BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JANUARY 2025
THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL

Present – Cllr Parkes, Cllr Addenbrooke, Cllr Pawson, Cllr Sharman & Cllr Spencer
Attending - Ms. D Hoyes (Clerk)
Public – 5 members of the public attended the meeting

Public Session

A resident in Braithwell reported highway concerns for horse riders on Austwood Lane. The resident reported that her stirrup was hit by a car whilst travelling around the corner down Austwood Lane. Another resident in Braithwell reported a tree on private land on the junction of Holywell Lane/Holywell Crescent which was interfering with overhead lines. Council to look into both matters.

Business Session

473/25 Chairman's Opening Statement declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest*
Cllr Parkes declared an interest in Item.480/25 – 24/02106/FULM. Cllr Parkes agreed to leave the meeting when this matter was discussed.
Cllr Spencer asked whether she should declare an interest in Item. 481/25, even though she had no disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter. The Clerk informed Cllr Spencer that this was not necessary.

474/25 Apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apologies received from Ward Cllr Greenhalgh.

475/25 To confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 26th November 2024 as a true and correct record.
The minutes of the meeting were approved with a show of hands as a true and correct record. The Chair signed the minutes after the meeting.

476/25 Matters arising that are not on the Agenda (for information purposes only)
Cllr Pawson reported blocked gullies on Ashton Lane & overgrown hedges on Fish Pond Corner encroaching on the highway. Cllr Spencer also reported blocked gullies on Ruddle Lane. Clerk to report to CDC.

477/25 Police Report & update on Road Safety/Community Speed Watch

SY Police November Report 2024

Village	Road	Crime	Statistics
Braithwell	Ashton Lane	Drugs	1
	Ashton Lane	Violence & Sexual Crimes	1
	Church Grove	Vehicle Crime	1
	Church Grove	Anti-Social Behaviour	1
	Doncaster Road	Violence & Sexual Crimes	1
Micklebring	New Road	Anti-Social Behaviour	2
		Total	**7**

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Community Speed Watch Data December/January 2024
No community speed watch events were completed in this period.

478/25 Update on Greaves Syke Lane –To discuss matters on Greaves Syke Lane, bridal ways & public footpaths.
Cllr Spencer updated Council on the disappointing outcome from a site visit at the junction of Micklebring Lane/Greaves Syke Lane with a CDC Officer. Outcome, Officer did not feel double yellow lines on Micklebring Lane were justified due to her visiting the site subsequently and no obstructions were witnessed. Cllr Spencer confirmed further pictures had been sent of the junction being severely obstructed. **Matter ongoing.**
Cllr Spencer went on to discuss other preventative measures on the bridal path off Ruddle Lane. **Matter ongoing.**

479/25 Ward Councillor Update
No report received.

480/25 To consider and decide on pending planning applications.
24/01536/LBC – Hall Farm Holywell Lane Braithwell. Listed building consent for internal and external works to facilitate the conversion of an existing two storey barn into 2 dwellings and demolition of existing single storey barns (AMENDED DRAWINGS)
Council supported this amended application. **Matter resolved.**
24/02106/FULM – Green Balk/Ruddle Lane - Change of use of land for use as a motocross facility (Sui Generis) with associated engineering and landscaping works, alterations to site access and siting of ancillary portable buildings/containers (RETROSPECTIVE)
Council discussed this matter and agreed to submit representations to CDC planning with regard to opening times and the access/entry point. Full details are on the CDC planning portal. **Matter ongoing.**
25/00020/TPO – Hall Farm, Holywell Lane – T1 Sycamore is low over the highway and contains dead wood. Crown lift to 5.5m and remove dead wood.
Council had no objection to this application. **Matter resolved.**

481/25 To discuss the Whitestone Solar Farm meeting at Conisbrough Parks Council
Council discussed the meeting which Cllr Parkes, Cllr Pawson & Clerk attended. A resident from Micklebring was allowed to speak on this matter. The residents concerns were the fact that the company Green Nation, responsible for the project was not offering full transparency. The resident also raised concerns on the professionalism of the company.
Council agreed that the following correspondence should be sent to the company:

"Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council would first like to thank you for your invitation to the meeting held on the 13th January at Clifton Village. The meeting was very informative.
BWMPC would like to make the following observations.
It was stated in the meeting that all of the landowners in Whitestone 1 have been formally approached and were all in agreement with the project boundary. BWMPC are aware that this is not the case. BWMPC have spoken

to a landowner who has land in your project boundary who has not had any consultation from you directly. Please can you confirm how this could have happened?
BWMPC understands that the project is in its infancy and that the consultation period will be extensive, covering your submission, examination of you submission and then the recommendation and decision from the Examining Authority. We would however like to raise the following points which are extremely important to the residents in our parish.

1) *We disagree with anything affecting our Green Belt. You suggest as a temporary development, this safeguards the land from permanent development. Is the land not already safeguarded by the Green Belt status?*
2) *Have all other avenues been exhausted where solar panels can be comfortably housed which does not disturb Green Belt land i.e. industrial estate roofs?*
3) *Has appropriate consultation been done with our Doncaster Mayor, local MP's, Ward Councillors, & local planning officers who all have a huge working knowledge of this Green Belt area?*
4) *BWMPC would like to understand how Green Nation can offer full transparency, by that, how does our Council get to see the representations from other organisations, groups & individuals affected by this proposal?*
5) *If central government approve the DCO and the project goes ahead, how does BWMPC protect its highways while work is carried out. Roads through Micklebring have weight restrictions on them, which are flouted already by HGV's using them to cross from Rotherham to Doncaster and vice versa. What measures will Green Nation put in place to stop your contractors doing the same?*

We look forward to a response from yourselves. Once we receive a response we will publish it on our website along with our observations. Please send a redacted version which you are comfortable with for public consumption."
Matter ongoing.

482/25 To discuss and consider VE Celebrations on the 8th May 2025
Council agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting. **Matter ongoing.**

483/25 To discuss the newly proposed village event at the Ruddle Centre
Cllr Pawson updated Council on a meeting he attended at the Ruddle with representatives from the following:

1. St James Church
2. Good Companions
3. Guides & Brownies
4. Masters House

The meeting was chaired by a Director from the Ruddle, matters discussed.
Event: Village Fun Day
Date: 2nd August 2025
Venue: Ruddle Centre & field
Entertainment: Bands, games, refreshments
Funding: Sponsorship
Ticket Costs: TBC
Profits: To be equally split between the four organisations shown above.
Council agreed that this was a very community minded event and that it was great to see the four groups being financially supported. **Matter ongoing.**

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484/24 To consider and approve any financial matters.

1. **Bank Statement**
   The monthly bank statement was reviewed and approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved**.
2. **Approved Payments**
   The following payments were approved by Council with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

DC Hoyes – Clerks Salary 2025	£313.80
Albany Computers – Website additions	£39.00
Plevey's – Christmas Trees	£804.00

   Council approved the payments with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**
3. **To review and approve Quarter 3 Budget**
   Council reviewed Qtr 3 budget and approved it with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**
4. **To review and approve Parish Precept 2025 – 2026**
   Council discussed the precept and agreed to the following increase with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

	2025/2026	2024/2025	% Change
Precept of the Billing Authority - CDC	12,628	11,480	10%
Tax Base (number of band D equivalents)	451	445	1.35%
Band D Tax (Precept/Tax Base)	£28.00	£25.80	8.53%

485/25 To consider new correspondence received and decide what action should be taken where necessary.
Correspondence from a Micklebring resident was received with regard to **Item 481/25.** The resident attended the meeting and was allowed to speak during this matter.

486/25 To discuss matters relating to the Judge's ruling from the Tribunal
No update with regard to costs were received. **Matter ongoing.**

487/25 To discuss the disposal notice of the Butchers Arms
Council agreed retrospectively to register an interest in the public house. A unanimous vote was given with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

488/25 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.
No matters arose.

489/25 To confirm the date of the next general meeting.
Council resolved that the next general meeting would be held on the 25th February 2025, with no further business to conduct, Cllr Parkes closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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Signed:



Date: 25th February 2025

Cllr John Parkes - Chair of Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council