

Bradfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

held at the Council Offices, Mill Lee Road, Low Bradfield, S6 6LB
28th January 2026 at 7pm

Present: -	(Chairman)	Councillor T Vickers
	(Oughtibridge)	Councillor T Barrow
	(Stannington)	Councillor J Morton
		Councillor P Baker
		Councillor C Carter
		Councillor S Shepherd
	(Worrall)	Councillor S Cole
		Councillor J Paszek
		Councillor K Southwood
		Councillor J Westwood-Gray

In attendance: 5 members of the public, South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard, Sam Millington and Lawrence Wilson (SYMCA).

25240. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Roberts and V Powell.

25241. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Cllr. T Vickers and **RESOLVED:** That pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 the press and public be excluded for part of item 25252 and 25253.

25242. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items of business.

25243. PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no items of business.

25244. ATTENDANCE BY O COPPARD, THE MAJOR OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE

The Chair welcomed the Mayor of South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard (OC), Sam Millington (SM), Bus Partnership & Development Manager and Lawrence Wilson (LW), Director of Public Transport Operations to the meeting.

OC explained that the bus franchising process is due to commence in 2027 and is expected to conclude in 2029. He advised that a government investment of £350 million will be used to purchase bus depots and to contract existing bus companies to operate services across South Yorkshire. The intention is that revenue generated through the franchised system will be reinvested to redesign and improve bus services within the region.

Members were advised that South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) will introduce a franchised bus system, enabling greater public control over routes, fares and service standards. Sheffield will be among the first areas to transition. The existing network will remain largely unchanged initially, with phased service reviews and improvements over time. A target has been set for 30% of the fleet to be electric vehicles, alongside the introduction of integrated ticketing.

Local service developments include a publicly funded Sunday service on the 57A route (Worrall–Oughtibridge corridor), new operating times implemented, and the introduction of a 57S school service. Improvements are intended to strengthen Sunday provision in Worrall and enhance connectivity to surrounding areas. Longer-term aspirations include potential reinstatement of the Oughtibridge–Middlewood tram link.

Councillors raised concerns regarding the use of financial surpluses under franchising, gaps in rural and outer-area services, the potential use of smaller vehicles on rural routes, the sustainability of hopper bus services, alignment with the Sheffield Local Plan, integration with

tram services, the termination point of Service 57 at Middlewood, and transport pressures linked to housing growth in the Upper Don Valley.

In response, OC, SM and LW noted that while current funding limits immediate expansion, franchising will improve the ability to plan and support socially necessary routes. Smaller vehicles may offer limited savings but provide greater flexibility under franchising. Service 57 routing reflects a balance between maintaining Middlewood connectivity and managing local pressures in Worrall. Integrated planning between bus, tram and new development areas remains a priority. £7.5 million in Government funding has been secured to begin a tram extension feasibility study.

Council also received a public statement welcoming recent and proposed improvements to the 57A service, particularly the introduction of Sunday provision.

The Chair thanked Oliver Coppard, Sam Millington and Lawrence Wilson, for attending the meeting.

25245. CHAIRS REPORT

- a) The Chair paid respects to past Councillor Paul Ogle, a former member of the Council, who recently passed away.

25246. CLERKS REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence regarding the Stannington Park Playground project, advising that over £38,000 had been raised and requesting the release of the £2,000 BPC grant awarded to the project. Payment was authorised.

25247. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) Proposed by Cllr. C Carter, seconded by Cllr. T Barrow and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th November 2025 be confirmed.
- b) Proposed by Cllr. P Baker, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of Assets, Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 10th December 2025 be confirmed.
- c) Proposed by Cllr. J Paszek, seconded by Cllr. T Barrow and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on 10th December 2025 be confirmed. Noting the recommendation regarding budget and precept is taken under item 25248(d).
- d) Proposed by Cllr. P Baker, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of Assets, Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 14th January 2026 be confirmed.
- e) Proposed by Cllr. J Paszek, seconded by Cllr. T Barrow and
RESOLVED: That the minutes of Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on 14th January 2026 be confirmed.

25248. FINANCE

- a) The report received from the Finance Officer was noted.
- b) Proposed by Cllr. S Shepherd, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and
RESOLVED: That the November and December 2025 income and expenditure accounts be approved.
- c) Proposed by Cllr. S Shepherd, seconded by Cllr. K Southwood and
RESOLVED: To authorise payments for signature as per the schedules tabled at the meeting.
- d) Proposed by Cllr. C Carter, seconded by Cllr. J Paszek and
RESOLVED:
- i) To set the budget for 2026/2027 at £369,984
- ii) To set the precept for 2026/2027 at £271,728
- A vote was taken and all were in favour.

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25249. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
A schedule detailing the applications received was tabled. One planning applications had been received from Sheffield City Council; none were received from PDNPA.

25250. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)
The Clerk updated members on the current CIL funding. Item deferred to April Council meeting.

25251. MEMBERS' REPORTS
a) Cllr T. Barrow noted that she wishes for a site visit to Coronation Park to be arranged with the three Oughtibridge Councillors.
b) Cllr J. Morton reported on a recent attended transport meeting, noting that train services now have improved Wi-Fi connectivity, and that there are ongoing issues with the 57/57A bus routes.

Part 2

25252. SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LOW BRADFIELD
The Clerk updated Members regarding the contractor who installed the sewage treatment plant at Low Bradfield Post Office.

Proposed by Cllr. S Cole, seconded by Cllr. P Baker and

RESOLVED:

a) That delegated authority be given to the Chair and the Clerk to deal with all legal matters/action that is required, with regard to the, Sewage Treatment Plant, due to the fluidity of the situation and the serious threat imposed. Councillors to be provided with regular updates.

25253. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION
Councillors received and considered three applications for the vacant Councillor position in the Oughtibridge Ward.

Proposed by Cllr. T Barrow, seconded by Cllr. J Morton and

RESOLVED:

a) To co-opt David Chinchin to the vacant Councillor post in Oughtibridge Ward. A vote was taken and D Chinchin received six votes resulting in the majority.

.....Chair