**BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL**
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH MAY 2026**
**THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL**

**Present – Cllr , Cllr Pawson (Chair), Cllr Addenbrooke (Vice Chairperson), Cllr Sharman & Cllr Spencer.**
**Attended: Parish Clerk – Di Hoyes**

**Public Session (15 minutes)**
One member of the public attended the meeting.

**Business Session**

**01/26AM Chairperson's Annual Report**
On behalf of Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council, I am pleased to present this Annual Report covering the period from April 2025 to March 2026. This report outlines the Council's activities, financial position, and future objectives.
During the year, the Parish Council consisted of the following members:
**Richard Pawson** – Chairperson
**Mike Addenbrooke** – Vice Chair
**John Parkes**
**Anne Sharman**
**Lizzie Spencer**
Supported by our Parish Clerk:
**Di Hoyes**
I would like to extend my thanks to our Parish Clerk for her knowledge, guidance, and insight, without whom the smooth running of the parish would not be possible.
I would also like to thank all councillors for their support, commitment, and efforts on community matters. Their work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by many.
Together, we would like to thank Martin Greenhalgh and Jackie Dudley, our Ward Councillors. Martin in particular has been a great support with larger planning applications which have required closer liaisons with CDC planning.
**Update on Priorities Set Last Year**
**Completion of the Land Tribunal & Costs**
I am truly pleased to report that the Land Tribunal matter was closed finally in the second quarter of 2025. The overall decision was disappointing as the village lost the right to park on the Butchers Arms car park. The Parish Council were however victorious in keeping the right to cross over the land for grass cutting and maintenance of the community play park. It has been great to see that CDC have been able to maintain our greenspace for not only the village children but also Hilltop School who have returned to the playpark due to how safe and well maintained it is.
In early 2025 the person responsible for representing BWMPC from Sheffield City Council change. We as a Council were alarmed to be charged for not only the case being reviewed again after the fact and also to be charged for closing the case. We all agreed that these charges should be challenged and I'm pleased to say that all charges for 2025 were credited by SCC.

**Supporting the Masters House**
Throughout 2025 & 2026 we have worked closely with the Trustees of the Masters House and supported them in the following ways:

The named applicants from the Darby & Joan club were held financially responsible for the portion of legal costs the Judge attributed. The PC along with other groups in parish covered the costs to protect the members and secure the property.
In the last quarter of 2025 – 2026 we were finally able to complete the transfer of ownership of the Masters House. The Darby & Joan trustees welcomed their retirement, and I'm delighted to say the PC are now the custodian trustees of this little house. We along with the management trustees will look after this beautiful grade II listed building on behalf of users and community on the whole

**Understanding the impact of the proposed solar farm – Whitestone 1**
2025 – 2026 has been a busy year for the PC with regard to Whitestone 1 proposal. We have listened to the concerns of the residents in Micklebring & Braithwell and have supported them as their statutory body, in attending meetings, sending observations and representations. This matter has been a permanent matter on our agenda and will remain so until a final governmental decision is made. We will continue to listen and assist concerned residents and do everything in our power however limited to stop this proposed solar farm sprawl.
**Increasing residents' engagement through partnership activities**
Members of the Parish Council have been very active over the last year assisting other groups in the parish to organise village events such as the Village Vibes Fest and the Christmas Market. Working with these groups has allow us to have much better engagement with them building bridges where necessary. Long may this continue.
Both these events were a resounding success and it was great to see how many residents from both villages attended.
**Double Yellow Lines at the Junction of Micklebring Lane & Greaves Syke Lane**
Another positive outcome which has only taken 6 years to bring about. CDC have after a significant consultation period with residents & stakeholders agreed to put heritage double yellow lines on the junction and also on Back Lane. This will absolutely resolve the problems caused by parked vehicles and will allow road users, dog walkers and horse riders to drive safely up and down Micklebring Lane.

**Maintaining efforts to minimise fly-tipping, illegal off-road biking, and anti-social behaviour**
Fly-tipping continues to be reported and remains an ongoing focus for action.
The Parish Council remains committed to raising the issues surrounding illegal off-road biking with key stakeholders; however, we are currently no closer to achieving a resolution.

**Finances**
**Financial Report**
The Parish Council remains in a healthy financial position. Below is a summary of income and expenditure for the year:
**Income (including precept):**
Precept - £ 12,628 VAT Return - £ 683.85 Grant £51,200 Refund - £884.21
Total income - £65,396.06
**Expenditure:** £21,999.14
**Reserves at year-end:** £58,335.56
A full financial statement is available upon request and will also be published on the village website.
A significant amount of the reserve fund is being set aside as and when the Parish Council can make an offer on the purchase of the car park.
**Looking Ahead – Priorities for 2026–27**

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Our priorities for the coming year include:
New Noticeboards
Maintenance of community amenities
Prevention of off-road bikes using footpaths in Micklebring
Working Partnership with the Trustees of the Masters House and other community groups.

**Appreciation**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all parishioners for their continued support, and to our local partners, volunteers, and council representatives for their collaboration.
Together, we are making a difference and helping to make our community an even better place to live.
Yours sincerely,
**Richard Pawson**

Chairperson, Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council

**02/26AM To elect a Chairperson for the forthcoming Parish Council year**

Cllr Pawson put forward himself as Chairperson for the forthcoming year. This was unanimously agreed by Council with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

**03/26AM To elect a Vice Chairperson for the forthcoming Parish Council year**

Cllr Addenbrooke agreed to resume the position of Vice Chairperson. This was unanimously agreed by Council, and Council thanked him for all his endeavours. **Matter resolved.**

**04/26AM To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest***

No declarations of pecuniary interests were made.

**05/26AM To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

No apologies were received.

**06/26AM Reports from Councillors**

No reports received.

**07/26AM Date of the next annual meeting**

It was agreed that date for the next annual meeting would be the 11th May 2027 (this date can be subject to change). With no further business to attend to Cllr Pawson closed the meeting at 7.20pm.



Cllr Pawson – Chairperson of BWMPC Date: 30th June 2026.