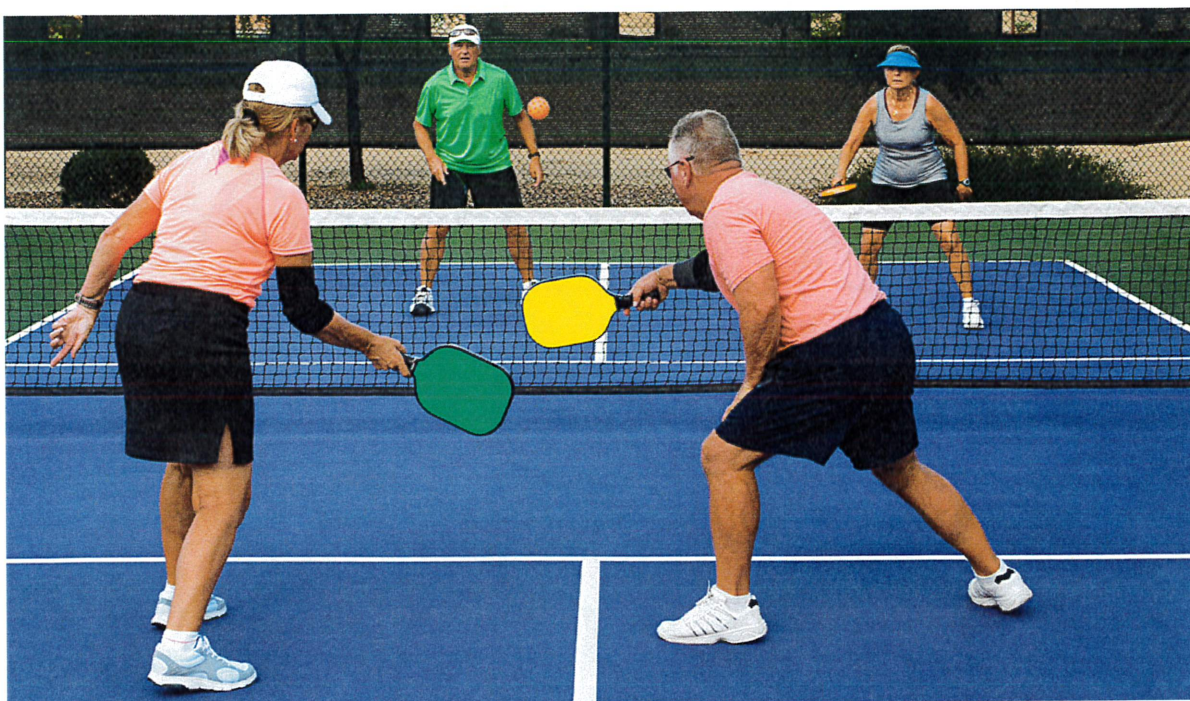


6. **Advanced Fitness Class**

The APC advanced fitness class has had a positive response from the Armthorpe residents. The project aim is to improve adults' overall mobility, fitness and strength through a more intense aerobic style of activity. The class offers Armthorpe adults an alternative session or a stepping stone from your traditional fitness circuit style class provided on a Friday morning.

7. **Pickleball Club**

I propose that Council members consider starting a pickleball club for Armthorpe adults at the Armthorpe Community Centre. Pickleball is the rapidly growing sport in the UK which up to four players can play by using a smooth-faced paddle to hit a plastic ball over a net and is hit back until one side is unable to return (Similar to tennis). The game is an easier version of tennis and offers older adults a low impact workout that burns calories, improves health and provides another way to socialise.



However, hall space is limited at the Armthorpe Community Centre which could mean that the project would replace another session, for example ping pong, table tennis or one of the fitness classes.

7.1 Sports and Recreation Meeting

Therefore, I propose to arrange a sports and recreation sub-committee meeting to review all the adult provision provided by APC. Council members would review what and why the current projects are provided, how we could improve any of the sessions and what potential projects could be offered in the future. Additionally, Members could consider a potential cost for adults to attend, as we currently provide all sessions free of charge. For example, we could offer a potential subscription package of £10 per month, giving them unlimited access to attend any of the sessions throughout the month - £20 per month per for adults that live outside the village.

