

LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

Present:

Councillor Nigel Tomlinson
Councillor Keith Wilson
Councillor Nicola Harris
Clerk Joanne Halsall

In attendance:

23 Residents.
Mrs Lee from Annabels Café
2 members from St Katherine Church
Ward Councillors – Martin Greenhalgh & Jackie Dudley
Doncaster Council – Richard Lewis

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Residents raised issues with a notable increase in visitor numbers, particularly linked to Annabel's Café and the Church. This rise in footfall is creating a range of pressures on local infrastructure, private property, and community relations.

Residents expressed anger at visitors parking on village streets and causing obstruction and tensions.

A significant number of complaints have been received regarding congestion, inconvenience, and limited access for residents.

St Katherines Church allows the Romanian Orthodox Church to conduct their service on Sundays which is causing added issues with parking. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of the Church making use of the nursery's car park as an overflow facility. Mrs Lee also suggested the use of the Nursley car park. It was agreed that further enquiries are required to determine feasibility with permissions.

Reports have been received of individuals walking across private land with little regard for boundaries. Residents have felt compelled to install new gates and fencing at personal expense to prevent trespass and protect their property.

The bridlepath running through the village is under increasing strain due to higher levels of use. Concerns were raised about erosion, widening of the path, and disruption to regular users.

Residents have reported persistent problems with Dog fouling being left or dumped on and around the bridleway and adjacent land. Dogs being allowed off leads, causing nuisance and raising safety concerns for livestock, pets, and walkers.

In addition to previously discussed parking challenges, the cumulative effect of increased visitors, trespass, and misuse of paths is contributing to tension between residents and visitors.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles speeding to and from the Nursery. Despite repeated reports made directly to the Nursery, the problem continues.

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Complaints were discussed concerning late-night noise and disruptive behaviour linked to the wedding venue. Noise being too loud for residents to sit in their own garden comfortably. Guests leaving the venue late at night causing significant noise disturbance. Visitors throwing beer bottles into hedgerows and along village lanes, Incidents of individuals urinating in hedges and other inappropriate locations.

Annabels Café & St Katherines church never expected their venues would become so popular and so many visitors attend.

The New Vineyard was discussed with regards to more traffic. This venue was a maximum of 20 people per tour. Mrs Lee gave reassurances that this development would not have any impact on parking as the Car park can accommodate these visitors.

Action: Doncaster Council to review existing signage and consider whether additional guidance to visitors is needed. More bins to be installed around the bridle path area where the increase in footfall is a problem.

Possibility of yellow lines were discussed but dismissed as this would cause problems for residents with their own families visiting and parking.

Action: Matter to be brought back to the next Parish Council meeting for update and further consideration.

1 Council Vacancy

RESOLVED to continue to advertise

Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of interest.

1. Apologies of absence

Councillor Spencer Morris

RESOLVED Accepted due to work commitments

2. Update from Ward members.

Discussed Previously

3. Update from the Police

No one in attendance.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes were approved and signed accordingly.

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Fly tipping. Various litter left around the bins has been reported. Clerk regularly reports the litter collection from Wadworth Parish Council litter pickers when left. Bin near the Notice Board has been repaired.
- Bench repairs. Quotes received.
RESOLVED to go ahead with a local resident joiner.

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6. Financial Matters

Payments, Invoices, Bank statement and reconciliation report circulated.

RESOLVED all approved and signed accordingly.

Budget/Precept for 2026-27 was discussed. The current level of precept is too low as recent costs have risen, with Lamppost Poppies recently purchased, plus Bench repairs are needed. A Christmas tree & Lights for the village was discussed, and further funds would be needed. No reserves were currently held with a deficit if not increased substantially this year.

RESOLVED to set the precept with a 45% increase to cover costs incurred and reserves. This would cost residents £14.38 each per year on Band D

7. Planning

Nothing to report

A recent planning application for the Biomass boiler granted is causing issues with pollution to nearby residents, having to close windows & Doors.

8. Correspondence

All Circulated and dealt with accordingly.

Business Continuity Plan was discussed and agreed. Document to be held with Councillor Keith Wilson.

9. Website

All up to date.

10. Date & Time of next meetings

Dates for the next meeting at the WI Hut commencing at **7pm**

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Wednesday 6th May 2026 – AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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