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Scarcliffe Parish Council

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

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

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

BDC Councillor K Jeffrey
County Councillor none

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

Non-Confidential Items

FC33/26 **Confidential Business - To consider the extent to which the public/press should be excluded from the meeting.**
None

FC34/26 **Variation of Business.**
None

FC35/26 **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Granting of Dispensations.**
None

FC36/26 **Public Speaking comments.**

A member of the public mentioned SIDs, asked when they are due to be turned back on. Clerk stated that the 6-8 week "best practice turn off period" was nearly over. It was explained that it was found to be more effective to have these periods where they are switched off.

BDC report from Cllr Jeffrey, discussions around the old co-op car park were had and why it couldn't be opened up to the public due to the project. At the Full BDC council meeting they approved a 2.99 % council tax increase.

The closure of the Freedom project in Bolsover is being felt, hoping that Citizens advice and The Derbyshire Unemployed workers centre would take up some of the help lost to residents. A discussion took place about the possibility of those groups approaching the Parish council for a section 137 grant.

On March the 23rd 2026 there will be a Junction Arts Event.

BDC report from Cllr Clarke. Cllr Clarke spoke about a National Conference looking at the benefits of The Night time Economy for our towns and the whole district.

FC37/26 **Minutes of the Council Meetings.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on the 5th February 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.

- FC38/26 **To consider the Chairs Announcements:**
The Newsletter due out later this spring was discussed.
- FC39/26 **To Consider Section 137 Requests**
None
- FC40/26 **To Consider Insurance Cover and approve expenditure**
Resolved to go with Clear Councils at £1535.40 per year (3 yr deal).
- FC41/26 **To consider and approve expenditure payments**
Noted and Approved.
- FC 42/26 **To Consider Hillstown Allotment Update**
All Fence and Hedges in. Hedge plants sprouting well now it's spring. Plant and Aggregates to be organised for next week for the surfacing improvements.
- FC43/26 **To Consider Palterton Allotment Update**
A meeting was held between Scarcliffe Parish Council and Palterton Allotment Association Everything was very positive.
Water Bills now under Palterton Allotment Association.
Scarcliffe Parish Council to pay for 2 tonnes of aggregate for surfacing. **Resolved**
Fire Safety Policy was discussed.
- FC44/26 **To Consider and approve policies.**
Asset Register
Financial Regulations
Risk Assessment
Standing Orders
Internal Control
Code of Conduct
Member and Officer Protocol
Resolved
All approved
- FC45/26 **Planning.**
26/00030/FUL Meadowspot Bungalow, Mansfield Rd, Scarcliffe, S44 6SU
Already forwarded to Councillors.
No Comments
- FC46/26 **Correspondence**
E mail from Scarcliffe Church Warden inviting Clerk and Councillors to the welcome ceremony for the new vicar. **Resolved** Cllr Barnicoat and the Clerk to attend on Saturday and the chair to draft a letter of welcome.
E mail from BDC Community Activity and Sports Development Team asking to attend Council Meeting. **Resolved** to reply and invite them to come at a convenient time.
E mail from a resident in Palterton regarding the SID. **Resolved** the Chair and Clerk to draft and send a letter in response to their questions.

E mail from Bingo thanking the Council for the hamper made up from the excess Items from the Christmas Hillstown Hampers. They had raffled the Hamper and made a Considerable amount of money (£233) which the Bingo Club had added to and sent off to the Ashgate Hospice Charity (a total of £300).

FC47/26

Palterton Village Hall

Bookings Continue to be strong right up to the end of the year.

Disposal of Cooker and Safe **Resolved**

Cellar refurbishment project commences next week

Playing field Fencing, decided to consult user groups prior to orders being placed.

Village Hall finance to be on next month's agenda

Portakabin/Changing rooms/ possible grant funding to be on next month's agenda

FC48/26

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

Updates on the situation regarding the proposed playground were discussed. An email from The Acting Secretary at HMWT reiterated that the Parish Councils proposals had been declined.

HMWT (Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust)

Resolved to send a leaflet to all of the Households in Hillstown to explain why they would not be getting a Playground on the field at Hillstown.

Write to HMWT to ask if they would like to put across their reasons on the leaflet prior to its publication.

FC48/26

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday the 2nd April 2026. **Resolved.**

Signed.....Date.....