

MEETING OF TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL 26th MAY 2026

9.26 CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix 3)

a) 30/04/2026 Further to the recent report of a collapsing boundary wall on the recreation ground following removal of ivy by the Street Scene maintenance team, The Assets Team has confirmed that the section of wall along the boundary falls under the responsibility of Street Scene. The wall has since been inspected by the Building Maintenance Team in order to obtain costings for any necessary repairs. Minor damage was identified as a result of the vines being removed; however, there was no indication that the structural integrity of the wall had been compromised. The damage was limited to a small number of top bricks being dislodged during the removal of the ivy.

The ivy that was removed had already detached from the wall and had been reported by staff several weeks earlier. The team was subsequently instructed to remove it when next operating in the area and not engaged in grass-cutting duties.

A longer-term plan is currently being considered to remove the ivy entirely, as it is anticipated that this will otherwise remain a recurring issue. It is expected that this work would take place during the winter period and may involve treating the ivy prior to removal in order to minimise further damage to the wall caused by the root system.

Once the ivy has been fully removed, a structural survey of the wall will be commissioned to determine the most appropriate course of action regarding any required repairs, replacement, or removal of the structure.

b) 07/05/2026 Resident email further to previous correspondence, requesting information on boundary wall ownership and offering to purchase the small patch of scrubland to the rear of the car park on which the tree is situated so they could tidy it up and put a small fence round it to act as a buffer between their property and the car park. **RESOLVED** responded with information on ownership of the boundary wall which confirms that the deeds are considered “silent” on the matter meaning the legal documents, including the transfer deeds and title register, do not explicitly identify ownership of the wall or responsibility for its maintenance and repair. Circulated to members.

c) 07/05/2026 An email was received from the Bowling Club requesting an update on the roof repair works. The Club reported that the cordoned section of the footpath, which has been put in place due to safety concerns arising from falling mortar, is causing inconvenience. This area is typically used for seating by visiting teams, and there are concerns that pedestrians walking along the edge of the footpath may be at risk of overbalancing onto the bowling green. It was noted that quotations and advice are currently being sought from roofing contractors. **RESOLVED:** That the cordoning remain in place in the interest of public safety. Members further advised that the only alternative would be the full closure of the bowling green until repair works are completed. The Clerk will keep the Bowling Club updated on progress.

d) 11/05/2026 Email from resident looking for information and advice on how to apply for planning on a listed building in the conservation area. **RESOLVED** referred to the relevant dept at City of Doncaster Council (CDC).

e) 12/05/2026 Email complaint regarding overgrown hedges blocking the footpath on Common Lane causing a safety issue to pedestrians. **RESOLVED** reported to (CDC).

f) 14/05/2026 A telephone call was received from a resident expressing concern that the drains on the recreation ground had been tampered with by teenage children. It was reported that a drain had been dislodged, causing a blockage and preventing water from flowing through the dyke at the Airedale Avenue end of the site. The resident also raised concerns regarding a vehicle that appears to have been abandoned, partly obstructing the footpath on Airedale Avenue. The vehicle is reportedly blocking access for mobility scooters, creating a potential safety hazard. The resident advised that the matter had already been reported to CDC, as the vehicle has not been moved for over two weeks, but no action has yet been taken. **RESOLVED** reported to (CDC).

g) 16/05/2026 A telephone call was received from a member of the public visiting the recreation ground to report the waste and dog foul bin had been vandalised. The bolts had been removed and the bin pushed over. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC

h) 17/05/2026 A concern has been received from a local resident regarding ongoing safety issues around the pond area adjacent to the recreation ground. The resident advised that, whilst there has been no reported damage to the recently planted trees there are increasing concerns regarding groups of children regularly accessing the pond through a gap in the hedging/fencing from the recreation ground where the dyke runs and where the ground is known to be particularly boggy, unstable, and slippery. Planting has previously been undertaken along this rear boundary to discourage access from the recreation ground to improve safety.

The children are estimated to be approximately 9–12 years old and are often seen gathering near the willow trees and along the pond edges. The resident also reported a child attempting to retrieve a football from the pond area and required assistance as they fell into the pond and were unable to get out. Concerns were raised that a similar incident could occur again and that immediate assistance may not always be available.

The correspondence also referenced incidents involving teenagers gathering behind on the recreation ground using nitrous oxide, alcohol consumption, and anti-social behaviour, and police involvement following abusive behaviour towards residents. **RESOLVED** Antisocial behaviour reported to CDC and resident advised that the council are currently in consultation with specialists to plan restoration of the pond and improve safety.

i) 18/05/2026 Report of exposed wires due to potential vandalism of a street column on Airdale Avenue. **RESOLVED** reported to CDC

j) 19/05/2026 Email request vis Cllr Thomas to plant/sponsor a commemorative tree in the community orchard to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of their members. **RESOLVED** Green Space memorial Policy and application form forwarded to be resident to be completed for consideration at a future meeting.

k) 20/05/2026 Email from the Belles Football Club via Cllr Taylor requesting use of the toilet facilities for training sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights. **RESOLVED** Cllr Taylor requested they get directly in touch with the Clerk.

l) 20/05/2026 Email request from the Plymouth Brethren to attend the meeting on Tuesday to deliver a presentation on their proposed plans to build a large community hall for their 350 members to meet 2-3 times a week. Copy of presentation emailed to Clerk. **RESOLVED** Presentation circulated. Invited to attend the June meeting when sufficient time will be available for them to deliver their presentation prior to the public participation section of the meeting.

m) 21/05/2026 A phone call and follow-up email were received from the owner of the greenbelt land next to the Friary on Rotherham Road. The land is owned jointly by the individual and his business partner, neither of whom live locally, as part of a pension investment arrangement. The investment is intended to deliver a commercial return over a 20-year period, and the landowners are informally exploring the potential for future development of the site and seeking an initial indication as to whether the Council and/or planning authorities may be supportive of housing or alternative forms of development in principle.

n) 26/05/2026 Email received from a concerned resident regarding the speed of traffic on Doncaster Road. The resident has spoken with Ward Cllr Dudley following an incident in which her garden and vehicle were damaged. Ward Cllr Dudley advised that there are currently no plans for enforcement measures by CDC, and the resident therefore sought advice from Tickhill Town Council.

RESOLVED: Responded to the resident advising that Tickhill Town Council are aware of the issues however the matter is currently outside the remit of Tickhill Town Council and referred the resident to CDC/Highways.