BRAITHWELL WITH MICKLEBRING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 31ST MARCH 2026
THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE MASTERS HOUSE, BRAITHWELL

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

Public Session
A trustee from the Masters House gave an update to Council with regard to the revisions for the RSJ's to be moved marginally. The trustee also stated that the project would cost approximately 4k. The funding already raised is 1.4k. Council discussed ways a raising further funds and a Go Fund me option was suggested by Cllr Pawson.

Business Session

36/26 Chairman's Opening Statement & declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest*
Cllr Pawson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. No declaration of pecuniary interests were raised.

37/26 Apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Addenbrooke, Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Ward Cllr Dudley. Apologies were approved with a show of hands.

38/26 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th February 2026 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.

39/26 Matters arising that are not on the Agenda (for information purposes only)
Fly-tipping on New Road was discussed as was run off water on Austwood Lane. No action required.
Cllr Parkes reported that he had a successful meeting with a Manager at Breedons and received an update about work being carried out on the extended site and restoration of the land which is no longer quarried.

40/26 Police Report & update on Road Safety/Community Speed Watch

SY Police January Report 2026

Village	Road	Crime	Stats & Status
Braithwell	Maltby Lane	Burglary	1 – Investigation complete. No suspect identified
	Ashton Lane	Violence & Sexual Offences	1 – Under investigation 1 – Unable to prosecute suspect
Micklebring	New Road	Criminal Damage & Arson	1 – Investigation complete. No suspect identified
	Hebden Gardens	Other Theft	1 – Under investigation
	Hebden Gardens	Vehicle Crime	1 – Investigation complete. No suspect identified
		Total	**6**

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

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41/26 Update on Greaves Syke Lane – In particular DYL proposal for Micklebring Lane, Greaves Syke Lane & preventative measures on the pathway off Ruddle Lane.
Clerk reported to Council that consent had been received to put the DYL's on Micklebring Lane, Greaves Syke Lane & Back Lane. Further information will be sent from CDC as to when the works will be carried out. **Matter ongoing**.
Cllr Spencer noted that a further quote from a fencing contractor had yet to be received. **Matter ongoing.**

42/26 Ward Councillor Update
No report received.

43/26 To consider and decide on pending planning applications
No new planning applications were received.

44/26 To discuss the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal and other Solar Farm matters
Council discussed the WSF proposal amendments and agreed to send the following objections to Green Nation:

Dear Sir/Madam,

"Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council are writing in relation to the ongoing targeted consultation for the Whitestone Solar Development and to formally raise concerns regarding the treatment of Micklebring and its residents throughout the process to date.

Micklebring has been consistently marginalised. While Braithwell and Micklebring Parish Council are listed as consultees, it is deeply concerning that in the latest Adequacy of Consultation document (Table 4.11), properties near the Order Limits do not include or reference the village of Micklebring. This omission is significant and unacceptable given our proximity to the site and the direct impacts we are likely to experience.

The documentation clearly identifies key areas of impact, including archaeology, landscape and visual effects, and noise. Micklebring is directly affected in all of these respects:

- The surrounding landscape and heritage setting, which has remained largely unchanged for centuries, will be adversely impacted.

- The village lies close to the boundary, and residents will be exposed to operational and construction noise, including from transformers, the substation, and construction activities.

- The suggestion that existing background noise from the M18 mitigates these impacts is not credible. The character of intermittent, high-intensity construction noise (e.g. piling and drilling), and operational electrical infrastructure, is materially different from constant low-level road noise and cannot be dismissed in this way.

It is also evident that engagement with the Parish Council has not been adequately reflected or meaningfully incorporated into the consultation process. This raises serious concerns about the fairness and robustness of the approach being taken.

Given the above, we would like clear answers to the following:

1. *Why has Micklebring been omitted from Table 4.11 and other targeted consultation considerations?*

2. *What steps will now be taken to properly include Micklebring residents in the consultation process?*

3. *How will the project team ensure that impacts on our community are fully and fairly assessed?*

Another grave concern is the fact that the Traffic Management Plan has still yet to be seen in its completed format.

