BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY 2026
THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL

Present – Cllr Pawson, Cllr Addenbrooke, Cllr Parkes & Cllr Sharman
Attending - Ms. D Hoyes (Clerk)
Public – 2 Trustees from the Masters House & 1 member of the public

Public Session

A resident enquired about the pond on Holywell Lane as to whether it could be again used for fishing. Cllr Parkes informed the resident that this was privately owned and used to be available to the public for hire, but was now closed. Two trustees from the MH gave a progress report about the strengthening of the ceiling. Calculations have changed since the last meeting which will compromise the aesthetics on the ground floor. Cllr Pawson suggested that the trustees visit his residence to see works carried out there with regards to the RSJ's installed there. Trustees confirmed that once the RSJ is installed decoration would be carried out on both floors.

Business Session

20/26 Chairman's Opening Statement & declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest*
Cllr Pawson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. No declaration of pecuniary interests were raised.

21/26 Apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Spencer, Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Ward Cllr Dudley. Apologies were approved with a show of hands.

22/26 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2025 as true and correct record.
The minutes of the meeting were approved with a show of hands as a true and correct record. Cllr Pawson signed the minutes after the meeting.

23/26 Matters arising that are not on the Agenda (for information purposes only)
Clerk informed Council that CDC Streetscene Senior Officer has agreed to send a team out to litter pick all approach roads into the Parish. Cllr Pawson asked if a date could be agreed for the annual litter pick. It was agreed for the 29th March. Cllr Pawson to publish the date on social media for volunteers.

24/26 Police Report & update on Road Safety/Community Speed Watch

SY Police December Report 2025

Village	Road	Crime	Stats & Status
Braithwell	Willow Crescent	Criminal Damage & Arson	3 - Closed, no suspect identified
	Willow Crescent	Violence & Sexual Offences	1 - Closed, no suspect identified
	Austwood Lane/Willow Place	Criminal Damage & Arson	1 - Closed, no suspect identified
	Cockhill Field Lane	Criminal Damage & Arson	1 - Closed, no suspect identified
	High Street	Other Theft	1 – Closed, no suspect identified
	Doncaster Road	Burglary	1 – Under Investigation
	Holywell Crescent	Vehicle Crime	1 – Under Investigation
	Holywell Crescent	Violence & Sexual Offences	1 – Under Investigation
Micklebring			0
		Total	**10**

Community Speed Watch
No community speed watch events were completed in this period.

25/26 Update on Greaves Syke Lane – In particular DYL proposal for Micklebring Lane, Greaves Syke Lane & preventative measures on the pathway off Ruddle Lane.
Clerk confirmed that a meeting was being scheduled with a Senior Officer from CDC Highways in April to look at traffic calming measures on GSL. Clerk also reported in Cllr Spencer's absence that she had attended an onsite meeting with another contractor to look at preventative measures on the pathway off Ruddle Lane.
Council asked for an update on the DYL proposal. Clerk confirmed that a decision was to be made in the next couple of weeks. **Matter ongoing.**

26/26 Cleaning of the War Memorial & other stone units in the parish
Clerk reported that CDC Conservation supported the VC Trust and approved cleaning to be carried out. Council agreed that the work should go ahead. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**
Cllr Addenbrooke enquired on behalf of the PCC whether the VC Trust would be able to clean some grave stones in the churchyard when the other work was scheduled. Clerk to contact the VCT. **Matter ongoing.**

27/26 Ward Councillor Update
No report received.

28/26 To consider and decide on pending planning applications
Proposal - 25/02232/FULM – Provision of a subterranean cable required for the production of electricity at the consented Mere Flats Solar Farm along
Location - Marsh Hill
Council discuss this application in length and agreed to submit the following objection below.

"Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council strongly objects to this application.

The reasons for the objection is as follows:

Location of the subterranean cabling.
It is unclear from the information provided by the applicant as to why the location has been changed for the production of electricity for the approved solar farm located at Mere Flats.
When the application was originally submitted the cabling was proposed to be located to the west of the now approved solar farm adjacent to road leading to Hellaby industrial estate (locally know as Hellaby Road).
The new proposed location is on Marsh Hill which is on the opposite side of the road to the approved solar farm. This will affect further agricultural land which we feel is unnecessary and unacceptable.
From the application plan the land ownership in full is clearly defined in blue. The Council has grave concerns that the applicant has now future plans to apply for further rights to develop this land for solar farm purposes. This, if true will be strongly objected to by the Parish Council.
Clear understanding of this newly chosen location is required.

Further Survey Work Currently Being Carried Out By Applicant.
It is known to the Parish Council that the applicant has been surveying land to the east of the approved Mere Flats Solar Farm. If this land is in the future approved to extend the Mere Flats Solar Farm, along with this application it will double in size the solar farm sprawl.

Impact.
If extension of Mere Flats Solar Farm is to be considered in the future, and the Whitestone 1 application to be

approved nationally, solar will engulf the parish of Braithwell with Micklebring affecting the lives of all residents, on an environmental and social basis.

Conclusion
Assurances must be received by the applicant on this application specifically that no further plans will be submitted for further solar farm development within the proposed development boundary".

29/26 To discuss the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal
Council received the following correspondence from Green Nation with regard to the request for a F2F meeting with their representatives to discuss in particular the potential increase of traffic on GSY and Ruddle Lane if the proposal moves forward and the siting of the Sub Station and its impact.

"Thank you for your email. There's been some confusion I think, we haven't had any meetings with parish councils since the one during consultation.
However, I can tell you that we are preparing a community update now to explain how the project has changed in response to feedback from the consultation and explain next steps. As part of that rollout, we will have a briefing for the parish councils. This should be coming out soon, so please watch for an email from us shortly."

Community Relations

Council agreed that a further request for a F2F meeting should be requested. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.** Cllr Sharman notified Council that she had attended the last PC Collective meeting about Whitestone. No new information was received, and that the main points discussed was how poor the consultation process period had been to date & the impact the proposal will have on the highways. Cllr Sharman also confirmed that the next meeting for this group will be on the 16th March.

30/26 To discuss the suggested proposal from the Trustees of the Masters House with regard to change in legal Ownership
Clerk confirmed that a further letter had been sent to Arthur Jackson Solicitors to ask for an update.
Matter ongoing.

31/26 To consider and approve any financial matters

1. **Bank Statement**
   Members of Council all received a copy of the current bank statement. This was reconciled and approved with a show of hands.
2. **Approved Payments**

DC Hoyes – February Salary	£310.20
DC Hoyes – Cartridge World	£55.00

32/26 To consider new correspondence received and decide what action should be taken where necessary.
No correspondence received.

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33/26 To discuss matters relating to the right of access across the car park.
No report received.

34/26 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.
No Matters received.

35/26 To confirm the date of the next general meeting.
Council resolved that the next general meeting would be held on the 31st March 2026, with no further business to conduct, Cllr Pawson closed the meeting at 8.15pm.



Signed:

Date: 31st March 2026

Cllr Pawson – Chair of Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council