MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:
Chair: D. Simpson
Councillors: J. Elliott, P. Brown, L. Shaw, J. Peel
D. Cllr: Absent
C. Cllr: Absent
Clerk: B. Kinsey
Members of the public: No resident attended.

01/0226: Apologies for absence: D. Cllr A. McCallum, C. Cllr M. Robertson, Cllrs M. Pryce, A. Garner

02/0226: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed
None

03/0226: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation
None.

04/0226: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th of January 2025
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th of January 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0226: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports
a. District Councillor
Absent.
b. County Councillor
A written report was received. The proposed council tax rise is 3.99%. Two JCB pothole pro's are being purchased to speed up road repair. We are waiting for the capital plan to be published for the coming year. New signage is expected on both ends of Blyth Road to discourage HGV traffic. A request has been made to study traffic light phasing at the crossroads to try to reduce accidents. An inspection of Folly Nook Road has been requested for road resurfacing and repair.

06/0226: Crime and Policing
The latest available figure was 6 crimes in December, giving an average of 5.3 for 2025, compared with 9.1 for the previous year.

07/0226: Highways and Traffic
Parking at the school remains an ongoing issue, parents again are requested to park their vehicles in a considerate manner. HGV traffic on Blyth Road continues to cause issues to residents and our C. Cllr has this issue in hand.

08/0226: Finance
a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st January 2026
Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. **Carried**.
A new allocation of CIL funds is expected shortly from BDC.
b. To consider assistance needed to finalise establishing .gov email accounts
The Clerk will circulate new account registration instructions.

09/0226: Planning
a. To consider new planning applications received as at 14th February 2026
Two new applications have been received, 25/01369/ADV illuminated light box for the Thrive Centre on Great North Road and 25/01536/HSE convert conservatory and erect single storey shower room for Glen Royal, Great North Road. The PC has no objections to either application.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.
There are continuing concerns about development and excavation works on a track at Deepwater Fisheries.

10/0226: Amenities and Facilities

a. Consider the playground safety reports
The February sheet showed no new issues.

b. Update on our lottery application to fund a new climbing wall
We have been successful in obtaining National Lottery funding of £7,950 for a new piece of playground equipment. The funds have just been received and installation is expected at the end of February.

c. Update on the access across PC land at the rear of Station Cottage
The Clerk has contacted the solicitor again with no response, a further follow up will be made.

d. Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Green Close and Jubilee Way
The remanufactured luminaires are expected from the manufacturer shortly.

e. To consider extending the Christmas light display to a second tree
The plan is to install a second set of Christmas lights in a neighbouring tree. New electrical works will be necessary to connect the tree and the Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotations from contractors.

11/0226: Co-option of Additional Councillors
The PC requests any resident who is interested to contact the Clerk.

12/0226: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest
Cllrs agreed to donate S137 funds to support the Ranskill & Torworth Festival in June by sponsoring the provision of two marquees, tables and chair rental. The final amount to be decided shortly.

13/0226: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting
None.

14/0226: Agree Dates for the Next Parish Council Meetings
The next meeting is the 11th of February 2026.

Signed as a true record: -