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**Airmyn Parish Council
Airmyn Memorial Hall
Woodland Way
Airmyn
DN14 8LY**

The minutes of the meeting of Airmyn Parish Council held on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 at 7.00pm in Airmyn Memorial Hall, Woodland Way, Airmyn, DN14 8LY.

Present: Councillors C Goddard, M Nundy (Chair), B Rodger, and K Staward.

Also Present: Mrs S Nelson (Parish Clerk) and Ms Y Bellwood (Interim Parish Clerk).

Eleven members of the public were also in attendance.

- 136/2025 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Due to the number of residents in attendance, the Chair invited all Councillors to introduce themselves. The Chair also welcomed Mrs S Nelson, the council's new Parish Clerk (**Closed**).
- 137/2025 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Batten, H Matthews, and F Stones. (**Approved**).
- 138/2025 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND/OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**
No Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and/or Personal and Prejudicial Interests were disclosed. (**Closed**).
- 139/2025 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2026:** Councillor Rodger highlighted a typing error in his name listed in those present at the meeting. Subject to that typographical error being corrected, the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 14 January 2026, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
Resolved: That subject to the typographical error being amended, the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
Proposer: Councillor Nundy; Seconded Councillor Staward.
- 140/2025 **RESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION TIME.** At the Chair's discretion, residents of Airmyn Parish were invited to ask questions or make statements to the Council for a maximum time of 15 minutes. Questions not answered at the meeting would be answered in writing to the resident(s) and may be included as an agenda item at the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.
- a) Mr Richard Bramham – Padel Courts: Mr Bramham thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and address the members. In doing so, he apologised for a comment he had made via a social media site.

Mr Bramham read a pre-prepared statement, which advised the Council that the number of signatures on the petition objecting to the former Airmyn Bowls Club site being redeveloped into a padel club had risen to 209, the majority of which were village residents.

Mr Bramham wanted to make the following points:

1. Many residents were confused and concerned that, during the open day held at the site, the Interested Party had informed those in attendance that a planning application for the proposed site would shortly be submitted, prior to a lease agreement being drawn up. Mr Bramham reiterated his concern that the council appeared in a rush to lease the site without taking residents' concerns into account. This decision did, in his opinion reflect poorly on Airmyn Parish Council and potentially gave the proposed padel club leverage to expedite the planning process. Mr Bramham respectfully requested that the council write to the Interested Party to request that no planning application be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council prior to the lease for the use of the site being agreed between Airmyn Padel Club and the Parish Council
2. Mr Bramham had researched padel in other areas and mentioned two examples that he believed were relevant:
 1. Bath where Somerset Council had refused all planning applications from both private and local authority submissions for padel clubs.
 2. Harrogate: Mr Bramham had contacted a member of the public who had won a case against David Lloyd Leisure Limited against the introduction of padel courts at their site in Harrogate. A noise abatement notice was served and padel was stopped at the site. Mr Bramham also shared a short video taken from the garden of the gentleman, which demonstrate the noise pollution that just two players warming up for a padel game one summer evening could create for neighbouring properties. The gentleman would be willing to meet with members of the council to provide an insight into how the padel courts could impact residents who lived adjacent to a Padel Court.
 3. Mr Bramham concluded his presentation with an appeal for Airmyn Parish Council to carefully consider how the installation of Padel Courts at the former Airmyn Bowls Club site could have on the wellbeing of the wider community.

The Chair informed Mr Bramham that the former Airmyn Bowls Club site was an item for discussion further on the agenda, and that he would respond to his comments and those of other members of the public in attendance at that time.

- b) Mr Chris Ward – Padel Court: Mr Ward had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting to advise he no longer wished to speak and would not be attending the meeting.
- c) Mr Andrew Smith – Padel Court: Mr Smith informed the council that he neither supported nor objected to the redevelopment of the former Airmyn Bowls Club into Padel Courts. However, he was seeking reassurance that the impact of developing a rural village green space which had been used for a low impact sport into padel courts would be carefully considered by the council. Mr Smith confirmed that he had attended the open day at the site and was advised that the noise levels from the playing of Padel would be comparable to the traffic noise emanating from the nearby M62 motorway. However, that did not include the vocal noise from players playing the sport. Mr Smith shared concerns that both noise levels of the sport and players may have significant impact on the village's wildlife and urged the Council to ensure that sufficient surveys were undertaken during the process.

