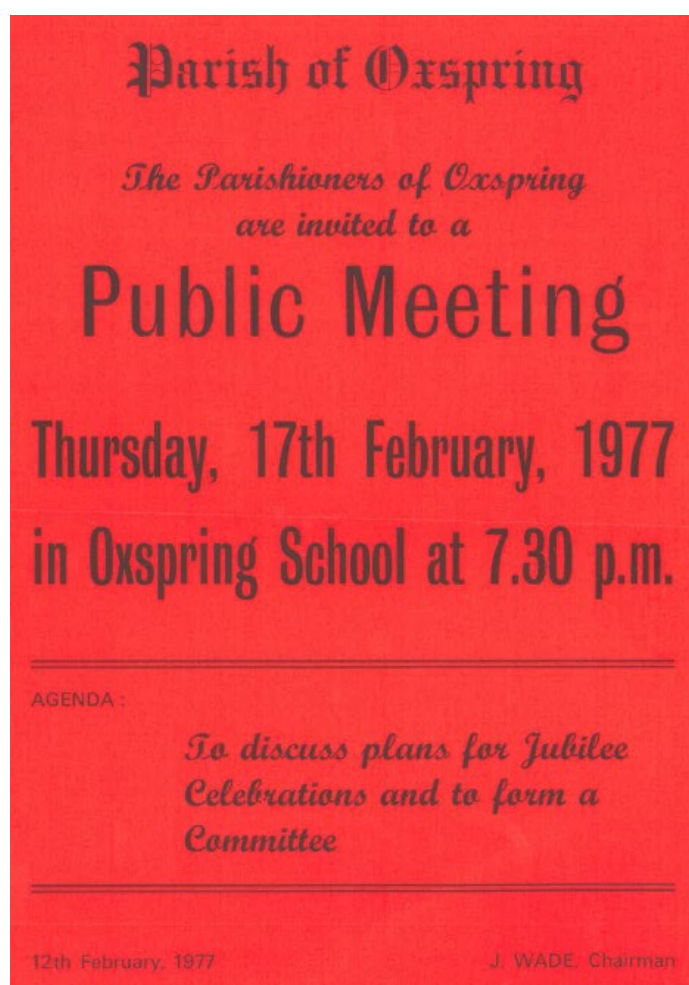


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## Guide to Parish Council collections at Barnsley Archives & Local Studies



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## **INTRODUCTION TO OUR PARISH COUNCIL COLLECTIONS**

Parish councils for rural areas were originally created as a result of the 1894 Local Government Act and are responsible for a particular area known as a civil parish. Parish and town councils make up the tier of local government which is closest to the people. Smaller rural areas which are not large enough to form a parish council can hold a regular parish meeting instead.

Parish and town councils are central to local activity in their communities. They give people the opportunity to get involved in local affairs, events and campaigns, and encourage them to make their views known, particularly on issues about maintaining the character of the local area. People can also seek election to their local parish or town council. An important role of parish and town councils is to make other public bodies, like Barnsley Council, aware of the views of their communities.

Individual parish or town councils provide varying facilities, but most look after at least some recreational facilities and are involved in organising local events in their areas. All have the power to raise money for these activities through a precept, which is an extra amount of council tax paid by people who live in the parish or town. A civil parish can exist without necessarily having a parish council, at any time.

Further information relating to active parish and town councils, including recent minutes of meetings can usually be found on the parish councils [homepage](#) on the Barnsley Council website.