Average Attendance per session

Table Tennis Club Monday 10.30am – 12.00pm	12 Adults
Ping Pong Club Tuesday 11.00am – 12.00pm	5 Adults
Rose House Fitness Class Tuesday 10.00am – 10.30am	15 Adults
Advanced Fitness Class Thursday 11.00am – 11.30am	8 Adults
Older Adults Fitness Class Friday 10.00am – 11.00am	36 Adults



Litter Picking Monthly

Talking Rubbish!

DECEMBER/JANUARY



THE FESTIVE SEASON AND SO FAR IN 2026 THE LITTER LEGENDS HAVE BEEN TACKLING THE TRASH IN THE BLEAKEST OF WEATHERS.....BUT NOTHING CAN STOP THE BATTLE AGAINST THE LAZY LITTERERS! IN THIS YEAR AHEAD, REMEMBER THAT EVERY LITTLE ACTION CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BE THE PROOF THAT ANYONE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE, BY ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES AND BEING THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN!

THE TOTAL IS IN



With sickness and holidays through this period the total compared to other months was lower but still an impressive 65 bags of litter out of the environment! Making the annual total 842 bags of litter (excluding recycling and flytipping). wow, just wow!

COVERED



All routes covered throughout the festive period, keeping on top of high traffic areas such as outside shops during this time of year. The usual routes were not neglected however, so Quick Pick visits to green spaces, lanes and side streets were accomplished too.

JOIN IN!



December is always a busy period for everyone so trying to arrange a group outing whilst we all juggle christmas shopping, family and friends, panto outings, santa visits and school nativities (to name but a few!) is nigh on impossible! But that doesn't mean that the Litter Legends of the Village weren't out doing their bit between the madness, there were plenty of solo Quick Picks on the way to grab the turkey or tinsle!

LITTER LEGEND OF THE MONTH!



For the second month in a row The Littlest Litter Picker is Litter Legend of The Month! Well done, collecting litter from the green spaces of the village in December and your New Years Trash Stomp! You were certainly on Santa's Nice List!

SHOUT OUT!

This month the Litter Legends have had their very own cheerleader in the form of poetry from the lovely Jeff! It's been great to receive the motivational limericks throughout the month and certainly gives the extra boost of dopamine from the smiles they bring. Thank You Jeff, keep them coming!

Warm or cold, wet or dry,
We love what you do and here is why,
You are all heroes to me,
and everyone out there can see,
Even the weather can't stop your quest,
To make this Village the very best,
Spick and span, nice and clean,
I'm sure you all know what I mean,
Keep smiling, all of you,
And keep enjoying what you do!

by Jeff Mawdsley

4 Legged Litter Picker

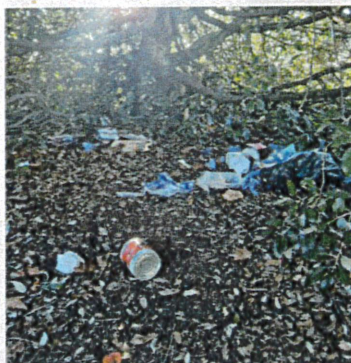


Rosie the Lab takes her litter picking mission seriously, picking up after other pooches owners who leave bags hanging in trees or laying on the ground. Well, obviously Rosie has a hand to help

from Carol who cant bare to find these neatly tied packages littering our green spaces. She picks them up whilst on her walk and pops them in the bin where they belong. It goes to show that you can make a positive impact for our environment and that every effort counts towards our joint goal to have a litter free Village!

Also, thank you for the daily sunrise photos Rosie! They certainly do provide motivation for the litterpicking day ahead!

The Main Offenders



Over the last few months fly tipping of general household waste has increased, especially this last month. Bin bags full of old food and packaging that could of been recycled amongst other things.

Bags are found stuffed in to hedges, dumped in laybys and sadly spilling all over our green spaces.

The most littered item for this month, overtaking energy drink cans is alcohol bottles and cans. This concern has been raised with The Acorn Hub for monitoring in areas such as parks in particular.



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Want to plan a group litterpick for your club or school? Know of a grotspot that needs tackling in the village? Spotted flytipping, overflowing bins or anything litter related, contact Lea, Cleanup Champ

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