



Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

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Notice of an ordinary meeting of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council to be held on
WEDNESDAY 22nd July 2026 at 7.15 pm in Laughton-en-le-Morthen Village Hall.

This meeting is open to the public by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act
1960 s1.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Havenhand'.

Mrs Caroline Havenhand

Clerk and Financial Officer

17th July 2026

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Agenda Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

1. To receive and approve reasons for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.
3. To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2026, as a true and correct record.
4. To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Public Participation Session – Comments or questions from members of the public

5. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary: -
 - 5.1 To receive a report from Ward Councillors, in particular to receive any updates in respect to speeding and parking issues raised at the last meeting.
 - 5.2 To review the mobile speed data received from South Yorkshire Police, communication from RMBC Highways and feedback from the Chairman in relation to his visit to MP Jake Richards surgery.
 - 5.3 To review the most recent play inspection report and agree any action, including an update on the spreading of the bark and whether the 65 cubic metres is sufficient to refill.
 - 5.4 To discuss any Village Hall issues including:
 - To receive a quotation for an internal barrier control button.
 - To discuss a maintenance issue with one of the doors.
 - To receive noticeboard prices.
 - 5.5 To review the correspondence log, any updates, to agree any further follow up action, including to receive correspondence relating to the conifers.
 - 5.6 To discuss any update on the Community Governance Review by RMBC.
 - 5.7 To note that stress testing is now complete, no lamp posts have failed and hanging baskets are expected to be in place within the next seven days.
 - 5.8 To receive an update on a further community skip for the allotments and agree a further cost of £280.93, payable to the Neighbourhoods team. Additionally, to receive a request for a greenhouse.
- 6 Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk and agree any action: -
 - 6.1 To discuss any requests for financial assistance.
 - 6.2 To discuss correspondence received from RMBC in relation to revision of the Local Plan and a 'Call for Sites' exercise.
 - 6.3 To receive a copy of correspondence sent to RMBC relating to DMMO 2024 Laughton Footpaths 1 and 2 and a request for an update on the current position.
 - 6.4 To receive correspondence relating to issues with scorched grass at the end of Abbie Close.
 - 6.5 To receive information on the South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation.
- 7 To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly Lists 24 to 28 (2026). In particular, to discuss: -

RB2026/0683 - Demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and constructed of detached self-build bungalow, Brookdale, Rose Lane, Brookhouse.

<http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2026/0683>

Whitestone Solar Farm NSIP/DCO Application – Relevant Representation and Delegated Authority

To note that the Whitestone Solar Farm Development Consent Order application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination and that the project has now moved into the pre-examination stage.

To consider reaffirming the Council's previously resolved objection to the proposal and authorising the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor K Downing and Councillor J Cutting, to register the Council as an Interested Party and submit a relevant representation on behalf of the Council.

The relevant representation shall be consistent with the Council's previously resolved position to object to the application and may include the Council's concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on the parish, local residents, highways and construction traffic, agricultural land, cumulative impact, and any other matters considered relevant to the examination.

To further authorise the clerk to respond to procedural deadlines, submit written representations, liaise with other affected parish councils and relevant bodies, and take such further administrative steps as are necessary to protect the Council's position during the pre-examination and examination stages.

Any action taken under this delegation shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Planning Applications – Delegated Authority During Summer Recess

To consider delegating authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, to submit responses to planning applications and related planning consultations received before the next ordinary meeting of the Council in September.

Planning applications shall be circulated to Members for information and comment where time allows. Any comments received from Members may be taken into account, but the delegated response shall not require the agreement of a majority of Members outside a Council meeting.

Responses submitted under this delegation shall have regard to the Council's adopted policies, previous decisions, material planning considerations, consultation responses, and any known local concerns, where relevant.

Where the Clerk and Chair/Vice-Chair consider that an application is particularly significant, contentious, or raises matters outside the scope of existing Council policy or previous Council decisions, an extraordinary meeting may be called if timescales allow.

Any responses submitted under this delegation shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

- 8 To receive information on any previous planning applications/issues and discuss further action.

RB2026/0722 - Application to vary conditions 2 & 3 (Approved Plans) imposed by planning application RB2022/1647 at Barn at Turnercroft, Off High Street, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
Granted Conditionally 03/07/2026.

RB2026/0598 - Trees & Woodlands - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Laughton-en-le-Morthen Conservation Area at 11 Church Corner, Laughton-en-le-Morthen
No Objections 16/06/2026.

RB2026/0599 - Trees & Woodlands - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by RMBC TPO No.9 (2019) at 11 Church Corner, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
Granted Conditionally 16/06/2026.

Correspondence received from RMBC relating to **RB2026/0709** - Change of use of land from agricultural holding to small animal rescue facility (Sui Generis), Land at Kingswood Avenue, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
<http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2026/0709>

9 Finance Matters:

- 9.1 To receive the RFO'S report.
- 9.2 To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the Clerk delegation. Please see Appendix 1.
- 9.3 To receive the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2026.
- 9.4 To agree any transfers to or from reserves.
- 9.5 To receive a report from Councillor K Downing on the quarterly review of receipts and payments for quarter 1 2026/2027.

10 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

11 To fix the date and time of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (suggested 16th September 2026)

Enc. Appendix 1

Caroline Havenhand

Clerk, Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

Appendix 1 – Accounts paid or for payment.

To be presented at the meeting.

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Following completion of the first items of business and information on the recording of meetings, the Parish Council will invite members of the public to put questions on relevant parish matters or to make statements appertaining to items on the agenda for the meeting, prior to the commencement of other business. This is for a period of up to 15 minutes.