BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH JUNE 2026
THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL

Present – Cllr Pawson, Cllr Addenbrooke & Cllr Spencer
Attending - Ms. D Hoyes (Clerk)
Public – 1 Trustee from the Masters House

Public Session

Cllr Pawson agreed to bring Agenda Item 11 in to the public session for the convenience of the Trustee of the MH.
A Trustee from the MH discussed the plans for the secondary glazing for the upstairs of the building. A request was made for the Parish Council to pay for the glazing due to the VAT implication. Council discussed this and agreed that as Custodian Trustees they had an obligation to support. **Matter resolved**.
The trustee from the MH also demonstrated a mock up of a noticeboard outside the MH. Council suggested that the contractor should be contacted to try and get some graphics for this noticeboard and also the replacement noticeboards in Braithwell & Micklebring. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing**.

Business Session

82/26 Chairman's Opening Statement & declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest*
Cllr Pawson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. No declaration of pecuniary interests were raised.

83/26 Apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Parkes, Cllr Sharman, Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Ward Cllr Dudley. Apologies were approved with a show of hands.

84/26 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 19th May 2026 as a 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.

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86/26 Matters arising that are not on the Agenda (for information purposes only)
Clerk notified Council in Cllr Parkes absence that he had collected the limestone aggregate for the Millenium Point turning area in Micklebring. Cllr Parkes asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Breedons PLC. Clerk to action.

87/26 Police Report & update on Road Safety/Community Speed Watch

SY Police April Report 2026

Village	Road	Crime	Statistics & Outcomes
Braithwell	Stonecroft Mews	Vehicle Crime	1 – Investigation Complete There is insufficient evidence to bring anyone to justice at this time.The investigation may be reopened if more evidence comes to light.
	Holywell Cres	Other Crime	1 – Under Investigation This crime is being investigate by the Police
	Ashton Lane	Violence & Sexual Offences	1 – Suspect Charged Awaiting Court Outcome. The suspect is now going through the Magistrates or Crown Court.
	Ashton Lane	Vehicle crime	1 – Unable to prosecute suspect

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	Willow Place/Austwood Lane	Vehicle Crime	1 – Unable to prosecute suspect This could be for several reasons, e.g. the prosecution consider there is insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction.
Micklebring			0
		Total	**6**

88/26 Update on Greaves Syke Lane – In particular DYL proposal for Micklebring Lane, Greaves Syke Lane & preventative measures on the pathway off Ruddle Lane.

Cllr Spencer updated Council on potential funding available through the SYPA, from the Rural Crime Initiative Fund. Cllr Spencer agreed to progress this with the Portfolio Manager. Matter ongoing.
Clerk informed Council that the DYL's in Micklebring was still ongoing.
Council were extremely disappointed from the response received from the Safer Roads Officer from CDC. Council agreed that the Ombudsman should be notified. Council agreed that the response should be published. **Matter ongoing**.

Re: Your Complaint Regarding Road Safety on Ruddle Lane

Thank you for your patience whilst we have undertaken a further review of your complaint. I can confirm that I have now carried out an independent investigation into your complaint and am now in a position to inform you of the outcome. Unfortunately, I have been unable to uphold your complaint and will provide an explanation for this decision below.
Complaint
You are concerned over the following:
• that no site visit or direct consultation with affected residents has been undertaken and that a comprehensive risk assessment has not been carried out.
• that our response fails to reflect the real and ongoing risks experienced daily by residents.
• that our approach is reactive rather than preventative and does not address locations where risks are clearly identifiable but have not yet resulted in recorded injury collisions You have questioned what evidence there is to show that that any preventative measures have been considered or implemented on Ruddle Lane. You explained that situation on Ruddle Lane situation presents a clear and ongoing risk to residents and all road users
You have requested:
• An urgent site visit to Ruddle Lane by appropriate council officers.
• Speed survey and traffic count data relied upon as part of our assessment.
• A clear explanation as to why no on-site assessment or resident consultation has been undertaken.
• Justification for retaining a 60mph speed limit, particularly in comparison to similar rural roads with lower limits
• Details of any proactive measures that will now be considered to prevent foreseeable accidents

