

Scarcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2nd April 2026 6.30 pm In Palterton Village Hall.

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

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

BDC Councillor none

County Councillor none

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

Non-Confidential Items

FC49/26 **Confidential Business - To consider the extent to which the public/press
should be excluded from the meeting.**
None

FC50/26 **Variation of Business.**
None

FC51/26 **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Granting of Dispensations.**
None

FC52/26 **Public Speaking comments.**
A member of the public mentioned the daffodils and bulbs and how impressive they look and requested the council provide more bulbs to be planted in autumn 2026. They credited the council for the lovely new benches at the park and field and asked if maybe the surfacing at the children's play area could be looked at, perhaps enlarging the wet pour surface. They went on to mention the anti-social behaviour of a group of youngsters who took off all the heads of the daffodils and graffitied the path. The Clerk informed the meeting that the matter had been immediately reported to the CAN rangers, who had swiftly responded swiftly and would be dealing with the matter.
Another member of the public mentioned Hillstown Allotments. They wanted to thank the Parish council and volunteers for the welcome support they had received. Most of the work to roads and other improvements is completed now and its looking fantastic.

FC53/26 **Minutes of the Council Meetings.**
Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on the 5th March 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.

FC54/26 **To consider the Chair's Announcements:**
The Chair thanked the prompt action of the Clerk to address the anti-social behaviour.

FC55/26	To Consider Section 137 Requests Derbyshire Unemployed Workers £1500 approved
FC56/26	To Consider Village Events Palterton Residents are doing a Scarecrow and Best Garden competition this year and SVAC are also planning an event. Councillor Barnicoat asked if the council should support these. Section 137 requests. Councillor Crane was concerned that insufficient grant allocations were going to Hillstown. It was pointed out that the council cannot give individuals money, only properly constituted groups. Councillor Barnicoat agreed to contact Palterton Residents Association and Scarcliffe Village Activities Committee to further investigate their plans for summer.
FC57/26	Update on the event to welcome the new Vicar Councillor Barnicoat gave the update on the event attended by herself and the Clerk. It was an honour to be invited, and was well attended by other councils, schools, and dignitaries.
FC58/26	To consider and approve expenditure payments Noted and approved. Councillor Crane tried to introduce minutes from several other local councils with different procedures to Scarcliffe for presenting and circulating monthly payments. The Chair informed Cllr Crane that he was out of order in trying to introduce documents that were not on the agenda. Cllr Crane continued to press his point and directly referred to the Clerk's role as a councillor at Pleasley Parish. The Clerk formally objected to this. The Chair called Cllr Crane to order. The Chair reminded Councillor Crane that items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting in the proper way.
FC 59/26	To Consider Hillstown Allotment Update Roads, access, secure cabin and all sorts of improvements have been carried out using the grant funding.
FC60/26	To Consider Arrangements for Internal Audit. Millbrook Accounting . Resolved to use Millbrook for the internal audit this yea
FC61/26	To Consider Palterton Park Screening. The Council considered a response from ROSPA on the proposed screening inside the playpark following discussions with a neighbour. It was felt that the structure was not appropriate and would probably not solve the issues. The Clerk would meet with the resident to discuss. Resolved
FC62/26	To consider and Approve Policies/Documents Section 137 Form Dignity at Work

Equality and Diversity
Freedom of Information
Complaints

Resolved All Approved

FC63/26

Planning.

26/00079/FUL Holly House Carcroft Lane, S44 6TQ
26/00092/FUL Stockley Farm Palterton, S44 6UY
Letter from Secretary of State Appeal 6006564 Stockley Farm
Already forwarded to Councillors.

No Comments

FC64/26

Correspondence

Email from Palterton Resident Re SID
Councillors agreed that the SID could not be 'turned round' as it was DCC decision as to where and how the SIDS were located. **Resolved**
E mail from Physical Activity and Sports Development Team wanting to visit and speak at the next parish council meeting. Clerk to arrange. **Resolved**

FC65/26

Palterton Village Hall

Bookings Continue to be strong.
Anti-social behaviour reiterated
New Broadband Installed
Cellar refurbishment project almost complete.
Playing field Fencing Consultation plan and mood board agreed (to be placed in foyer)
Portakabin/Changing rooms/ agreed to look at preplanning
Finances
The current status was presented, bank statements shown. The bank balance is very healthy even with the grant money subtracted.
Councillor Crane was dissatisfied with the presentation of the figures which included redactions where payments involved named firms or individuals.
The Chair pointed out that discussion of the format of the accounts was not on the agenda.
Councillor Crane was invited to submit his concerns in writing to the Clerk for a response.

FC66/26

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

Updates on the situation regarding the proposed playground were discussed.
HMWT had written again confirming the land is no longer available.

Resolved: to seek Council approval of the Newsletter content regarding Hillstown

Playground prior to printing,

FC67/26

Date of Next Meeting. Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Council, and Full Council Meeting all on Thursday the 7th May 2026, commencing 6 p.m.

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