

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL CROSS ROADS PARISH MEETING
HELD 6.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 21st May 2025
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, ALBION STREET, CROSS ROADS**

Present: Cllr Tito Arana, Chair Cross Roads Parish Council
District Councillors Rebecca Poulsen and Chris Herd
Mags Smith, Clerk
10 Members of the public

1. **Apologies:** No apologies given.

2. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2024**
Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 16th May 2024 were approved.

3. **Chairman's report:**

Good Evening Everybody,

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of Cross Roads Parish Council.

It's been another good year for our very juvenile Parish Council.

So what have we been up to? well at the back end of last year and just recently the Village Association ran a very well supported Easter Egg Hunt, in both years these were very successful events, well done to Councillors Robertshaw, Cotton and Underwood for your contribution to this event, a special thank must also go to the Edgers and Weeders group and also villagers Kath Gower and Kim Adam's and all the other helpers of these events. They were both very well attended and certainly this year the sun shone.

The Parish Council started the year by voting to support the application brought forward to the Parish Council to purchase a Coat of Arms, this was voted through by a majority, but not all Councillors and some local residents attending were in favour, but 12 months on the Parish Council is now in final stages of the design and look forward to soon unveiling this significant and historic emblem.

We hope that going forward this can be something the whole village can grow to love, but also accept that might not be the case.

Moving on, the Parish Council would like thank Councillor Anderson for her wonderful work on the Grit Bin project, this has been very successful and her hard work and diligence is very much appreciated.

We would also like to express our thanks to Councillor Senior who has once again delivered on the historic signage front, a wonderful piece of work and one that is on going, so thank you for your hard work and dedication.

We also need to Thank Councillor Clarke who as Chair of Village Association and with the help of number Councillors on the day and most notable councillors underwood and cotton held yet another successful gala, thank you to all the other volunteers and also Councillor Clarke's friends who all muck in to help make this event a great day for everyone.

The Parish Council in November held another fitting remembrance service in the park on Remembrance Sunday this was as always well attended.

Thanks to both ministers and the deputy lieutenant in attendance

The Parish Council and the Village Association held another successful Christmas Light Switch on, a truly fantastic event, this year's lights were switched on by the grand Children of Shiela Bateman the owner of Wilds Bakery.

The only sadness was a week or so later someone chose to then chop down our tree, such an incredible shame, but once again another chance for Cross Roads to

show its true spirit, we got lots of offers of help, thank you to Pat at Green and Tidy tree care and new cole nursery we were back in business with alas a smaller tree. Thank you to the edgers and Weeders for their continued hard work in the park, thank you to all our churches who do so much for our community, thank you to James Travers and the school who support every event we have in the village. Thank you to all our businesses for their contribution to where we live, they play such an important part in village life

The parish also planted up the planters around the village and in the park they have once again been magnificent and I would like to thank Steve Thorpe and Joe for this planting and for also filling our grit bins, wonderful work.

Big thank you to our sign putter upper Dan Holmes a top bloke who is always happy to help.

Thank you to our ward Councillors for all their hard work, A big congratulations must go to Councillor Herd for also becoming the Mayor of Keighley, Mr Mayor, I don't know if it fits in what I am sure will be an incredibly busy schedule, but if you are free I would be delighted if you can attend Cross Roads Gala as my guest.

Thank you to Bradford Council and their staff including Alex Ross Shaw who has been incredibly helpful, thank you also to our MP Robbie Moore for attending events and being of assistance when required.

Thank you to the Toad Patrol and Cathy Furness a record number of toads this year saved and thank you to all our members of the public who have attended our meetings, especially our two stalwarts Andrew and Glenn

Thank you to Paula our toilet attendant, she does a fantastic job of keep our toilets operational, she's a real gem.

Thank you too all the Councillor for not only supporting me, but more importantly what you do for free for where we live.

I must of course mention my incredible Vice Chair Sarah Cotton, I simply couldn't and wouldn't do it without you, you are truly fantastic.

Right I think that's everyone, well nearly?

We do have one more, Mags Smith our Clerk who has decided after two years of truly fantastic and dedicated service that is about time she hung up her spread sheet and agenda and enjoyed her retirement.

Mags I don't know how we will manage without you, but I truly thank you ever so much for helping us out, you have made being the chair easy.

I will never forget what you have done to get us up and running, it's just what we needed, I know I have driven you bonkers sometimes, but I hope you realise the regard we all hold you in.

I think that's wraps it's up for this year, we did put some balls at the entrance of the park, although as with all these things they were considered more marmite than magnificent and it's not the first time that's the words Tito and balls have been used in the same sentence and it probably won't be the last.

So let's hope the remainder of 2025 and early 2026 is even better.

I honestly feel the Parish Council is needed more than ever, so I am certain we can deliver

But thank you for your support.

4. Report from District Councillors

Cllr Herd said the improvements to the park entrance looked great and that the whole village is looking good. Cllr Poulson thanked for Parish Council for a very successful year where she had attended many events as well as meetings throughout the year. Cllr Arana thanked the District Councillors for supporting the village and attending the Parish Council meetings.

5. Public Questions

There were no questions from the members of the public.

6. Any other business

No other business was brought forward.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed: Cllr Arana

Date: 20 May 2026

The minutes were approved by the attendees as a true record at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2026.