

ORGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on the 18th June 2026, at 7.00pm in Aston Fence J & I School, Sheffield Road, Swallownest, Rotherham.

Present: Cllrs. Fargher - Chair & acting Clerk / RFO (unpaid), Holder, Marsh, Thornsby.

No members of the press or public were present.

1. The Chair opened the meeting and provided a reminder to all in attendance on the Council's expectations about audio or visual recordings of the meeting.

- 2.1. To receive apologies for absence

The Council received apologies from Cllrs. Slater & Elsey.

- 2.2. To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors

The reason for absence given by Cllrs. Slater & Elsey were considered

RESOLVED that Cllrs. Slater & Elsey absence be approved for this meeting.

- 3.1 To consider if members of the press or public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business being transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meeting) Act 1960, S1(2).

No items on the agenda required the exclusion of the press or public.

- 3.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

No members of the council had any declarations of interest or requests for dispensation. The Chair reminded members that a printed copy of the Councillors Code of Conduct is available to them upon request.

- 3.3 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

4. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 21st May 2026, as a true and correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on 21st May 2026 be approved as a true record.

5. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

5.1 Hanging Baskets.

Those Parish Councils that have installed hanging baskets, with undertaking testing and receiving permission, were instructed to remove all hanging baskets by 12th June 2026 or RMBC will remove them at a cost to the offending Parish Councils.

5.2 Garage

It has come to light that the lease of the garage from RMBC was put in the name & address of the former Clerk. RMBC have been contacted to correct this matter & update their records.

6. Annual Audit / AGAR

6.1 The Annual Report was presented to members for consideration & discussion.

RESOLVED that the Report be accepted and signed. Various procedures & policies be but in place as highlighted in the report.

6.2 The AGAR EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE DECLARATION 2025/26 was presented to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that the AGAR EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE DECLARATION 2025/26 be approved and signed.

6.3 Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement 2025 -26 was presented to members for consideration & discussion.

RESOLVED that the completed Annual Governance Statement 2025 – 26 be approved and signed.

6.4 Section 2 - The Accounting Statement 2025 -26 was presented to members for consideration & discussion.

RESOLVED that the completed Accounting Statement 2025 – 26 be approved & signed.

7. Policies & Procedures.

The council considered each of the following draft Policies and Procedures.

7.1 UPDATED FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2026 / 27

RESOLVED that the above Risk Assessment be approved and reviewed on an annual basis.

7.2 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL CHECKLIST

RESOLVED that the Financial Control Checklist be approved and completed on a regular basis by the Chair. The Checklist to be reviewed on an annual basis.

7.3 RESERVES POLICY

Members were presented with a Reserves Policy for consideration & approval.

RESOLVED that the Reserves Policy be approved and then reviewed on an annual basis.

RESOLVED that £35k of the current funds held to be earmarked as reserves for playground refurbishment / upgrade.

8. Ground level floral displays.

No update.

9. Employment of a Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Members discussed the need for an employed Clerk / RFO. The Chair presented a job description for advertising the post.

RESOLVED that the post of Clerk / RFO be advertised for 20 hours per calendar month. YLCA to be contacted regarding the current pay scales.

10). Financial Matters

10.1 To receive and note current bank balances

Bank balances in the current and deposit accounts were noted.

10.2 To approve & authorise the payments as shown on the Schedule of Accounts

RESOLVED to approve & sign cheques for the payments shown on the Schedule of Accounts.

10.3 To note payments already authorised

The monthly payment by D.D. to RMBC for the garage rental.

10.4 Asset Register

An updated Asset Register 2026/27 was presented to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Council accept the updated Asset Register 2026/27 and the register be updated annually prior to the financial year end.

11. Planning Applications

The meeting was informed that no new applications regarding the Parish of Orgreave or in adjoining areas that may impact the Parish. It was noted that a planning application had been submitted to Sheffield City Council regarding the erection of 56 new homes on the Sports Ground and Pavillion on Medlock Close. S13 9BA.

12. Correspondence

Members were given details of various correspondence received. No further action.

13. Items for the next ordinary meeting of the Council

Update on the recruitment / pay scales for a Clerk / RFO.

Governance Review Consultation

The Chair reminded members that councillors are to provide specified agenda items to the Clerk at least one week prior to the next Council meeting in accordance with the Council's adopted policy.

Draft newsletter to be presented.

14. Date of the next meeting

It was noted that in accordance with the agreed schedule, the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 16th July 2026.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

It is resolved at the meeting held on 16th July 2026 that these minutes are a true & accurate record of the meeting held on 18th June 2026.

Signature: mt/sldar

Name: M. HOLDER

Position: COUNCILLOR