

**MEETING OF TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2025**

**93.25 CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix 3)**

- 24/06/2025. Email from CDC Environmental Health Officer responding to excessive bird feeding complaints on All Hallows. The officer is aware of the issue and the case has resurfaced periodically over the years, but no significant concerns have been established. A recent visit was made to the occupier of a property (referred to here as Property A). The resident is an elderly individual with health issues, who is aware that neighbouring residents have objected to her feeding birds. She became emotional during the conversation, expressing that bird feeding is one of her few remaining joys in life. Nevertheless, she permitted an inspection of her back garden. Some bird food was observed on the ground, reportedly for ducks unable to reach elevated feeders. The quantity was limited and did not appear problematic. There were only a few sparrows present, and no significant bird activity was noted. At the neighbouring property (Property B), minor bird droppings were seen below an aerial, but the rest of the driveway was clean. Further action will require additional evidence from the neighbours, such as photographs of the birds. Although one neighbour previously indicated that photographic evidence might be provided, none has been received to date. **RESOLVED** Information passed to original complainants and Ward Councillors.
- 29/06/2025 Email forwarded from member of the public by Ward Councillor reporting fly tipping on Paper Mill Lane. **RESOLVED** reported on CDC report it
- 04/07/2025 An update was provided by email following ongoing concerns over hedge maintenance along Common Lane, Tickhill. The issue stems from a long-standing dispute among residents over responsibility for hedge upkeep. The matter resurfaced after City of Doncaster Council issued enforcement notices due to hedges obstructing the footpath. Initial investigations revealed a previous informal agreement by a City of Doncaster Council Officer to maintain the hedges, though this commitment was not supported by evidence or legal precedent. A recent review confirmed that Doncaster Council has no legal responsibility to maintain the hedges. Doncaster Council subsequently wrote to residents, offering a one-off hedge cut for road safety reasons, with the expectation that future maintenance would fall to the residents. While most accepted this, a group of residents has since challenged the position. A constructive meeting was held, and CDC is now awaiting formal evidence from the group to support their case. A further independent investigation will be undertaken, which will consider previous findings alongside any new evidence submitted. However, the current position of both City of Doncaster Council and the officers involved remains that hedge maintenance is the responsibility of the residents unless evidence can be provided to the contrary.
- 07/07/2025 Email from resident wishing to renovate some of the benches in Tickhill at their own cost. **RESOLVED** Emailed resident with details of Street Scene at Doncaster Council to discuss which benches they wish to restore as some are subject to a CDC memorial bench

policy. Also suggested resident should contact any family members of a memorial bench for permission before undertaking any work.

- 07/07/2025 Email from Tickhill In Bloom regarding plant theft from the planters in Tickhill, asking if we can post on their behalf on Facebook. **RESOLVED** Clerk posted as requested, post approved by TIB prior to being published.
- 10/07/2025 Email from the member of the public renovating the Rawson Road sign to advise work is almost complete and as he has an interest in historic signs has done a brief survey and noted others in Tickhill of interest. Also mentioned the milestone in the garden of a resident on Northgate which the council are aware of. **RESOLVED** contacted cllr Taylor and requested he pick up his previous conversation with the resident regarding retrieval of the milestone.
- 10/07/2025 Email from resident to confirm if planning permission was required to replace side gate in a conservation area. **RESOLVED** re-directed to the relevant dept at CDC
- 11/07/2025 Letter from Sally Jamieson with ways to access poster to display on notice board and petition to gather signatures for repair and refurbishment to Doncaster Royal Infirmary. **RESOLVED** Advice sought from YLCA regarding the gathering of signatures as TTC is non-political. YLCA
- 11/07/2025 Email thread from resident of Tickhill Castle advising opening dates for 2025 & 2026 asking if these could be published on the Tickhill Town Council website as there would be no further communication on this matter. **RESOLVED** future dates noted to add to website.
- 13/07/2024 The following update was received from the secretary of the PCC on the War Memorial and War Grave cleaning. On 28.06.2025 members of the Parochial Church Council received a 30-minute presentation from a representative of the Victoria Trust (a Registered Charitable Trust) offering assistance regarding memorials in the closed churchyard at St Mary's Parish Church, which included the stonework of six qualifying memorial burial plots and the (Aberdeen Granite) War Memorial. The outcome of the presentation was that the Churchyard Group and the Fabric Team consider an appropriate way forward considering the content of the presentation on 28<sup>th</sup> June. They, in turn, will have an input into the Church Standing Committee who are to meet on 11<sup>th</sup> August to prepare the agenda for the next Full PCC meeting which will take place on Monday, 08 September. This is the usual procedure adopted whenever significant work to the Fabric of the Church Estate is being considered, particularly so as this is a Grade 1 listed Building. The Aberdeen Granite War Memorial was last cleaned in 2018 in readiness for the significant anniversary of the end of WW1. There were pressing reasons that a Full Faculty Petition (2018-022983) be submitted to the Consistory Court which created an Order that the work be undertaken by an accredited conservator, with very specific conditions. The PCC need also to seek an opinion of this matter from the Diocese of Sheffield and our QI Architect, whose opinions they value and whose opinions formed part of the earlier Faculty Petition in 2018. **RESOLVED** to note the update.

