

SITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

**on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7.00 pm
Netherton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Crow (Chair) Cllr Fearnside, Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Smith

Recommendations

- Clerk to contact the Architect to request further drawings for the different viewpoints of the pavilion and adding access to the field via smaller steps or a gradual path if possible.
- Follow up with Wakefield Council on our report regarding footpath 7 width.
- Send out historical pavilion working group minutes/notes about the vision for the pavilion.
- Schedule social media posts for the pavilion public consultation.
- Reporting to Wakefield Council about trees over footpath 16 & 17.

1/0326.Welcomes and Apologies

The chair welcomes the meeting no apologies were received.

2/0326.The chairs reminder of the council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

Standing Order 3(l), The recording of council and parish meetings is permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 but recording will be carried out in accordance with separate rules adopted by the local council to effectively and lawfully manage this activity

3/0326.Members' Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
None were declared.

4/0326.Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960)

To consider, if thought fit, a resolution under the terms of the Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960) to exclude members of the public and press from any item which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.
No public attended.

5/0326.Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025

To receive the minutes of the last meeting, approved at the Parish Council Meeting dated: 2/2/2026 Minutes ref:158/0226b

6/0326.To receive an update on ongoing matters (for information only)

6.1-To receive an update from previous actions/recommendations.

- Litter picking volunteers structure and training

Awaiting a resolution to commence with a HR company to put together a handbook with their support.

- Rubbish at Hartley bank has now been removed.
- Updates on footpath 7

Cllr Dickinson to report on any progress.

No further action noted, Clerk to follow up on case with WMDC.

- Update on muddy pedestrian paths Ramsay estate.
Reported to WMDC customer service.

It was noted there was no grass and very boggy in the areas reported.

7/0326.Hartley Bank community field and Pavilion at Balk Lane, Netherton

a-To receive an update from the Friends of Hartley Bank

Clerk has contacted the friends regarding dog bag dispensers for the HB community field.

b-To receive the subcommittee minutes for the pavilion project and consider recommendations.

A further public consultation arranged for Tuesday 21st April 2026.

It was noted an improved advertising plan needs to be actioned to target community engagement; an article was added to Coxley News about the history of Hartley bank and the plans for redevelopment. (this is also on the notice board)

Discussed was when to post on social media to be the most effective, with scheduled posts throughout the week.

A meeting to be arranged with the architect to discuss different matters raised and gather these together for the next consultation.

Parking was raised, along with a business plan to support the grant application and outline objectives for the pavilion in the coming years.

c-To receive an update from the meeting with the Architect.

An onsite meeting took place Tuesday 17th March at the pavilion 10.30am.

Matters raised at the public consultation were discussed and an onsite meeting to consider the layout. Disabled parking and parking at the bottom of the field discussed, with the decking area to wrap around the end of the building. The storage under the decking discussed.

Stone cladding was agreed for the outside of the building to stay in keeping with the houses on Balk Lane.

Steps down considered with a graduated slope down to the field requested for the architect drawings.

A green roof discussed to confirm the maintenance, it was noted that solar panels can sit alongside the green roof.

Shutters for the doors and windows and swift boxes on the trees would be a better option

Layout of the toilet discussed and confirmed for the new plan.

CCTV /Senor lighting would also be required for the area.

d-To plan for the public consultation on Tuesday 21st April and agree any actions required.

It was agreed that a script for the consultation should be prepared and presented to all in attendance for consistency of delivery. Different visual views for the plans to show the full picture to residents.

Residents to give feedback on use of the pavilion for the community.

Different community groups discussed and how to facility these.

8/0326. Emroyd Common

a-To receive an update from the friends of Emroyd

Cllr Fearnside updated the meeting; the friends had a session on Sunday to cut the hedge back.

The path water barrier is working well; however, it was noted it needs clearing.

Clerk to request the grounds maintenance team to action.

Boundaries of Emroyd discussed.

b-To receive an update on a full wood inspection for Emroyd.

The clerk has approached some companies and awaiting the quotes.

9/0326.Denby Grange

a-To receive an update from Denby Grange

Cllr Smith noted it was the AGM

Discussed was Denby grange taking over the tabletop sales in the summer months.

10/0326.Netherton Play area

a-To receive an update and arrange consultations with the school and Youth club on the equipment they would like to see in the play area.

Waiting for the grant funding to be decided for the swings and climber cone, the committee can then consider further equipment.

b-To receive an update from the grant application for new swings and a climber cone.

Clerk to keep the committee updated.

11/0326.Footpaths and Bridle ways

Report to WMDC.

Trees over footpaths 16 and 17 have trees over hanging the footpaths.

12/0326.Correspondence (if any)

Resident emailed regarding the trees at the back Emroyd. Dead Trees on the footpath

13/0326.Matters of an urgent nature or items for the next agenda

Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or items for inclusion on the next agenda.

14/0326.Date and Time of Next Meeting

To arrange the date and time of the next meeting.

The meetings to be quarterly.

Meeting End: 20.10pm

Tuesday 16th June 7.00pm Netherton Village Hall.