# MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
# held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
# WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026 at 7:30pm

**Present:**
**Chair**: D. Simpson
**Councillors**: J. Elliott, P. Brown, M. Pryce, L. Shaw
**D. Cllr**: A. McCallum
**C. Cllr**: Absent
**Clerk**: B. Kinsey
**Members of the public**: One resident attended.

**01/0126: Apologies for absence**: D. Cllr A .McCallum, Cllrs J. Peel, A. Garner

**02/0126: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed**
None

**03/0126: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation**
One resident attended, representing the Ranskill & Torworth Festival Committee. A festival is being planned on Saturday 13th June, the PC confirmed that the playing fields will be made available for the event at no charge. The PC was also requested to provide funds for the toilets and a marquee. As no costings were provided, the PC deferred making a decision until detailed figures are submitted.

**04/0126: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of November 2025**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th of November 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05/0126: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports**
**a.** District Councillor
Absent.
**b.** County Councillor
The next County Council meeting will be held on the 22nd of February where the budget for next year will be decided. No road marking repairs will be carried out until March. A sign is being planned for the Blyth Road/Retford Road junction to advise Blyth Road is unsuitable for HGVs. Folly Nook Road is to be considered for resurfacing, a visit to the site is being organised with VIA area manager.

**06/0126: Crime and Policing**
The latest available figures were four crimes committed in October and three in November giving an average of 5.2/month for the year, compared with 9.1 for last year.

**07/0126: Highways and Traffic**
A further accident occurred this month at the crossroads. Parking at the school remains an ongoing issue. The new head at the school will be contacted to ask parents to park more reasonably on their website and our local PCSO will again be asked to attend at the appropriate time.

**08/0126: Finance**
**a.** To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st December 2025
Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. **Carried**.
**b.** To approve the budget and precept amount for the year 2026-27
An increase in the precept of 7% for next year was proposed, compared to 9% last year and 8% the previous year. It was resolved to accept the budget, proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Pryce. **Carried**.
**c.** To consider adopting a new IT policy to comply with assertion 10 audit rule
A template provided by NALC was used as the basis for the RPC policy. It was resolved to implement the new policy. **Carried**.

**09/0126: Planning**

**a.** To consider new planning applications received as at 14th January 2026

No new applications have been received.

**b.** Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.

There are concerns about continuing development and excavation works on a track at Deepwater Fisheries. One new enforcement case has been established, breach of refusal of planning.

**10/0126: Amenities and Facilities**

**a.** Consider the playground safety reports

The January sheet showed no new issues.

**b.** Update on the access across PC land at the rear of Station Cottage

We continue to wait for a response from the solicitor's archive search. The Clerk will follow up.

**c.** Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Green Close and Jubilee way

The columns have been installed, however some components supplied for the luminaires are incorrect, we await replacements from the supplier, expected in February.

**d.** To consider extending the Christmas light display to a second tree

The Clerk has requested quotations from three local electrical installers to provide a suitable outlet.

**e.** To consider North Notts Landscapes quotation for the 2026-27 season

It was resolved to accept the prices proposed, **Carried**.

**f.** To consider an approach to locate a waste textile bin in the village.

It was decided not to take this matter any further due to the fact that we have nowhere suitable to locate the bin.

**11/0126: Co-option of Additional Councillors**

The PC requests any resident who is interested to contact the Clerk.

**12/0126: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest**

The PC has received a letter from a resident outlining issues on grass verge parking on Cherry Tree Walk and subsequent potential damage to tree roots. Also noted that the new trees planted on Jubilee Way need the rubber supporting straps loosened and perhaps the surrounding mature trees be trimmed to improve light. The PC will forward the Cherry Tree Walk issue to our District Councillor Andrew McCallum, BDC owns the land and green spaces. Cllr Shaw will attend to the young trees on Jubilee Way and some tree trimming has been planned following the installation of new solar lighting columns.

**13/0126: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting**

None.

**14/0126: Agree Dates for the Next Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting is the 11th of February 2026.

Signed as a true record: -