

**DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF TROTTISCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TROTTISCLIFFE
ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026 at 7pm**

1) Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Oliver Shaw and County Cllr Dodger Sian, the reasons for apologies were accepted.

2) Minutes of the 2025 meeting:

Signed.

3) Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

Mr David Gaunt presented the Chairman's report for 2025/2026 (copy attached).

4) Report of the County Councillor

Attached is a report from the County Councillor which had previously been circulated.

5) Report of the Borough Councillors

No report was received.

6) Financial report for 2024/25

The Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer, reported on an unaudited statement of accounts for 2025/2026 which had previously been circulated.

7) Report of the Village Hall Committee

Attached is a report from the Village Hall Committee which had previously been circulated and read out by Darren on behalf of the committee members.

8) Report of the School representative

No report was received. Cllr Alan Palmer advised that budgets are expected to be tight across UK schools. From October, it is likely the school will be subject to an Ofsted visit. The school is very proud of its recent exam results.

9) Report of the Community Farm

The community farm continues to run successfully, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers. The animals are being well cared for in the farm. Unfortunately, one goat sadly passed away; two new goats have since joined.

Grange Park School will be using the farm for primary school visits over the summer. Ferns have completed the track work leading up to the farm and have also been approached regarding the construction of the barn. They are currently preparing a proposal to see if they can take this forward.

The farm currently has approximately £7,000 in its accounts. The George has been an invaluable source of support and continues to contribute significantly to the farm's progress.

10) Report from Trottiscliffe Tennis Club

Attached is a report from the Tennis Club which had previously been circulated.

11) KALC Award

Louise and Mark Selfe were the nomination of the KALC Community Award 2026. Unfortunately, they could not attend, therefore will be presented the Award next week.

12) Questions from members of the public

None received.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.02pm

Chairman..... Date.....

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