- 14/07/2025 Email to advise Pension company have changed their name from HS Pensions Ltd to MUFG Retirement Solutions as part of a rebranded. **RESOLVED** information circulated no action required.
- 14/07/2025 Email from the property Surveyor in Strategic Asset Management Dept at CDC offering an appointment to discuss details of the lease of a portion of the Recreational Ground at the Pavilion following my email request for information on 20/03/2025 as enquired by previous council. Preliminary information required ahead of considering leasing the land 1.Extent of land to lease. 2. Exactly what will be onsite. 3. Who will create a design and build the equipment. 4. Who will maintain the land as this would be the responsibility of TTC. 5. Insurance. **RESOLVED** case to be kept open until the current council have a firm plan of what they want to do, how this is going to be managed and if this is something they wish to take on.
- 14/07/2025 Phone call from LITE to advise old tree wrapping has now been removed from the two trees which were re-installed with lighting last year. Unsure if new lighting has been re-tested following removal so will send out contractor to test. **RESOLVED** to note the update
- 14/07/2025 Email advising kids have gained entry to the tennis courts again and are playing football on it. Accessed by the tennis club padlocked gate. **RESOLVED** Clerk spoke to tennis Club secretary to raise awareness with members of the importance of not sharing the padlock code and ensuring the padlock is twisted to hide the number.
- 20/07/2025 Email complaint from resident with supporting photos regarding irresponsible parking on double yellow lines in St Mary's car park and requesting what consideration the Council have given to the bylaws which will be required for enforcement once the legal transfer of ownership from CDC to TTC is complete. **RESOLVED** circulated to councillors with accompanying photos
- 20/07/2025 Email from resident regarding an ongoing complaint about irresponsible parking at a property on Wong Lane with accompanying photos. The latest update is that St Leger homes have allegedly granted the tenants permission for a dropped kerb and driveway, but advised that cars are not to be driven into the front garden. It would appear the tenants have been requested not to ride off road motorcycles leave mud all over the path as this is a safety hazard. **RESOLVED** circulated to councillors along with accompanying photos
- 21/07/2025 Email received in response to the resident complaint regarding overgrown trees in St Mary's Car Park. CDC cannot attend to inspect, or issue works on the trees unless raised as an emergency given City of Doncaster Council (CDC) has never paid for any works related to St Mary's Car Park. The property was mistakenly registered to CDC, but ownership has always been considered to be that of Tickhill Town Council. Consequently, the Town Council has been responsible for all associated costs related to the car park. The only reason there is an ongoing land transfer process is due to the Land Registry's refusal to correct the registration error. CDC legal team are working towards resolving it as swiftly as possible. Should an emergency occur, CDC would have to recharge Tickhill Town Council for any

survey or works conducted as a result. CDC are happy to arrange a survey and send costs for this if requested. **RESOLVED** that the update be noted

- 21/07/2025 Email with intent notice and map showing area for proposed speed reduction from 60mph to 50mph between Bawtry and Tickhill. **RESOLVED** Circulated to members and shared on website & social media & notice board.