The Chair informed Mr Smith that the former Airmyn Bowls Club site was an item for discussion further on the agenda, and that he would respond to his comments and those of other members of the public in attendance at that time.

- d) Mrs Barbara Svensgaard – Oaklands Old School: Mrs Svensgaard informed the meeting that she was not a resident of Airmyn but did regularly walk the footpaths around the village which were, in the main, very well cared for. However, Mrs Svensgaard shared her concerns with the condition of the riverbank footpath near Oaklands Old School which, in her opinion, resembled a dumping ground for everyone to offload their rubbish. A second member of the public who was in attendance also shared their distress with the condition of a beloved building in the village and enquired whether the Council were aware the building was Grade II listed and whether East Riding of Yorkshire Council planning enforcement could be contacted to become involved in restoring the now unkempt and dilapidated building.

The Chair informed Mrs Svensgaard that the Oaklands Old School building was an item for discussion further on the agenda, and that he would respond to their comments and those of other members of the public in attendance at that time.

- e) Mr Nigel Stead – Village Watercourses: Mr Stead attended the meeting to share his observations on the state of watercourses in the village since the last meeting. Councillors engaged in a discussion, whereby it was agreed that representatives from the Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board (IDB) be invited to the site to discuss the village watercourses. The Chair also informed the meeting that he would attend the next Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board meeting to inform the partnership of the council's concerns.

Resolved - That the Parish Clerk contact the Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board and extend an invitation for a site meeting, request the date of the next IDB meeting to which both the Chair and Mr Stead would attend.

- 141/2025 **EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**: Members were informed that there had been no Ward Councillor report received from either Councillors Fox or Sargeantson. However, Councillor Sargeantson had confirmed she would be willing to attend a meeting with representatives from the Protection of Airmyn Green Space (PAGS) group and the parish council to discuss the use of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site.
Resolved: That Councillor Sargeantson's invitation to attend a meeting between the parish council and representatives from PAGS be noted.

Items Closed from the Last Meeting

- 142/2025 a) 133/2025 a) Precept 2026-27 was submitted to the local authority.
b) 133/2025 e) Payments and direct debits authorised to be made were paid.
c) 133/2025 Planning portal updated with 'no comment'.
d) 138/2025 Recruitment of Airmyn Parish Clerk.

Ongoing Items

- 143/2025 **PLAYING FIELD DRAINAGE PROJECT AND WATERCOURSES**: The Chair informed the meeting that the drainage work had been completed. Despite the prolonged period of wet weather, there was no standing water on the playing field or in the children's play area. However, due to the delay in the project being completed, the applied grass seed had not grown. The channels where the drainage had been installed had also sunk, resulting in the playing field being uneven. Consequently, the drainage channels required further topsoil and grass seed to finish the project, which the contractor had agreed to undertake.

A brief discussion was held, and the Council agreed in the interest of public safety the field should remain closed until this work had been undertaken and the grass seed given time to germinate and grow. Councillors requested a site meeting with the contractor to be arranged and quotations for an initial cut of the playing at the beginning of the cutting season to be obtained. The Chair reiterated that the playing field was an open green space for community use and would be opened again once all the works had been completed.

Resolved: That the playing field required further topsoil, grass seed and a 'first cut' prior to removing the warning signs and opening the space for community use.

Proposed: Councillor Nundy; Seconded: Councillor Goddard.

144/2025 **FORMER AIRMYN BOWLS CLUB:** The Chair thanked the residents who attended the meeting for speaking so eloquently, as well as those individuals who had contacted him, fellow councillors and the Clerk on the issue of the use of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. The Chair stated that, in his opinion, there had been a substantial amount of misinformation circulated verbally around the village, on social media and in written communications about the use of the site which had caused understandable concern amongst residents and the wider community.

