

MEETING OF TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL 28th APRIL 2026

9.26 CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix 3)

- a) **25/03/2025** Email from Ward councillor advising the intention to set up a meeting with interested parties regarding the proposed flood prevention scheme. **RESOLVED** responded to request details of the meeting once organised to ensure representation of Tickhill Town Council
- b) **25/03/2026** Invitation and notice of the PCJCC on 2nd April **RESOLVED** Chair to attend and update members at the April meeting
- c) **25/03/2026** enquiry about the possibility of establishing a memorial wild- flower meadow in the community orchard. **RESOLVED** requested further information to be able to add this to a future agenda for consideration by full council
- d) **28/03/2026** resident complaint concerning a neighbouring property constructing an all-weather flood lit astro turf football training pitch at the rear of the property. **RESOLVED** referred to enforcement at CDC to check planning permissions and change of use and Ward Councillors
- e) **29/03/2026** report of builder's waste dumped on Paper Mill Lane completely blocking the highway. **RESOLVED** Ward Cllrs reported in the Clerks absence, and this was removed by CDC
- f) **31/03/2026** Report received of a faulty streetlight on Dam Road. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC
- g) Report of a burnt-out van blocking Apy Hill Lane. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC
- h) **02/04/2026** Email from the 13th Doncaster (Tickhill) Scout Group requesting guidance for their Community Badge project. They proposed attaching plastic bottles containing dog waste bags to lampposts around Tickhill and asked whether permission from City of Doncaster Council (CDC) would be required. They also sought confirmation that Tickhill Town Council would support the initiative and asked for suggestions of alternative locations. **RESOLVED** Item to be added to the agenda information and referred to CDC, as any attachments to lampposts require prior approval from Doncaster Council Highways.
- i) **05/04/2026** Further report of fly tipping on Paper Mill Lane. This is the second incident in a week. Builders rubbish once again. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC and Ward Councillors.

- j) **09/04/2026** Resident complaint regarding a noise nuisance caused by the use of gas canister bird scarers within Tickhill. The devices are reported to begin operating at daylight, waking residents and disturbing sleep, and continue at regular intervals throughout the day until nightfall. This has resulted in ongoing disturbance and is affecting residents' ability to enjoy the peace and quiet of their homes and gardens. **RESOLVED** contacted CDC nuisance team for guidance on appropriate course of action, including which authority is responsible for addressing this type of issue and what enforcement options, if any, may be available. CDC responded with relevant information which has been passed onto complainant.
- k) **13/04/2026** Resident complaint about overfeeding of birds in a residential garden causing a neighbour nuisance. **RESOLVED** referred to CDC neighbour nuisance team, also contact Ward Councillors.
- l) **15/04/2026** letter informing of price increases to 2026/2027 charges for water. **RESOLVED** circulated to members
- m) **16/04/2026** A non-resident contacted seeking assistance in identifying the owner of a nearby boarded-up property near to their property, reporting that their cat has repeatedly gained access through a hole in the roof and subsequently become trapped inside. **RESOLVED** Referred to Ward councillors for their area and CDC.
- n) **17/04/2026.** Email from CDC Tree Officer, writing to inform of the Council's intention to remove a tree situated within the St Leger Homes property, 112 Doncaster Road, Tickhill. The tree is a large mature Ash tree situated in the front garden of the property and is a highly visible and prominent feature as you enter the Town from Doncaster Road.
- City of Doncaster Council tree team performed an inspection of the tree after an enquiry was raised by a resident in May 2025, the tree was mostly covered in ivy and there was significant deadwood present throughout the crown. The ivy made a full and thorough inspection very difficult, so work was issued at the time to remove the ivy, remove any major deadwood and a secondary inspection was arranged for once the work was completed.
- The teams completed the planned work under traffic management in October 2025. After the ivy was removed, we were able to perform a more detailed inspection of the tree. Sadly, we found extensive fungal fruiting bodies at the base of the stem and around the rooting area, most notably Honey Fungus (*Armillaria mellea*) which is an aggressive soil-borne pathogen which attacks and kills the roots of woody plants.
- Unfortunately, this will mean the tree cannot be safely left in-situ. Pruning to reduce the height and spread of the crown was considered to potentially reduce its likelihood of failure, but due to the extent of fungal fruiting bodies found and the aggressive nature of the fungus, the tree is unlikely to make a full recovery and any significant pruning is likely to hasten the trees inevitable death as it expends energy recovering from the mass of wounds that would be left as a result of crown reduction, also exposing it to potential secondary infections. Given the proximity of this large tree to the adjacent properties, and the relatively busy primary access road into Tickhill, it has been decided we must remove the tree in the interests of Highway and public safety.

The planned removal work has been programmed to begin Wednesday 20th May; traffic management has been arranged to provide 2-way traffic lights over 3 days between 09:30 and 14:30 to allow our teams to safely remove the tree. There may be some traffic disruption during this time. **RESOLVED** that the information be noted and the information regarding the traffic restrictions be made know to members of the public via the usual channels.

- o) **17/04/2026** Email from resident regarding possible structural damage to shared boundary stone wall at the rear of St Mary's car park potentially caused by tree roots. **RESOLVED** email and photos circulated to members and Clerk to engage an appropriately qualified professional to assess the situation and provide independent advice.
- p) **18/04/2026** Complaint from resident via Ward to report stolen sapling from Castle Close. **RESOLVED** Ward Cllr to arrange replacement
- q) **18/04/2026** Email from Tickhill Together asking for a volunteer from the Council to join the judging panel for the 2026 Scarecrow festival. The judge will need to be available for judging on 16th May from 11am (time TBC). **RESOLVED** circulated to members for consideration at the meeting
- r) **19/04/2026** A resident has reported that the recent improvement works at the Mill Dam—specifically the placement of stones in a line at its north-east end—appear to have inadvertently blocked the drain that channels water from the Mill Dam to the castle moat. **RESOLVED** reported to the drainage team at CDC who responded to confirm the stones are not a recent installation; they were placed several years ago following an incident involving a bus entering the pond. The CDC drainage team has been working closely with a resident who is developing a property adjacent to the Mill Dam. The property has experienced groundwater flooding, and to help alleviate this issue, the team has temporarily reduced the water level in the Mill Dam while a connected upstream watercourse is cleared. The CDC team is liaising with the landowner to ensure the necessary works are completed, after which the Mill Dam will be returned to its normal level, allowing water to flow back into the moat as usual.
- s) **22/04/2026** resident request to approach CDC and ask for benches/picnic tables to be provided on the recreational ground in Tickhill. **RESOLVED** referred to CDC web site for application of memorial feature in parks
- t) **27/04/2026** resident reported a collapsing wall on the boundary of the recreation ground. It appears the ivy which the CDC Street Scene team have removed may have been providing some structural support to the wall, the team left the work unfinished. The wall is now in a potentially unsafe condition, and the removed ivy has been left in a pile beside the bin on the recreation ground rather than being removed from site. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC with photographic evidence