MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:
Chair: D. Simpson
Councillors: P. Brown, M. Pryce, J. Peel, L. Shaw
D. Cllr: A. McCullum
C. Cllr: M. Robertson
Clerk: B. Kinsey
Members of the public: Two residents attended.

01/0726: Apologies for absence: Cllrs A. Garner, J. Elliott

02/0726: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed
None.

03/0726: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation
The residents wished to observe the meeting and had no questions. They were complimentary on the good work of Rachel, our litter picker and the how the PC is looking after the playground and gradually replacing equipment.

04/0726: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of June 2026
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of June 2026 were both agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0726: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports
a. District Councillor
Parking at the school remains a significant issue. A Councillor reported that near misses between manoeuvring vehicles and schoolchildren are anecdotally a common occurrence. The Parish Council needs to gain possession of the car park off Station Avenue and will be in touch with the owners of any vehicles which appear to be abandoned. It is planned to use this facility as an asset to provide parking for parents dropping off and collecting children.
Planning enforcement appears to be denying that the PC advised them of waste dumping off Mattersey Road. We will provide evidence of messages sent from last year.
b. County Councillor
Highways are launching road resurfacing in our area, we await a firm date for Great North Road.
Traffic light phasing, a response from VIA EM has been provided which appears to be based on a desk top survey. The PC challenged the assumptions and suggested 3 alternative light phasing schemes. The officer has now agreed to a site meeting together with a traffic light specialist to discuss further. Dates are requested and the PC will arrange at least one Cllr to attend.
A sign indicating, not suitable for HGVs, has agreed to be erected at the entrance to Folly Nook Road from Great North Road.
School parking, a longer term solution being a one way road is being considered using some of the grassed area. The C. Cllr will liaise with our D. Cllr to progress.

06/0726: Crime and Policing
The latest available figure remains 4 crimes in April, an average of 4.5 for the year, compared to 5.3 reported crimes per month for 2025.

07/0726: Highways and Traffic
In addition to the road works described above, attention was drawn to Folly Nook Lane where a small amount of edge contouring has been installed. A more substantive repair including kerb edging was requested.

08/0726: Finance

a. To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts as at 30th June 2026

Summary month end accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. The NatWest 95 day liquidity account has now been closed and funds transferred to the Reserve Account. Expenditure for June was routine except for £1,500 for the two trees at the crossroads to be wrapped with new lighting. CIL funds now stand at £46,181. **Carried**.

b. To consider funding applications

We have one application for a £50k not match funded LCF grant to replace some of the older playground equipment. Cllr Pryce provided copies of potential items to consider, a preferred list was agreed. Cllr Pryce will obtain updated prices from Kompan and submit our application.

c. To consider a request from First Responders for a S137 grant

Last year we provided funds of £175, it was decided to offer £200 for the current year, **Carried**.

09/0726: Planning

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 8th July 2026

There are no new applications.

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

It was noted that most of the outstanding BDC enforcement cases previously listed online have been deleted. This was brought to the attention of our D. Cllr.

10/0726: Amenities and Facilities

a. To consider the playground safety reports

The July inspection sheet showed no defects.

b. Car parking at the school

Please see the notes above.

c. Update on the Christmas lights display project

The new lighting strings have now been installed and connected by our electrician and are in working order.

d. To consider clearing a path on Arundel Close

Cllrs agreed on this occasion to appoint North Notts to clear the path of weeds, but not overhanging branches. In future the resident is advised to contact Nottingham County Council.

11/0726: To consider a new policy regarding Apologies

Postponed to the next meeting.

12/0726: Joint Burial Committee

Nothing to report.

13/0726: Local Government Reorganisation

A report from the BDC Parish Forum was noted.

14/0726: To consider establishing a Parish emergency plan

This issue was suggested by BDC and rejected by the Parish Council as not relevant. We have no resources to complete this complex undertaking.

15/0726 Co-option of Additional Councillors

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

16/0726: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest

None

17/0726: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting

None.

18/0726: Agree a Date for the Next Parish Council Meeting

9th of September 2026.

Signed as a true record: -