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Scarcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 5th February 2026 6.30 pm In Palterton Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, J Young, S Barnicoat, R Clarke, M Crane.

Apologies: Councillors, J Fletcher-Swindlehurst (work commitments), C Wood (work commitments)
J Rigg, G Freeland.

BDC Councillor K Jeffrey
County Councillor none

Also In attendance: E Smyth (Clerk)
3 members of the public

Non-Confidential Items

FC17/26 **Confidential Business - To consider the extent to which the public/press should be excluded from the meeting.
Item 15 Hillstown Playground.**

FC18/ **Variation of Business.**
None

FC19/26 **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Granting of Dispensations.**
None.

FC20/26 **Public Speaking comments.**
A Resident shared concerns about the traffic in Palterton, Rylah Hill and issues at the crossroads in Palterton. Mentioned many accidents recently, 16th, 17th and 18th Jan. There was a general discussion about what might help, public support, contact DCC, accident data, video evidence. Councillors mentioned that SIDs had been installed for speeding issues. Discussed that concerns should be raised with DCC as they are responsible for roads. Another member mentioned that 4 ways traffic lights seem to be out of sequence. Again DCC responsibility.

BDC report from Cllr Jeffrey, Dragonfly been dissolved and staff taken back into the council. Bolsover are putting in a bid for Town of Culture. A youth club event will be held on 16th May 2026 in Bolsover.

BDC report from Cllr Clarke. Dragonfly had made £3m profit for the council. It was discussed at BDC meeting whether that money could have been used to keep council tax increase to a minimum but council decided not to.

Cllr Jeffrey left the meeting stating that the Parish Council meeting wasn't the place for this discussion.

FC21/26 **Minutes of the Council Meetings.**
Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on the 15th January 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.

- FC22/26 **To consider the Chairs Announcements:**
None
- FC23/26 **To Consider Section 137 Requests**
None
- FC24/26 **Grounds Maintenance and Dog Litter bin Contracts**
Resolved to go with BDC for both contracts at £ 1802.00 plus VAT and £495.04 plus VAT respectively for 2026/2027.
- FC25/26 **To consider and approve expenditure payments**
Noted and Approved.
- FC 26/26 **To Consider Hillstown Allotment Update**
A meeting was held to discuss plans for the remaining grant money. More Stone and an Amenity building agreed. Fire Strategy agreed.
- FC27/26 **To Consider Screening at Palterton Playground**
A quotation in the region of £4k was discussed. The design because of site constraints was unusual and possibly problematic. The clerk to check out ROSPA comments and insurance.
Resolved
- FC28/26 **Planning.** None.
- FC29/26 **To consider correspondence.**
E mail from Parish Council Liason. Clerk to ask for agendas to be sent to Councils PCL Representatives.
E mail from MPs office about possibility of meeting to discuss Hillstown Playground and any other issues. Clerk to contact and suggest meeting and attendees.
- FC30/26 **Palterton Village Hall**
Hall continues to be very busy.
5 stars rating achieved following Environmental Health Visit
Community Grant Fund project:
Quotes for Fire Doors discussed. Approved quote for UPVC fire doors at £5500 **Resolved.**
Decorating Complete.
Fencing, quotes discussed, decided to consult with user groups and residents prior to finalising quotes, design and location of fence. Cllr Barnicoat and Cllr Young volunteered to be on the working group for that.
Discussed village hall accounts and suggested we look at the status 4 x per year.
- FC31/26
“IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF ITEM 15 TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, S1, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE ITEM Resolved

To consider ongoing discussions regarding the proposed Children’s Playground at Hillstown.

Updates on the situation regarding the proposed playground were discussed.

(A Confidential Report attached)

FC32/26

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday the 5th March 2026. **Resolved.**

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