

# LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

**Present:** Councillor Nigel Tomlinson  
Councillor Spencer Morris  
Councillor Nicola Harris  
Councillor Keith Wilson  
Councillor John Goodall  
Clerk Joanne Stephens

In attendance: Residents.

### **Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

A resident reported 2 water leaks in the village that had been reported to Yorkshire Water, but as yet nothing has been repaired. 1 leak is on Bubup Hill up towards the church and the other one near Rakes Lane near the bridge.

Annabels Café representative read a statement addressing concerns about the café's impact on the village when it becomes busy.

It was highlighted the positive economic contribution of the café, noting that the business employs 30 people, with eight employees living locally in the village, this provides a valuable economic benefit to the area.

It was explained that the café has already introduced measures to help with parking issues, including employing a car park attendant and providing an overflow car park. However, there are still occasions when visitors park within the village. The café is promoted as a walking destination.

Annabels Café representative said they were very upset by a recent Facebook post in which members of the family were called inappropriate and offensive names, describing the comments as unacceptable.

They also encouraged residents to approach them directly if they experience any issues, so that concerns can be brought to their attention and discussed constructively.

Finally, the café would like to work with the Parish Council and Doncaster Council to explore possible solutions, including reviewing alternative footpaths and access routes to the café.

One resident apologised for their outbursts at the last meeting but is very passionate about this issue in the village as they bought property in a quiet village for a reason and now it is overrun by visitors in there 100's over weekends and school holidays. The village is small and in a conservation area and not a big town that can accommodate this kind of visitors.

It was reported that 211 visitors were in the village going to the Cafe in a 2-hour period.

The Church wasn't as much a problem as this was a condensed 2-hour service once a week.

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Residents reported receiving abuse from visitors walking to the Café when they asked for dogs to be kept on leads. While there was no objection to the Café itself, residents felt that the knock-on effect on the village was becoming unmanageable.

Annabels Café representative explained that they had personally carried out litter picking twice a week, with other staff members also helping, adding that efforts were being made to establish a new route to the Café in order to help alleviate these problems.

A current planning application has been submitted by the Vineyard, partly retrospective in nature. The maximum attendance would be limited to 20 people, so traffic and parking were not expected to be significant issues at those times. A representative from the Vineyard admitted that the barn for which a planning application has been made, has already recently been utilized for the Vineyard tours as set out in the application and before consent has been given by CDC Planning.

A complaint was also raised regarding smoke from the biomass boiler drifting through the village.

Councillor Mr Tomlinson explained that the Parish Council was trying to find solutions to the problems. He stated that the Council was there to listen to residents' concerns, take all complaints on board, and help address the issues raised.

Concerns were reiterated that issues previously raised during the original planning process for Annabel's Café—approved under permitted development on agricultural land—are now materialising.

The main issues reported is large amount of footfall and parking. The village cannot cope with this large amount.

It was reported that too many visitors were making their way to the café along the lane used by large farm vehicles, creating a significant risk of a serious accident.

Annabels Café representative also offered a potential solution to the congestion and footfall problem by opening the original road to the Hall at the top of the village. Whilst this was welcome, residents expressed their concern that unless parking and a path to the cafe was provided then it would only succeed in moving the problem from one end of the village to the other.

Councillor Nigel Tomlinson gave his reported from Doncaster Council with updates of the ongoing issues reported:

- Head of CDC planning will accept further objection to the proposed planning of the Loversall Vineyard Bar application beyond the current submission date. Objections received from the Parish Council and 5 other objections.
- In addition, CDC conservation Officer is objecting to the planning application on the grounds of inappropriate use in the conservation area and within the vicinity of a well-used grade one listed church.
- CDC Head of Legal and democratic Services Dept. is now examining the public nuisance act to ascertain whether it can apply to the situation and issues in Loversall and particularly with Rakes Lane being used as access to Annabels Café as are the paths and footpaths team whilst accepting there are problems on the grounds of Health & Safety issues and erosion of the bridal path.

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- Whilst Highways Department at CDC have no initial objections, they are now central to recommend the necessity to create a new access route to the Café, so as not to unduly affect the residents and remove heavy and consistent footfall on Rakes Lane and its Bridlepath.
- Ongoing pressure and awareness of the situation is being brought to the attention of the Parish Council and CDC ward councillors to lead to an acceptable negotiated solution by all parties, if at all possible. It is also noted by CDC that complaints are also being received from elsewhere ie, Dominion Estate, Plantation and Rossington.
- All ideas and suggestions are welcome, and the Parish Council is to encourage its parishioners to do so and will supply CDC with contact details of those who wish to have an input.

A resident reported that they had lived in the village for eight years when it was quiet, but now an estimated 200–300 visitors walk to and from the café along the lane. Concerns were raised about dog fouling being left behind and children running onto residents' land.

It was noted that yellow lines would not be a suitable solution due to the impact on residents' parking. Limited parking for residents was already causing difficulties, particularly during weekends and school holidays. Nor would any parking permits be of any benefit.

Residents expressed concern that the situation is likely to worsen during school holidays and the warmer months. It was also reported that some residents are unable to gain access to their properties by vehicle because of visitor parking and that many now dread the weekends.

Annabels Café representative was asked if they would promote on social media that there will be other/better routes to the Café including where to park and that the Café is for walkers.

A resident raised concerns about the potholes and poor road surface on Bubup Hill. It was noted that this had recently been reported to the Council; however, the response received stated that the road did not currently meet the required criteria for repair works to be carried out.

## ***Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of interest.***

### **1. Apologies of absence**

None

### **2. Update from Ward members.**

Discussed Previously

### **3. Update from the Police**

No one in attendance.

### **4. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes were approved and signed accordingly.

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## **5. Matters arising from the minutes.**

- Fly tipping. Clerk regularly reports the litter collection from Wadworth Parish Council litter pickers when left. Councillor Mr Wilson reported he regularly litter picks the village.
- Bench repairs. Some of the repair is damaged on one off the bench lats **RESOLVED** to contact Woodbegood Joinery to rectify.
- Parking issues, dealt with earlier – ongoing
- Bubup Hill Give way junction markings have been painted, but no give way sign has been installed.

## **6. Financial Matters**

Payments, Invoices, Bank statement and reconciliation report circulated.

**RESOLVED** all approved and signed accordingly.

## **7. Planning**

26/00536/COU Change of use for Loversall Vineyard – Objections have been submitted.

There is also an extension granted from Doncaster Council to still submit any objections.

## **8. Correspondence**

All Circulated and dealt with accordingly.

Rosemary, Tickhill Road has temporarily installed a fence while garage repairs are completed. This is not an encroachment on the footpath permanently.

Councillor Mr Wilson reported on Rural England may be able to help with the current issues in the village as they have legal advisors.

**RESOLVED** to contact for subscription costs

## **9. Website**

All up to date.

With regards to the changing to the new, gov.uk website, extra fees may incur.

Clerk to investigate the changes and costs.

## **10. Date & Time of next meetings**

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

***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026***

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Annual Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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