HIGH MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

9 September 2026 - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

In attendance: Councillors: Martin Pick, Dave Jones, Joan Herrero, Robert Parkes. Also present were 6 members of the public and Paul Rollinson, Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Parish Councillor Tom Hunt and Ward Councillors Cynthia Ransome and Oliver Bloor.

2. **Declarations of Members' Interests:** None

3. **To approve the minutes of Parish Meetings**

   a) Ordinary Meeting held 1 July 2026 and the Extra ordinary Meeiting held 8 July 2026. Resolution; meeting minutes were accepted.

4. **To Receive Correspondence**

   The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received since the previous meeting and circulated where appropriate:

   a) Neighbourhood Plan emails and resubmission to Doncaster Council; b) correspondence with Ward Councillors. c) correspondence regarding Local Plan consultation and local consultation events; d) Correspondence to Parish Councillors for the meeting and financial information including bank statements. e) correspondence with No.16 Coffee Bar regarding meeting venue arrangements. f) PCJCC correspondence. g) planning notifications and updates. h) resident correspondence regarding speeding concerns on Doncaster Road. i) Community Speed Watch correspondence including with RD Signs; j) correspondence with SYMCA regarding active travel and footpath project matters. k) HMRC and Government gateway notifications. l) noticeboard approvals; n) correspondence with a resident and resending of emails. o) Doncaster Civic Trust 80th Anniversary Exhibition and p) YLCA bulletins.

   Resolved: the correspondence be received and noted.

5. **To Receive Financial Update**

   a) Accounts Overview for 1 April 2026 to 1 September 2026

   Accounts Overview for the period 1 April 2026 to 1 September 2026. The balance brought forward was £4,292.00. Total income received during the period was £5,730.57, comprising the precept of £5,700.00, interest payments totalling £28.69, and a refund of £1.88 relating to the Community Speed Watch project. Total expenditure amounted to £2,990.18, including Clerk salary and HMRC payments, YLCA subscription, insurance, internal audit, website provision and Community Speed Watch costs. The closing balance as at 1 September 2026 was £7,032.00.

b) Banking Reconciliation for 1 April 2026 to 1 September 2026

Banking Reconciliation for the period 1 April 2026 to 1 September 2026. Total income received was £5,730.57 and total expenditure was £2,990.18, resulting in a balance carried forward of £7,032.00. Bank balances at 1 September 2026 comprised £6,832.00 in the savings account and £200.00 in the current account, totalling £7,032.00.

RESOLVED:

a) To accept the Financial Update and Banking Reconciliation as presented.

b) To note the bank statements for the Business Current Account and Business Instant Access Reserve Account for the periods for the periods to 1 September 2026.

6. To Receive Planning Updates

a) 26/01437/TCON Notice of intention to undertake remedial pruning situated within High Melton Conservation Area. b) 26/01294/AGR Application to determine if prior approval is required for erection of lean-to tractor shed and implements store to existing grain store as approved under 23/01315/FUL. c) Members noted that planning application 26/00685/4FULM for the development of Melton Park remains under consideration. The Parish Council is reviewing the proposals and is considering submitting comments, with particular regard to traffic generation and highway concerns.

b) The Parish Council is considering submitting further comments on planning application 26/00685/4FULM. Feedback was provided following a meeting with Planning and Highways Officers on 19 August 2026. Whilst supporting the regeneration of the former college site in principle, traffic concerns were discussed around the proposed site access arrangements, impacts on Hangman Stone Lane and Doncaster Road, and the need for a wider traffic assessment.

Resolution: Clerk to make arrangements for a meeting with the Developer, South Yorkshire Police and Safer Roads Partnership to consider traffic and road safety concerns.

There was feedback on the consultation for the Doncaster Local Plan and its potential implications for future development within the borough and the parish. The Parish Council resolved to provide feedback into the Doncaster Local Plan.

7. Update footpaths project update

An update was given on the footpath scheme and the involvement of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and meeting on 26 August 2026 with Ed Clancy and staff from the active trail team to raise awareness of the footpath projects and was supportive of the improvements but current funding has been is being focused on urban projects. The Parish Council discussed assessments/feasibility studies for the footpath developments.

8. To Receive Traffic Group Update

a) The Parish Council was advised that the Traffic Watch equipment has now been purchased and delivered, including the speed detection gun and high-visibility jackets. Monitoring locations established at various sites throughout the village including on Melton Mill Lane and Doncaster Road. The scheme is being supported by local volunteers that will receive the necessary training prior to participating. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's Asset Register will be updated to include the newly purchased equipment.

b) The Parish Council noted feedback from the meeting held on the 19 August 2026 with Doncaster Council Planners and the Traffic Engineer regarding traffic matters relating to the development of the former College site.

9. Update on St James Church

The Parish Council received an update on the progress of the St James Church and Community Group. Members were advised that the Group has successfully attracted grant funding to support the ongoing development of the Church and also got a volunteer as Church Warden. The group continues to liaise with the Church Diocese to progress the support of the project.

10. Community Update

a) Following the success of the Summer Fayre and the positive feedback received from residents, a Winter Fayre is now being proposed.

b) The Parish Council resolved to support the organisation of a Winter Fayre and to explore grant funding opportunities, with up to £1,000 to be sought towards the event.

c) The Parish Council supported the proposal to install a defibrillator on Melton Mill Lane and agreed that the project should be progressed during 2027.

d) The Parish Council resolved to support the Service of Remembrance to be held on 8 November 2026 and approved the purchase of a wreath and event poppies for the occasion.

11. Update on Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has been updated following feedback received and submitted to Doncaster Council and is awaiting feedback before finalising and progressing to the next stage of the process.

12. Inter-Parish Cooperation

Work is ongoing with local Parish Councils.

13. Public Session: None

14. Date of Next Meeting

11 November 2026

Signed:_____ **Date:**_____