### **The main series of parish council records are:**

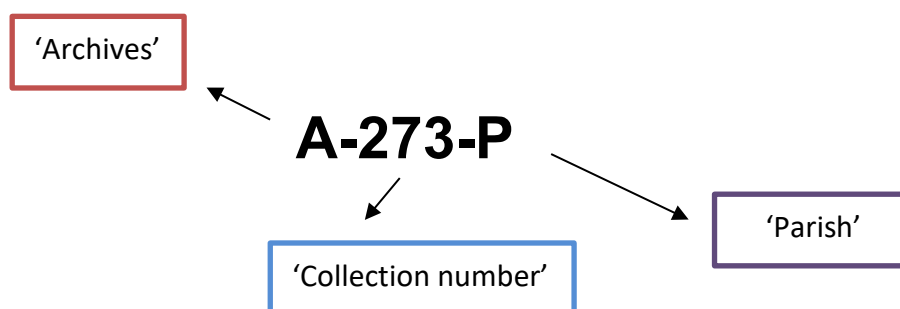
- Minutes of meetings
- Financial and legal records
- Correspondence relating to local issues
- Newsletters produced for the community
- Maps and plans
- Records relating to services operated by the parish council, such as burial grounds and allotments

*(note: not all types of records exist for each parish council)*

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The number given after each council refers to the catalogue number. The catalogues can be consulted in the public searchroom, [online](#) or alternatively you can [telephone](#) or [email](#) the office for further information.



We hold further sources that relate and refer to parish councils in the Barnsley area. These include printed books, newspapers and other local government records. Consult a member of staff in the public searchroom or view the [online library catalogue](#) for further information.

In keeping with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, we have to impose some access restrictions on behalf of the parish councils, to protect sensitive personal information. Access restrictions are noted in the relevant catalogues. However, personal information can be obtained from recent and sensitive material by the person it relates to. Consult staff for further information.

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## Collection Overviews

### BILLINGLEY

#### **Billingley Parish Council (A-238-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1939-1960
- Finance, 1939-1984
- Correspondence, 1931-1987
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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## BRIERLEY

Includes the area of Grimethorpe. The parish council was replaced by the town council in 1974.

### **Brierley Parish Council (A-3678-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1915-1974
- Correspondence, 1936-1974
- Burial grounds, 1936-1974
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

### **Brierley Town Council (A-3678-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1974-2007
- Burial grounds, 1974-1989
- Photographs, 1974-2016
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century-21<sup>st</sup> Century

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## CARLTON

### **Carlton Parish Council (A-1856-P; SY-743-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-1938

This parish was dissolved in 1938 along with Barnsley Rural District Council. The parish area became part of the County Borough of Barnsley.

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## CAWTHORNE

### **Cawthorne (A-2080-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1988-2014

Note: earlier meeting minutes between 1894-1935 are held by Cawthorne Jubilee Museum. Please contact the museum directly.

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## DUNFORD

### **Dunford Parish Council (A-297-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1938-1990
- Financial, 1938-1986
- Correspondence, 1940-1985
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century



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## GREAT HOUGHTON

### **Great Houghton Parish Council (A-206-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-1989
- Financial, 1940-1980
- Correspondence, 1973-1984
- Burial grounds, 1951-1974
- Allotments, 1962-1974
- Welfare Hall, 1962-1974
- Playing fields, 1951-1972
- Miscellaneous items, 19<sup>th</sup> Century-20<sup>th</sup> Century

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## GUNTHWAITE & INGBIRCHWORTH

### **Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council (A-1317-P)**

- Minutes, 1938-2009
- Financial, 1980-2004
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Note: prior to the creation of the parish council 1938, the area was administered by Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Urban District Council/Local Board. Most of the records are within A-1317-P, but also see A-76-B and SY-3-RD.

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## HIGH HOYLAND

### **High Hoyland Parish Meeting**

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies does not currently hold material relating to the parish meeting. Recent meeting minutes can be found here:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/parish-and-town-councils/choose-a-parish-council/high-hoyland-parish-meeting>

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## HUNSHELF

### **Hunshelf Parish Council (A-273-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1895-1963
- Correspondence, 1925-1973
- Declarations of councillors, 1895-1919, 1922-1980
- Newsletters, 1998-2016
- Maps and plans, 1905-1948
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

The main residential area for this parish is Green Moor.

Note: there are a number of documents relating to the parish of Hunshelf within collection A-273-P which date prior to the formation of parish councils in 1894. These relate to the parish being part of Wortley Poor Law Union and later Penistone Poor Law Union.

