MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:30pm

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

01/0926: Apologies for absence: Cllr A. Garner

02/0926: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed
None.

03/0926: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation
Most visitors attended resided on Blyth Road and were concerned about safety due to heavy HGV traffic and speeding of all vehicles resulting in a significant number of instances of near misses with other vehicles and pedestrians. There are also a number of private houses with overgrown trees and hedges blocking the narrow pavements. Enhanced measures were suggested including a weight limit and a 20mph speed limit.
Other residents were requesting action to repair potholes on Access Road. Another resident expressed concerns about too many vehicles parking on the bottom Station Road and not living in the immediate area. In addition, parking at the top of Station Road causing an obstruction is a continuing problem.
Concern was also expressed about the condition of the toxic illegal waste dump.
All these issues are not within the remit of the PC other than to liaise with higher authorities, who were present and their response is detailed below.

04/0926: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of July 2026
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of July 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0926: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports
a. District Councillor
Access Road is unadopted and not the responsibility of Highways. D. Cllr McCullum advised that he has a meeting with a road surfacing company to obtain a price to repair and will promote the cost being shared by local companies on the industrial estate. Network Rail are only responsible for the road between the barriers.
The PC wishes to clear its car park to release it for use by parents for school pick up and drop offs. There is an abandoned van in the car park which the owner has so far refused to move. The PC in conjunction with BDC will commence formal removal procedures. The Clerk was asked to formally write to the owner.
The new lorry park on Access Road does not seem to be busy, no change of use planning application has been made.
b. County Councillor
The chaotic VIA EM implementation of the road surfacing on the A638 Great North Road has been the subject of many complaints. NCC have attempted to construct a 4 year project of road resurfacing into 1 year, with a subsequent lack of project control. NCC will be issuing a formal apology because of the impact of businesses and residents.
The Local Government Review, in our case creation of two unitary authorities in Nottinghamshire, due to potential judicial reviews, will not progress any further pending a formal review. It's planned to hold BDC elections in 2027 and NCC in 2029.

On Blyth Road, signs at both ends of the road stating “unsuitable for HGVs” have just been erected. A speed limit reduction could be considered in the village, providing it is enforceable by police. Regarding overgrown vegetation over the road from privately owned gardens, VIA have enforcement powers which can be triggered once other attempts have been made. Previous attempts by the PC to introduce other traffic calming measures have been refused by VIA such as speed bumps or rumble strips. A potential vehicle weight limit, possibly to 7.5t will be considered.
Car parking on lower Station Road is a local nuisance to residents. It could be considered to implement line marking. The Clerk will obtain the number of tickets issued by traffic enforcement at the top of the road near the traffic lights, where inconsiderate parking often creates an obstruction.
The LCF grant window unexpectedly closed early. We had an application in preparation which was timed out. Our C. Cllr intervened with the community fund administration to re-open the window and accept our application for new playground equipment based on a £40k match funded, prepared by Cllr Pryce.

06/0926: Crime and Policing
The latest available figures for 2026 are 4 crimes in April, 6 in May, 5 in June and 4 in July, an average of 4.7 for the year, compared to an average of 5.3 reported crimes per month for 2025.

07/0926: Highways and Traffic
Nothing further to report.

08/0926: Finance
a. To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts as at 31st August 2026
Summary month end accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. Expenditure for July was routine and August below expectations. Carried.

09/0926: Planning
a. To consider new planning applications received as at 8th September 2026
There are no new applications.
b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues
The PC revised its opinion regarding application 26/00770/HSE due to incorrect information provided by BDC on its portal We will now remove our objection on the basis of revised plans being submitted.
c. Update on the illegal dump of toxic waste
The PC wrote to our MP Jo White and subsequently received a response from the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs dated 9th September, which has been published on our website. The gates to the dump are now locked.
d. Update on the overnight lorry park potential planning application
See above.

10/0926: Amenities and Facilities
a. To consider the playground safety reports
The annual independent safety report has been received. All equipment is rated as low or moderate risk. There are quite a few maintenance items to carry out, North Notts have a list and are pricing the potential costs.
b. Car parking at the school
Please see the notes above.
c. To consider potential sites for the renewal of benches
Deferred to the next meeting.

11/0926: To consider a new policy regarding Apologies
Postponed to the next meeting.

12/0926: Joint Burial Committee
Nothing to report.

13/0926 Co-option of Additional Councillors
The PC requests any resident who is interested to contact the Clerk.

14/0926: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest

a. Potential Heritage Project
The PC has received a request from a documentary filmmaker to produce a videography of the village history. The PC will request further detail.
b. Speeding on Great North Road
The PC received a written report from a resident of the Woodlands Ridge, Mclaughlin Homes regarding traffic speed on Great North Road, with several suggestions. In the first instance NCC will initiate a traffic survey to determine the speed and volume of traffic on GNR in both directions.
c. Girlguiding request for funding
The PC received a letter from the District Commissioner requesting funding to support the re-opening of the 1st Ranskill Guide unit. The PC is fully supportive of this request and is happy to donate a sum of £720 to cover the projected shortfall of the cost of opening the unit. Proposed Cllr Pryce, seconded Cllr Peel. **Carried**. The Clerk will write to outline our offer.

15/0926: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting
None.

16/0926: Agree a Date for the Next Parish Council Meetings
21st of October and 18th November 2026.

Signed as a true record: -