

LOVERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

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

In attendance: Residents.

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A resident asked whether the provision of a defibrillator within the village could be considered. It was reported that this had been investigated previously; however, it had not been possible to identify a suitable location that would provide equal benefit and reasonable access for the whole village. Locating a defibrillator at either end of the village was considered problematic, as residents at the opposite end may not be able to access it within an appropriate timeframe.

Councillor Tomlinson provided an update regarding action being taken by Doncaster Council in relation to the businesses operated by Mr and Mrs Lee.

It was reported that Doncaster Council has issued legal papers to Mr and Mrs Lee in the form of a Planning Conservation Notice, providing a two-week period in which to respond. Failure to respond results in an immediate financial penalty. The deadline for a response is Thursday 3 September at 12 noon. As of the date of the meeting, no response had reportedly been received by Doncaster Council from the Lee family.

A Doncaster Council meeting is scheduled for next Monday to collate and review all relevant information and documentation received. Representatives from all relevant departments, including the Head of Legal, are expected to be involved. It was clarified that the matter relates to all businesses operated by the Lee family and is not limited to the issues concerning Annabels Café as this was described by Doncaster Council as a "Full Planning Review".

A resident reported that vineyard tours are fully booked for the remainder of the year, despite the planning application for the barn-based bar/tour reception being suspended until further notice. It was also reported by a resident that there is currently no planning application/permission for the proposed new flower shop. Questions were raised regarding the relevant events and alcohol licensing arrangements associated with these activities.

Although planning activity has reportedly been suspended, concerns were raised by residents that the businesses continue to operate.

It was further reported that promotional activities including the advertising of forthcoming events has continued despite the Council's ongoing investigation. Concerns were also raised about the particularly heavy footfall in and through the village during the school holidays.

It was reported that Yorkshire Wildlife is also being consulted by Doncaster Council, as the situation is affecting its wider business operations. This includes the café facilities, which contribute towards funding the park, as well as the lakes area, where concerns remain regarding the effects of increased visitor activity associated with Annabels Café. In addition, Doncaster Council have also sought input to this process from residents of both the Plantation and Dominion Estates who have been affected by the café and increased visitor numbers.

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Questions were raised regarding whether the businesses hold the appropriate PRS music and entertainment licences.

Further questions were raised regarding whether the advertised bingo events are covered by the appropriate gambling licences.

It was also explained and noted that the alcohol licence was granted to Mrs Lee personally rather than to an individual business.

Councillor Tomlinson advised that the Public Nuisance Act could potentially be used in this type of situation, although this would be considered a last resort and at this stage, where a clearly defined process is underway from Doncaster Council, is simply conjecture.

It was explained that the planning route currently being pursued by Doncaster Council could result in requirements for the businesses to be scaled back. Depending on the outcome, this could also include requirements for the installation of a new access road and the provision of adequate car parking facilities to meet the level of demand generated by the businesses.

Councillor Tomlinson reported on a recent meeting with Sally Jameson MP, which was also attended by several residents. During the meeting, residents raised concerns regarding the ongoing issues associated with Annabel's Café.

Sally Jameson MP confirmed that she was keen to support her constituents where possible; however, she explained that she was unable to intervene directly in matters relating to the council or its processes.

At Sally Jameson MP's request, Councillor Tomlinson agreed to provide her with a detailed email outlining the current issues and concerns raised by residents.

Councillor Tomlinson explained again and emphasised that responsibility for the matter now rests solely with Doncaster Council's Enforcement Team and as they follow their process there is no formal contact between the City Council and LPC. LPC will therefore provide updates to the village as and when further information becomes available from the City Council.

Concerns were raised regarding the biomass boiler for which planning permission has been granted. Residents reported that the boiler is regularly emitting significant amounts of smoke and odour, with the issue occurring on a frequent basis.

Residents have been reporting the incidents as advised. It was reported that the smoke and odour are entering nearby properties, resulting in houses smelling of smoke even when windows and doors are closed. Concerns were also raised that smoke is affecting the wider village.

Residents expressed concerns regarding the potential impact on health and the quality of life for those affected. The matter has been reported to Environmental Health for investigation.

The Nursery has been taken over by "Muddy Boots". The problems with speeding traffic in and out of the nursery is still a problem and will, in due course, be raised with the new owners.

Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of interest.

1. Apologies of absence

Councillor Spencer Morris

RESOLVED to accept reasons of absence.

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2. Update from Ward members.

No one in attendance, apologies received.

3. Update from the Police

No one in attendance.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes were approved and signed accordingly.

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Fly tipping. Not bad recently. Any issues are reported and cleared away.
- Parking issues, Annabels Café & Biomass boiler dealt with earlier – ongoing

6. Financial Matters

Payments, Invoices, Bank statement and reconciliation report circulated.

RESOLVED all approved and signed accordingly.

7. Planning

26/00830/FUL Mr & Mrs Wileman – Saille Le Bois, Hall Bank Lane – a query with regards to the current planning accepted to what is happening on site was raised.

RESOLVED to contact Doncaster Council planning department

Rosemary Cottage – Building work has been ongoing to replace the Garage, in the same footprint but with a different roof.

RESOLVED to contact Doncaster planning as no planning permission has been received.

Bubup Hill road closure for repairs has been received. It was queried why resurfacing on Hall Balk Lane has been prioritised for closure and repairs when Bubup Hill is a priority and frequently used main road.

RESOLVED to contact Doncaster Council

8. Correspondence

All Circulated and dealt with accordingly.

Skipwith Street sign has been reported after being knocked down. As yet no repairs have been made

RESOLVED to contact Doncaster council again

ICO data protection membership was discussed

RESOLVED to pay the membership on direct debit for £5 reduction

Recent data breach was reported on a WhatsApp group created for residents. This was investigated by the Parish council. No parish council breach has been made. Clerk to exit the group from her personal phone and any future correspondence or messages to contact thru the recommended route of a Parish council mobile phone or email.

RESOLVED Clerk to use a separate mobile phone but buy a new SIM card, agreed to pay £5 per month towards the SIM card.

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YLCA has approved a pay rise of 3.3%

9. Website

All up to date.

New councillor emails with “.gov.uk” have been arranged with the current website provider. These need to be in place before March 2027

10. Date & Time of next meetings

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

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Wednesday 13th January 2027

Wednesday 17th March 2027

Wednesday 5th May 2027 – Annual Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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