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## LANGSETT

### **Langsett Parish Council**

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies does not currently hold material relating to the parish council.

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## LITTLE HOUGHTON

### **Little Houghton Parish Council**

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies does not currently hold material relating to the parish council. Recent meeting minutes can be found here:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/parish-and-town-councils/choose-a-parish-council/little-houghton-parish-council>

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## OXSPRING

### **Oxspring Parish Council (A-2000-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1937-2008
- Financial, 1956-2006
- Correspondence, 1960-2007
- Maps and plans, 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century-21<sup>st</sup> Century

Note: there are documents relating to the parish of Oxspring within collection SY-114-P which date prior to the formation of parish councils in 1894. These are concerning enclosure and land use.

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## PENISTONE

### **Penistone Town Council**

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies does not currently hold material relating to the town council. A number of resources, including recent meeting minutes, financial statements and development plans can be found here:

<https://penistonetowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Note: prior to the creation of the town council after local government reorganisation in 1974, the area was administered by Penistone Urban District Council/Local Board. Most of the records for this council are held within collection number A-86-UD.



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## SHAFTON

### **Shafton Parish Council (A-972-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1895-2000
- Financial, 1895-1993
- Correspondence, 1974-1990
- Declarations of councillors, 1895-1991
- Allotments, 1914-1947
- Shafton Miners' Welfare Scheme, 1920s-1950s

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## SILKSTONE

### **Silkstone Parish Council (A-1373-P; SY-359-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-1973 (SY-359-P)
- Meeting minutes, 1974-2018 (A-1373-P)
- Financial, 1895-1975 (SY-359-P)
- Financial, 1956-1981 (A-1373-P)
- Correspondence, 1895-1973 (SY-359-P)
- Correspondence, 1983-1985 (A-1373-P)
- Newsletters, 1994-2017 (A-1373-P)
- Declarations of councillors, 1895 (SY-359-P)
- Declarations of councillors, 1904-1991 (A-1373-P)
- Map and plans, c.1866-1971 (A-1373-P)
- Silkstone Miners Welfare Scheme, 1922-1936 (SY-359-P)
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century (SY-359-P)
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century-21<sup>st</sup> Century (A-1373-P)

Note: there are a number of documents relating to the parish of Silkstone within collection SY-359-P which date prior to the formation of parish councils in 1894. These relate to the parish being part of the Penistone Poor Law Union.

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## STAINBOROUGH

### **Stainborough Parish Council (A-3152-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-1943, 1983-2002
- Financial, 1986-1998

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## TANKERSLEY

### **Tankersley Parish Council (A-1470-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1895-1937, 1939-1959
- Financial, 1895-1967
- Correspondence, 1895-1969
- Declarations of councillors, 1895-1910, 1913-1925
- Footpaths, 1951-1973
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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## THURGOLAND

### **Thurgoland Parish Council (A-2059-P; SY-56-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-1958 (SY-56-P)
- Meeting minutes, 1958-2009 (A-2059-P)
- Financial, 1930-1961 (SY-56-P)
- Financial, 1961-1999 (A-2059-P)
- Allotments, 1917-1918 (SY-56-P)
- Allotments, 1932-1981 (A-2059-P)
- Burial grounds, 1885-1940 (SY-56-P)
- Maps and plans, 1920s-1950s (SY-56-P)
- Miscellaneous items, 19<sup>th</sup> Century-20<sup>th</sup> Century (SY-56-P)
- Miscellaneous items, 20<sup>th</sup> Century-21<sup>st</sup> Century (A-2059-P)

Note: collection SY-56-P also contains documents relating to the parish of Thurgoland which date prior to the formation of parish councils in 1894. These relate to the parish being part of Wortley Poor Law Union and later Penistone Poor Law Union.

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## WORTLEY

### **Wortley Parish Council (A-3146-P)**

- Meeting minutes, 1894-2005
- Financial, 1897-1960, 1962-1994
- Declarations of councillors, 1949-1991