

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hunshelf Parish Council
held on Monday 13th October 2025
in the Providence Room, Green Moor at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Miss K. Battye (Chairman) and Councillors P. Watts, Mrs K. Austin, P. Garrity and Mrs L. Godley, Mrs D Carrington (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present.

2025/59 Apologies for non-attendance

There were no apologies of absence.

2025/60 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

This was noted by the meeting

2025/61 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2025 were confirmed.

2025/62 Matters arising from the Minutes

Matters arising have been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2025/63 Parish Projects

Roles & Responsibilities – a PDF version of the latest Good Councillor Guide has been provided to Cllr P Garrity and a printed version has been passed to Cllr Mrs K Austin.

An email has been received from Steel Valley Projects (an environmental charity working with volunteers in Stocksbridge), requesting attendance at a future meeting. The Clerk to send an invite to the November Meeting.

Isle of Skye wall – outstanding action for Cllr P Watts to take a look.

Walls adjacent highway – Cllr P Watts reported that work had been completed. This project to be marked as complete.

Pump House - Cllr P Garrity reported that this was a successful and well attended day with at least 40 people descending. This would not have happened without the tremendous support from a number of volunteers. Some videos and drone footage have been taken for upload to the website. Cllr P Garrity to action.

The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who supported Heritage Day and the opening of the Pump House.

Bridges – the Clerk has queried the Forge Bridge repairs with BMBC.

Overhanging trees – the Clerk to request overhanging trees are trimmed to improve visibility in the following areas - Well Hill, Dean Head and Green Moor Road between the village and Hunshelf Hall.

The defibrillator has been added to the projects spreadsheet and will be reviewed annually.

Hunshelf Chat – a briefing sheet will go out with key dates. C Derrick to provide a process note.

An email has been received from Penistone Archive regarding downsizing of the Community Centre following refurbishment. There are four boxes of history/archive material relating to Green Moor that requires alternative storage. Cllr Mrs K Austin has discussed this with Cllr Barnard, who has agreed to query potential storage with Barnsley Archives. An alternative is the Stocksbridge Museum. The Clerk to make Penistone Archives aware of this progress.

2025/64 Sub Groups

Team Green Moor

C Derrick reported that Vital Facilities had carried out some strimming but more requests will be submitted, including the Pump House hedge. P Allott to obtain quotes for the servicing of the ride on and hand held mowers. The Cricket Club gate requires a new padlock. Cllr Mrs K Austin to purchase the new padlock and then this can be communicated to the Cricket Club.

The Clerk to send round a list of keyholders for review and update.

C Derrick made a request to apply for a grant to purchase a projector that could be used for activities and talks. This was discussed and suggestions were made to share this with the Church and store in the Providence Room. Cllr Mrs K Austin will make enquiries with the Church Council. Insurance provision also needs to be clarified.

The Parish Council supported the grant application.

HEAT

Cllr Mrs L Godley reported that a well attended youth night had been held. Upcoming events include – local history with B Tylee on 13th November, owl talk with Cllr P Garrity on 27th November, wreath making 30th November. There will be no events in December/January however a busy schedule is being prepared for 2026.

Cllr Mrs L Godley reported that the Cricket Club social team would like to work with HEAT on future events.

Green Moor Carol Singers

Cllr Mrs K Austin reported on the recent violin making talk with an international expert and funded from Ward Alliance Grant. The talk was in two parts including violin making and the history of violins. Cllr Mrs K Austin has been asked to arrange an event for the Penistone Arts Festival.

Carol singing practice starts at the beginning of November on Monday evenings. The carol singers will be singing at the Wortley Forge and going around the parish. If anyone wants to sing, everyone is welcome and if anyone wants to invite the carol singers into their homes, this can be arranged.

2025/65 Communications from the Public

The Clerk reported that a request had been received to add an article to the next Hunshelf Chat.

Cllr Miss K Battye made the Parish Council aware of an invite to the Wortley and Thurgoland Lunch Club's 40th Celebration. The invite was for the chair or representative to attend on 31st October 2025. Cllr Miss K Battye to RSVP.

This was noted by the meeting.

2025/66 Reports from the Clerk

The Clerk reported that she had attended the South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA and she had listened to an informative presentation from SYMCA regarding bus franchising. It will be completed in three tranches starting in 2027 through to 2029 and will mean significant investment in bus services in South Yorkshire and better control of routes, timetables and fares. The slides have been shared with Parish Councillors.

At the same meeting, Assertion 10 was discussed which affects the AGAR. It is a requirement for the Parish Council to have a .gov email (.org is acceptable) and to have an IT strategy. The Clerk to look at the model IT strategy and add this to a future agenda, ahead of year-end.

The YLCA were also encouraging Parish Councils to sign up to the Local Awards Scheme. One to consider in the future.

2025/67 Planning Applications and Consultation

The Clerk received and circulated a response from BMBC regarding the Holly Hall Lane DMMO. The advice is to start preparing because timescales are usually tight.

Cllr Miss K Battye and Cllr Mrs K Austin updated the Parish Council following a meeting with the Chair from Oxspring Parish Council in relation to a planning application from Yorkshire Land for a small development at the bottom of Bower Hill, near Bower Dell, Oxspring.

2025/68 Payments & Income

Payments

HSBC – bank charges		£2.00
Mrs C Derrick – reimburse cost of printing Hunshelf Chat		£93.96
Cllr Mrs L Godley – Reimburse HEAT Expenses		£78.79
○ Quiz Night	£73.06	
○ Sunflower Competition expenses	£5.73	
Ms E Moore – Reimburse HEAT Expenses – Green Fest		£11.95
• Picture frames	£18.56	
• Overpayment returned	(£6.61)	
Mrs C Derrick – Reimburse HEAT Expenses – Quiz Night		£4.94
Cllr P Garrity – Reimburse Heritage Open Day expenses		£49.38
• cable ties	£3.49	
• fuel	£12.99	
• extension cable	£32.90	
Dr J Basford – lecture on violin making - Green Moor Carol Singers		£350.00

Income

Current account balance as at 30/09/25 **13,889.34**

Business account balance as at 30/09/25 **£ 166.32**

The above were noted by the meeting.

2025/69 Monthly Financial Report

Cllr P Garrity gave a verbal update with respect to the monthly financial report and the amount in reserves. The Clerk and Cllr P Garrity had a disagreement on the recording of a transaction. Going forwards, this will be addressed by changing the headings from expenditure and income to cash in and cash out.

The Clerk highlighted that the financial information being provided to the Parish Council did not include Team Green Moor. The Clerk will be reviewing financial processes and reports in the coming months and compliance with the Transparency Code.

This was noted by the meeting.

2025/70 Reports of crime in the parish

It was reported that there had been a vehicle theft on Tenter Lane.

This was noted by the meeting.

2025/71 Comments from Green Moor Cricket Club

There were no comments from Green Moor Cricket Club.

2025/72 Any minor items or items for the agenda of the next meeting

The Parish Council discussed the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. There will be a short service in Green Moor Church on 9th November at 10.30am and then a walk to the Ivy Millennium Green to mark the two minutes silence at 11.00am. This will be followed by refreshments at the Providence Room afterwards.

The Clerk to order the wreath and to update the website.

There were no other minor items or items for the agenda of the next meeting.

2025/73 Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.00pm.