

ORGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on the 16th July 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. Elsey, Slater.

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 – None
- 2.2. To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors – N/A
- 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, 18th June 2026, as a true and correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on 18th June 2026 be approved as a true record.

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

- 5.1 Floral displays - the acting Clerk to contact R.M.B.C. regarding the requirements needed for installing ground floor floral displays in suitable locations throughout the Parish.

5.2 Garage Lease - R.M.B.C. to be contacted again to chase up this matter.

6. Update of website & councillors email addresses

6.1 The Clerk of Aston Parish Council has kindly updated our website & it's now compliant.

6.2 Members were informed of the requirement to have their own O.P.C. email address.
The acting Clerk to find further information.

7. Ground level floral displays.

The acting Clerk to liaise with R.M.B.C. regarding permission. Members to look for suitable locations within the estate and report back at the September 2026 meeting.

8. Playground Inspections

The June 2026 Playground Inspection Report was made available to members.

9) Update on the employment of a Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.

To be discussed, after the summer recess, at the September 2026 meeting.

10) Policies & Procedures

There were no policies or procedures requiring approval.

11) Newsletter

The draft newsletter was discussed and, following amendments, was approved for printing.
The acting Clerk to arrange printing & members kindly agreed to distribute the newsletter.

12). Financial Matters

12.1 To receive and note current bank balances

RESOLVED members viewed current bank statements and confirmed.

12.2 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.

12.3 To note payments already authorised

The monthly payment by D.D. to R.M.B.C. for the garage rental as shown on the Schedule of Accounts.

12.4 Outsourcing of payroll service for employees re: PAYE/NI

RESOLVED to be considered once a new Clerk / RFO is in post.

13. Planning Applications

There were no new applications regarding the Parish of Orgreave or in adjoining areas that may have an impact upon the Parish

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.

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.

Members to feedback on suitable locations for ground level floral displays within the estate.

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, 17th September 2026.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.15 p.m.

It is **resolved** at the meeting held on 17th September 2026 that these minutes are a true & accurate record of the meeting held on 16th July 2026.

Signature: 
Name: LINDA KELSEY
Position: PARISH COUNCILLOR