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

**Present:**
**Chair**: D. Simpson
**Councillors**: J. Elliott, P. Brown, J. Peel, A. Garner, M. Pryce
**D. Cllr**: C. Cllr M. Robertson (part)
**C. Cllr**: Absent
**Clerk**: B. Kinsey
**Members of the public**: No resident attended.

**01/0326: Apologies for absence**: D. Cllr A. McCallum, Cllr L. Shaw

**02/0326: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed**
None.

**03/0326: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation**
None.

**04/0326: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th of February 2025**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of February 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05/0326: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports**
**a.** District Councillor
Absent.
**b.** County Councillor
The County Council budget meeting was held on the 26th of February with a precept agreed with an increase of 3.99%. The 3 year capital spending plan is not ready as additional funding is being sought. This will be visible to the public. The next full council meeting is on the 19th of March.
Representations are being made regarding the poor repair of the pothole at the Mattersey Road/Great North Road junction. The phasing of the traffic lights at the crossroads is being considered and the County Senior Safety Officer is to inspect the sharp bend on Blyth Road with a view to consider safety measures.
The new Councillor's discretionary fund will be available shortly, we are encouraged to apply. The LCF local communities fund is being restricted for the time being to a maximum of £20k, match funded. We intend to apply to renew some older playground equipment.

**06/0326: Crime and Policing**
The latest available figure is three crimes in January, an average of 5.3 for 2025, compared with 9.1 for the previous year.

**07/0326: Highways and Traffic**
A new bus stop has been installed on Great North Road. Mitigating HGV traffic on Blyth Road continuing to cause issues to residents is in hand by our C. Cllr.

**08/0326: Finance**
**a.** To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 28th February 2026
Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. Proposed by Cllr Peel and seconded by Cllr Garner. **Carried**.
**b.** To consider assistance needed to finalise establishing .gov email accounts
All Cllrs have now configured their new email address.
**c.** To consider the annual grant request from The Star magazine
Cllrs agreed to remit the grant this month.

**d.** To consider deposit account strategy

Cllrs received a written report submitted by the Clerk. In view of new CIL funds just received, but considering potential capital spending it was decided to place the additional funds in a 95 day notice business account, with a variable interest rate currently 4.1%. In addition, we will close the Natwest reserve account with a much lower rate. Proposed Cllr Peel, seconded Cllr Elliott. **Carried**.

**09/0326: Planning**

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

No new applications have been received.

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

There are concerns about continuing excavation works on a track at Deepwater Fisheries. Cllrs have received reports concerning alleged land fill, illegal road building, dumping of waste and visits by Environmental Health and the Police. Planning enforcement has been alerted.

**10/0326: Amenities and Facilities**

**a.** To consider the playground safety reports

The March sheet showed no new issues.

**b.** Update on the new climbing wall

The new monkey challenge has now been installed.

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

The Clerk has finally had contact with the solicitor. This matter was discussed and any follow up deferred.

**d.** Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Green Close and Jubilee Way

The remanufactured luminaires were delivered on the 11th of March. North Notts will install as soon as possible to complete this project.

**e.** Update on extending the Christmas light display to a second tree

The electric groundworks have now been completed with a new cabinet in the neighbouring tree. Costings were presented to install new lighting. Cllrs decided to remove the existing lights on the original tree and install new lighting on both trees, to ensure a consistent display. The Clerk will arrange a site visit by the installer to progress.

**11/0326: Co-option of Additional Councillors**

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

**12/0326: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest**

The PC has received a complaint regarding a tree on the green near Lowfield Close but covered by a TPO. The Clerk will commission a risk-benefit survey report by an arboricultural consultant.

**13/0326: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting**

None.

**14/0326: Agree Dates for the Next Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting is the 8th of April 2026.

Signed as a true record: -