We the Parish Council sought advice from a local haulage company to understand how the solar panels will be delivered.

Significant points raised by the company are as follows:

1. *Solar farms in the UK are being built from solar panels that come in from China.*

2. *The containers are de-stuffed at the docks and the solar panels are loaded on to articulated curtain sided vehicles which are then distributed throughout the country.*

3. *The distribution of these solar panels are handled by what's known in the transport industry as freight forwarders, these are clearing houses where transport companies with no vehicles sell loads on a back load basis to whoever will cover the loads for as cheap as possible.*

4. *The loads will be covered by UK and foreign hauliers*

5. *Even when specific delivery routes are issued these hauliers will take the cheapest route possible as the loads have been sold at such a cheap rate.*

6. *Ignorance of the weight restricted roads in Micklebring will cause these hauliers to rely on the SAT Nav systems, which will direct said vehicles through Micklebring off the M18/M1 infrastructure to the proposed Whitestone 1 development. How can this be stopped?*

Finally, Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council are concerned about the increase of traffic in and around the parish with this proposal. Contractors, visitors, and others who will attend the Whitestone 1 site will again naturally pass through Micklebring as it is the quickest route. What preventative measures will be taken to stop this increase on our A & B roads.

Unless all points are addressed urgently, we intend to escalate these concerns formally, including raising the inadequacies of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and the lack of the Traffic Management Plan with the relevant authorities.

Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council would appreciate a prompt and detailed response. We also request that any available plans, visualisations, and supporting information specific to the impacts on Micklebring be provided."

Matter ongoing.

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45/26 To discuss the suggested proposal from the Trustees of the Masters House with regard to change in legal ownership

Clerk notified Council that the instructed solicitors Arthur Jackson's had sent through the TR1 for the current trustees of the Derby & Joan to sign to in effect retire from their positions. Clerk reported that meetings had been set up with both trustees to complete the paperwork and online identification. **Matter ongoing.**

46/47 To discuss and approve the Meeting Dates for 2026 – 2027

Meeting dates were approved with a show of hands. Clerk to publish them on the council website. **Matter** resolved.

47/26 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 – March Salary	£310.20
DC Hoyes – ICO Annual Renewal	£52.00

3. **To receive & approve Qtr 4 budget**

   Clerk gave a report on the Quarter 4 budget. Council were disappointed that spend was over budget for 2025 – 2026. The final budget was approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

4. **To discuss and approve 2026 – 2027 Budget.**

Expenditure	**2025 – 2026**	**2026 - 2027**
Clerk's Salary	£3671.77	£3850
Play Park	£486.23	£1000
Admin & Website	£163.16	£180
In Bloom	£1064.98	£1700
Insurance	£1478.83	£1550
Rent	£6	£1
Repairs/Purchases	£280.66	£5000
Donations	£600	£500
Bank Charges	£72	£78
CDC	£240.49	£500
Legal Services	£13631.70	£450
VAT	£479.83	£400
Total	**£22175.65**	**£15209**

Council discussed the budget as shown above and agreed it unanimously with a show of hands. **Matter resolved**.

5. To appoint an internal auditor for 2025 – 2026

Council discussed this matter and an accountant from Braithwell with no vested interest was chosen with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

48/26 To consider new correspondence received and decide what action should be taken where necessary.

No correspondence received.

49/26 To discuss matters relating to the right of access across the car park.

No report received.

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50/26 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.
Missing road signage across the parish

51/26 To confirm the date of the next general meeting.
Council resolved that the next general meeting would be held on the 28th April 2026, with no further business to conduct, Cllr Pawson closed the meeting at 8.20pm.



Signed:

Date: 28th April 2026

Cllr Pawson – Chair of Braithwell with Micklebring Parish Council