The Chair provided the background to the site being made available for lease and explained how the Community Hub and Padel Club proposal was submitted for the council's consideration. The council had tried to involve the community in the future of the site when Airmyn Bowls Club ceased, but there had been little interest received in how the area could be developed or how the space could be used at that time.

The Chair reiterated that the council had not entered into a lease agreement with the Interested Party. The council had, however, agreed to appoint legal counsel to commence negotiations on the terms of a lease that, if agreed, would allow the Interested Party to use the land. However, those negotiations had not yet commenced. The Chair reassured the members of the public in attendance that the Parish Council was aware of its role and responsibilities and would, as it always had done, act with the interests of the parish as its primary consideration.

The Chair continued by explaining that he and other council members were engaged in positive dialogue with various members of the Protection of Airmyn Green Spaces (PAGS) group, as well as East Riding of Yorkshire Council representative Councillor Sargeantson. Emails had also been received from other concerned residents which the Clerk had responded to. The Chair had also agreed to meet representatives of PAGS and Councillor Sargeantson to discuss their concerns about the redevelopment of the site.

The Chair confirmed that he, Councillor Staward and Councillor Goddard had attended the 'open day' at the site on 7 February 2026 which the Interested Party had organised.

The Chair also confirmed that he was in receipt of a proposition from PAGS for their group to convert the site in to a wildlife garden, as well manage and maintain the site going forward.

The Chair then invited those members of the public in attendance to comment, question or seek clarification from the council on the redevelopment of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site.

Following the question and answer session with the members of the public in attendance, the council engaged in a lengthy discussion on the use of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site. It was then agreed that:

1. The council write to Mr Ullathorne, respectfully requesting that no planning application be submitted for the change of use at the former Airmyn Bowls Club site until a lease had been agreed between both parties.

2. The council formally meet with representatives of the Protection of Airmyn Green Spaces group and Councillor Liz Sergeantson to discuss their proposal to manage and maintain the former Airmyn Bowls Club site.
3. The council draft and circulate a newsletter for distribution to every household to explain, clarify and confirm the current position concerning the use of the former Airmyn Bowls Club site.
4. That the Interested Party be requested to provide various assessments relating to the installation of the Community Hub and Padel Courts.

Resolved: That the agreed actions be implemented as soon as was practicable.

Note: *Four members of the public left the meeting at this point.*

145/2025 **METSA TISSUE PLANNING APPLICATION:**

Resolved: No update on the Metsa Tissue planning application had been received.

146/2025 **AIRMYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE:** The Chair provided a short update on behalf of the Airmyn Community Association who oversee the running of Airmyn Memorial Hall. A grant for a new lift had been secured via National Lottery Grant Funding. The lift had been ordered, and the company would be on site commencing Monday 16 February 2026 to commence removal of the existing lift, ready for the installation.

The committee would also be visiting several village halls to observe how accessibility of the building could be improved and what funding streams were available to support this project.

Resolved: The Airmyn Community Association Committee report be received.

147/2025 **EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The following events had been planned by the Events Committee.

Big Breakfast – 1 March 2026, to raise funds for St David’s Church nave window.

Spring Gala – 10 May 2026 – community event to celebrate the 350th anniversary of St David’s Church nave window.

Scarecrow Festival – September – Date To Be Confirmed.

Leaflets and posters of these events had been created and would be printed and distributed in the next week.

Resolved: The Events Committee update be received.

148/2025 **PLAY AREA AUDIT:** The play park audit was conducted monthly to ensure the safety of the equipment and a copy was included in the agenda documentation for councillors consideration. The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would obtain quotations for the suggested repairs to be considered at the next Council meeting on 11 March 2026.

Resolved: (a) That the play area audit be received, and (b) that the Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk obtain quotations for the play area repairs for consideration at the next Airmyn Parish Council meeting.

149/2025 **POLICIES FOR APPROVAL:**

- a) Anti Bullying and Harassment Policy.
- b) Data Protection and Privacy Policy.
- c) Disciplinary Policy.
- d) Drugs and Alcohol Policy.
- e) Email and Internet Usage Policy.
- f) Equality and Diversity Policy.
- g) Flexible Working Policy.

