BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH MAY 2025
THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL

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

Public Session (15 minutes)
No members of the public attended the meeting.

Business Session

01/25AM Chairperson's Annual Report
Cllr Parkes started his report by thanking all members of Council for their help and resilience over the last year. He also took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for all her efforts.
"The last year has again been a frustrating one where most of Council's time has been spent on the legal case involving the right to park on the privately owned car park and the right to cross over the land to service and maintain the children's play park. The decision last year by Judge Cowan ruled that the legal right had been lost to park on the car park, but the right to cross over the land by operators needing access to the play park remained in place. Unfortunately, even with the Judge's ruling the car park has remained closed and access denied through the service gates. It is my hope that this matter can be resolved and both parties can actively work together moving forward. All correspondence from Judge Cowan (HMLR) tribunal are available now on our website.
The Parish Council has conducted business as usual holding 9 general meetings & 3 extraordinary meetings. The Council have overseen many planning applications over the last year, making recommendations and observations, whilst always listening to residents. One such planning application The Whitestone Solar farm, has generated a significant amount of concern for our residents in the parish and surrounding parishes. We as the statutory body have impartially supported the residents and work continues with this application. All documents are available on the Parish Council website.
Another application which has just started to take traction is the double yellow lines at the junction of Micklebring Lane & Greaves Syke Lane. Council has worked on this matter for over 4 years, with much resistance from CDC. I'm pleased to say that with the hard work of Council that CDC have finally agreed to enter into an informal consultation.
I would like to thank the following groups for their work within our community:
The Trustees of the Masters House
The Friends of the Masters House
BMRLA
The Good Companions
The Wheelbarrow Committee
Community Speed Watch
VE Day Volunteers
Winter Wonderland
The people in these groups, just like all members of Council are volunteers, and they go above and beyond to support our villages.
Thanks, must also be paid to Peter & Rita Dunstan for the care of the village flower beds in Braithwell, and to Nora Plant in Micklebring for her care and assistance for the flower bed on the Green.
I look forward to a much more positive new year, where we can see the end of the tribunal process and financial responsibilities. I know all of Council would like to get started on new projects involving new entry signage for both

villages, a suitable gate in Micklebring to restrict off road bikes using pathways for their recreation, upgrades to the play park in Braithwell, & the completion of the double yellow lines."

02/25AM 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. Cllr Pawson thanked the retiring Chairperson, Cllr Parkes for all his dedication over the last 6 years as Chairperson. Cllr Pawson reminded Council that Cllr Parkes had served on Council for over 40 years and was planning to remain as a Councillor. Cllr Pawson said that Cllr Parkes local knowledge and experience had been invaluable over the years and that he was delighted that Cllr Parkes would remain a member. **Matter resolved.**

03/2AM 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.**

04/25 AM To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest*
No declarations of pecuniary interests were made.

05/25AM To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
No apologies were received.

06/25AM To complete the statutory Register of Interests & Return of Election Expenses
All Register of Interests and Return of Election Expenses were completed. Clerk agreed to personally take them into CDC. All documents will be made available on the parish council website. **Matter resolved.**

07/25AM Matters arising that are not on the Agenda (for information purposes only)
Clerk informed Council that an extraordinary meeting will have to be called on the 15th May to discussed the costs received from HMLR. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

08/25AM Date of the next annual meeting
It was agreed that date for the next annual meeting would be the 24th May 2026 (this date can be subject to change). With no further business to attend to Cllr Pawson closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Richard Pawson

Cllr Pawson – Chairperson of BWMPC Date: 24th June 2025