Stage 1 Outcome
It was explained that available records indicate speed compliance along Ruddle Lane is being widely achieved. The Council is required to take an impartial, evidence-based approach when considering road safety performance, with particular regard to recorded injury collision data, and to target preventative measures within finite levels of available resources. It was further explained that this evidence-led approach has contributed to a continuing downward trend in casualty numbers across the city and that Ruddle Lane, fortunately, continues to demonstrate a strong long-term safety record in comparison with other locations. Ruddle Lane will continue to be subject to routine review, and should the evidence change in the future, Safer Roads Engineers would re-evaluate the situation accordingly.
Stage 2 Outcome
I can confirm that I have undertaken a site visit and completed a full assessment of Ruddle Lane. During this assessment, it was noted that edge-of-carriageway road markings are present, clearly identifying the location of private accesses along the route. The nature and geometry of the sweeping bends along this section of road were also considered and were not assessed as requiring additional warning signage. During this visit, specific observations were made in relation to vegetation adjacent to private driveway accesses. It was identified that vegetation growth may be affecting visibility when vehicles are exiting properties. Responsibility for the maintenance of this vegetation rests with the relevant property owners, and it should be managed appropriately to ensure that adequate visibility is maintained at all times when accessing the highway. Average vehicle speeds obtained via telematics data show a weekday mean speed of 44 mph and a weekend mean speed of 48 mph at this location on Ruddle Lane. Whilst these speeds are within expectations for a road subject to the national speed limit, the introduction of SLOW carriageway markings on the approach to the residential properties would provide additional advance warning to drivers and improve overall driver awareness. Having carefully reconsidered the issues raised, the Council's overall position remains unchanged and there is no evidence at present that Ruddle Lane is unsafe or that it warrants intervention, speed limit reduction, or additional road safety measures. The location will continue to be monitored by officers through routine collision data reviews, and should circumstances change, the matter would be reconsidered accordingly. As no changes to the highway layout, speed limit, traffic regulation orders, or traffic management measures are proposed, there is no statutory or procedural requirement for the Council to undertake consultation with local residents. Consultation is ordinarily carried out only where formal changes are being introduced, and it would not be proportionate or appropriate where an evidence-based assessment concludes that no intervention is justified. Once again, we thank you for bringing this complaint to our attention. I apologise if this is not the outcome you had expected but hope that I have been able to provide you with the reasonsfor the decision.
The final stage in our complaints procedure is that you may approach The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO). As our internal complaints procedure has now been exhausted, you are now able to contact the LGSCO if you wish to, without further delay. The contact details are as follows:
The Local Government Ombudsman
PO Box 4771,
Coventry,
CV4 0EH
Tel: 0300 061 0614
www.lgo.org.uk/contact-us
Yours sincerely
Safer Roads Manager

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89/26 Ward Councillor Update
No report received.

90/26 To consider and decide on pending planning applications
Location: 26/01032/TPO – Rotherwood, Holywell Lane, Braithwell Rotherham
Proposal: Application seeks consent to undertake crown reduction, selective pruning, and removal and replacement of trees.
Council discussed this matter and agreed to support the application. **Matter resolved.**
Location: 26/01027/TPO – Woodlands House Holywell Lane Braithwell Rotherham
Proposal: Application seeks consent to undertake removal and replacement of one tree and pruning work to a group of trees.
Council discussed this matter and agreed to support the application. **Matter resolved.**

91/26 To discuss the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal and other Solar Farm matters
Clerk notified Council that the application has now been submitted to NCIP and there is now a waiting period for the Planning Inspectorate to notify interested parties of whether they will accept and review the application. **Matter ongoing**.

92/26 To discuss matters relating to the Masters House Braithwell
Matter discussed in the public session.

93/26 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. **Approve Payments**

DC Hoyes – June Salary 2026	£310.20
DC Hoyes – Cartridges	£39.00
Albany Computers – Annual Website Renewal	£94.00

3. **To review and approve Quarter 1 Budget**
   The budget was reviewed and approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved**.

4. **To review and approve Asset Register**
   The asset register was discussed in the public session due to the help of a Trustee from the MH. Council agreed that the new register should be sent to Clear Insurance for review. The register was approved with a show of hands.

94/26 To consider new correspondence received and decide what action should be taken where necessary.

95/26 To discuss matters relating to the right of access across the car park.
Cllr Pawson agreed that the damaged balance beam would be removed from the play park in July.

96/26 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.
Entry stones in Micklebring and Braithwell which have not been cleaned.

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97/26 To confirm the date of the next general meeting.
Council resolved that the next general meeting would be held on the 28th July 2026, with no further business to conduct, Cllr Pawson closed the meeting at 7.55pm.



Signed:

Date: 28th July 2026

Cllr Pawson – Chair of Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council