- h) Grievance Policy.
- i) Home Working Policy.
- j) Lone Working Policy.
- k) Maternity Leave and Pay Policy.
- l) Paternity Leave and Pay Policy.
- m) Performance Improvement Policy and Procedure.
- n) Sickness Absence Policy.
- o) Social media Policy.
- p) Whistleblowing Policy.

Resolved: That the policies be deferred for consideration at the next Airmyn Parish Council meeting.

New Items

150/2025 **ROAD SAFETY MEASURES GRANT SCHEME:** The Interim Parish Clerk presented the Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme, which had been deferred from the previous meeting. Councillors considered the installation of the auto speed watch cameras and how they could be hugely beneficial for the village. The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would apply for two speed cameras to be installed in the village and would consult with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner. **Resolved: The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would submit a grant funding bid to PCC for two auto speed cameras for the village.**
Proposed: Councillor Nundy; Seconded: Councillor Staward.

151/2025 **OAKLANDS OLD SCHOOL:** The Interim Parish Clerk provided an update on communication and correspondence concerning the Oaklands Old School. A member of the public had communicated to the council that they had been liaising with East Riding of Yorkshire Council Building Enforcement team to visit and monitor the building's condition. The Interim Parish Clerk had taken photographs of the site and enquired if Councillors would support East Riding of Yorkshire Council Building Enforcement team proactively liaising with the owner to ensure the building was managed and maintained to a satisfactory state of repair. **Resolved: The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would forward the photographs to the building enforcement team at ERYC to make enquiries on whether anything could be done to improve the condition of the building.**
Proposed: Councillor Nundy; Seconded: Councillor Staward.

Note: *Two members of the public left the meeting at this point.*

152/2025 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA AT TOP OF THE CROSSINGS:** The Chair provided an update on the area of land at the top of The Crossings. The builder had cleared the site, although further work to prepare the site was required. The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would obtain quotations for landscaping, topsoil, and grass seed to improve the site.

A request had been received for a memorial bench to be installed around the existing tree at the site. The council agreed to meet with the member of the public to discuss the plans for the installation of the bench.

Resolved: The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would obtain quotations for landscaping, topsoil, and grass seed to prepare the site and extend an invitation to the member of the public who had expressed an interest in installing a memorial bench at the site.

Finance

153/2025 To approve the following:

- a) Monthly Budget:
- b) Staff Salaries:
- c) Bank mandate:
- d) Direct Debits and Payments due before the next meeting MN and KS

Payee	Details	Amount
<i>Chronicle Publications Ltd</i>	<i>Vacancy for Clerk & RFO</i>	<i>408.24</i>
<i>HAD-COPY</i>	<i>Mono & colour copies</i>	<i>19.26</i>
<i>Sweeting Bros Ltd</i>	<i>Drainage works (playing field & play area)</i>	<i>43,131.07</i>
<i>Sweeting Bros Ltd</i>	<i>Bowls club dyke</i>	<i>1720.80</i>
<i>Starboard Systems Ltd</i>	<i>Scribe lite</i>	<i>14.40</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>45,293.77</i>

Resolved: The Parish Clerk would make the payments agreed.

Planning

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Planning Applications

- a) 26/00007/ADVERT – KeepSpace, Appeal after refusal of advertisement consent

Resolved: Councillors considered the appeal and entered a return of “no comment.” The Parish Clerk/Interim Parish Clerk would update the ERYC planning portal accordingly.

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Planning Decisions:

- a) 25/02852/STVAR – Beal Developments Limited, Land North of The Acres Rawcliffe Road Goole East Riding of Yorkshire DN14 8JN.

Resolved: That it be noted that Planning Permission had been granted with conditions.

To consider resolving that Agenda will be closed to members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Note: Five members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Staffing

156/2025 **Staffing**

The new Parish Clerk was now in post, had observed the meeting and was once again welcomed to the team.

Resolved: The staffing update was received.

157/2025 Date and Time of Next Meeting: **Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 7.00pm.**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

