ORGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on the 17th September 2026, at 7.00pm in Aston Fence J & I School, Sheffield Road, Swallownest, Rotherham.

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

Two residents of Orgreave, that had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, attending the meeting. No press was 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 –

Apologies were received from Cllr. Marsh.

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

The reason for Cllr. Marsh's absence was accepted.

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).

Members of the public were advised that there were several items on the agenda requiring the exclusion of the press or public and they would be asked to leave the meeting at that point.

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, 16th July 2026, as a true and correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Orgreave Parish Council held on 16th July 2026 be approved as a true record.

5. Parish Council vacancy.

Following an article in the O.P.C. Summer Newsletter, 2 residents expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and both were invited to attend this meeting. Both residents attended the meeting and various aspects of becoming a Parish Councillor were discussed. The legal process and timeframe for becoming a Parish Councillor was also explained.

6. Clerks Report

6.1 RMBC has rectified the administrative error on the lease of garage 4 and a new lease in the name of Orgreave Parish Council has been prepared.

6.2 The Clerk gave members details regarding annual servicing of the both the defibrillator & the cabinet. Members requested clarification on the servicing cost of the cabinet and for the information to be made available for the October meeting.

6.3 Members were informed that 2 additional sets of pads had been received.

6.4 Members were advised of the type of weed killer used by RMBC. (Glyphosate)

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

7.1 Floral displays – R.M.B.C. have been contacted regarding the requirements needed for installing ground floor floral displays in suitable locations throughout the Parish. R.M.B.C. have requested details of which locations the Parish Council proposes to use before permission is granted. Suitable locations were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Sheffield City Council regarding the use of land, within the Sheffield boundary, at both entrances of the estate to site some type of ground floor displays.

7.1 Update of website & councillors email addresses

Members were advised that the website is now fully operational & compliant.

RESOLVED – that members would be each be given their own **@orgreavepc.gov.uk** email address.

8. Playground Inspections

The latest Playground Inspection Report was made available to members.

Refurbishment / replacement of equipment to be an agenda item at the October meeting.

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

The current scale of pay rates have been provided by N.A.L.C.

RESOLVED – The post of Clerk / RFO to Orgreave Parish Council be advertised on the Y.L.C.A. website at a cost of £20.00. The advertised post to be for 20 hours per calendar month and the pay rate to be, depending on experience / relevant qualifications, in accordance with the latest N.A.L.C. scale.

10). Financial Matters

10.1 To receive and confirm the current bank balances

RESOLVED members viewed current bank statements and confirmed.

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 R.M.B.C. for the garage rental as shown on the Schedule of Accounts.

11. 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 received details of the various correspondence received.

13. Items for the next ordinary meeting of the Council

Santa parade budget to be agreed.

Refurbishment / placement of playground equipment

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.

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, 15th October 2026.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.10 p.m.

It is **resolved** at the meeting held on 15th October 2026 that these minutes are a true & accurate record of the meeting held on 17th September 2026.

Signature: ..... M Holden .....

Name: ..... M HOLDER .....

Position: ..... Councillor .....