

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 17th February 2020 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 5548.	Councillor Councillor Councillors Police & Crime Comm. Wentworth Estate Parishioner RMBC Councillor RMBC	Mr E. Bradley (Chairman) Mr B. McNamara (Deputy Chairman) Mrs C. Shaw, Mrs V. Sykes, Mr W. Crawford, Mrs M.R. Dickerson, Mr D. Hunton Mr G. Cook Dr A. Billings. Ms A. Sale (From 7.04pm until 7.35pm) Mr A. Barber-Lomax (until 8.00pm) Ms A. McHale (Until 8.00pm) Mr D. Roche (Until 8.00pm) Ms J. Ratcliffe																															
Apologies for Absence 5549.	Councillors	Ms L. Stevenson																															
Minutes 5550.	The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman Proposed Councillor Hunton Seconded Councillor Crawford																																
Matters Raised By Parishioners 5551.	Ms McHale raised concerns about traffic speeds through Wentworth, in particular the 60mph zone between Wentworth and Harley and the problems of exiting the Building Yard along Cortworth Lane. The visibility at this point is poor and vehicles travelling within the legal speed limit allow little time for vehicles to exit. Councillor Roche noted that RMBC is keen to introduce more 20mph zones across the borough and that for the parish, VAS signs and speed roundels have been approved and will be implemented soon. 5552. Councillor Bradley asked if it was possible to have the roundels on a speed hump. Councillor Roche noted that speed humps caused noise in roadside properties. Members noted that these issues have been raised many times with RMBC, most recently at the public meeting organised by WRA. Councillor Roche advised that the two traffic officers responsible for the area now have different responsibilities and that there has been some delay in replacing them. 5553. Councillor Dickerson noted that it is Sheffield City Council's policy to increase the number of 20mph zones and that no accident statistics are needed to determine if the zones are necessary 5554. Mr Barber-Lomax commented that the recent public consultation on parking and access in the village generated a number of comments from the public for the attention of RMBC.																																
Matters Arising 5555.	Councillor Cook noted that SY Police believe that WRA members can do the speed watch checks without a police presence. The group believe that they need a police presence due to the poor responses received from motorists in the past. 5556. An employee of Wentworth Woodhouse has offered to take the 2 peacocks currently roaming around Harley.																																
Finance 5557.	Authorisation of cheques and Direct Debit payments for February <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Envious</td> <td style="width: 10%;">1528</td> <td style="width: 10%;">£</td> <td style="width: 10%;">1,126.90</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Grounds Maintenance March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wentworth Builders</td> <td>1529</td> <td>£</td> <td>236.40</td> <td>W/W fence repairs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>1533</td> <td>£</td> <td>120.80</td> <td>PAYE January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>1531</td> <td>£</td> <td>203.20</td> <td>Salary & Expenses January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual Energy</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>28.97</td> <td>Pavilion Electricity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>14.77</td> <td>Pavilion Water</td> </tr> </table> Proposed Councillor Sykes Seconded Councillor Crawford			Envious	1528	£	1,126.90	Grounds Maintenance March	Wentworth Builders	1529	£	236.40	W/W fence repairs	HMRC	1533	£	120.80	PAYE January	Clerk	1531	£	203.20	Salary & Expenses January	Dual Energy	DD	£	28.97	Pavilion Electricity	Everflow	DD	£	14.77	Pavilion Water
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<p>Open Forum.</p> <p>5558.</p> <p>5559.</p> <p>5560.</p> <p>5561.</p>	<p>Councillor Dickerson noted that the pavements along Kirby Lane have been cleansed, that there are issues with off road motor bikes and that Kepples Column is being opened to the public. She further noted that there is an issue with water streaming along Broadcarr Road. Matter to be reported to BMBC.</p> <p>Councillor Shaw noted that buses are having difficulty exiting Occupation Road onto Harley Road due to vehicles parked on the junction, and hoped that this would not lead to a loss of service. Councillor Roche noted that RMBC has no influence over SYPTE, Councillor Bradley asked what RMBC could do to improve the situation at the junction.</p> <p>Councillor Shaw noted that the RMBC bungalows on Occupation Road have not had the timbers painted and now look an absolute disgrace. The matter has been raised with Councillor Roche and RMBC several times previously.</p> <p>Councillor Shaw noted that the has recently been an increase in break-ins and attempted break-ins at Harley</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>5562.</p> <p>5563.</p> <p>5564.</p> <p>5565.</p> <p>5566.</p> <p>5567.</p> <p>5568.</p> <p>5569.</p> <p>5570.</p> <p>5571.</p> <p>5572.</p>	<p>Dr Billings and Ms Sale joined the meeting at 7.04pm</p> <p>Members thanked Dr Billings for attending the meeting and asked several questions; members asked what has happened to the quad bikes, previously sponsored to some extent by the parish council. The bikes were beyond economic repair several years ago. The lack of PCSO attendance at parish council meetings was raised. It appears that the Neighbourhood Teams are being reinstated so there will be more police officers and not just PCSO's available to police the area, but a police presence cannot be guaranteed at every meeting. Councillor Hunton thought it important that a senior officer should have been present at this meeting.</p> <p>Members also commented on the lack of police presence after crimes, when people ring about a crime, no officers attend, it is at these times the community needs reassurance and a police presence.</p> <p>Councillor Dickerson commented on and supports the PCC initiative to halt or remove the network of smart motorways, which are widely considered to be dangerous.</p> <p>It was asked why the police were not willing to attend community speed watch events when there are willing volunteers in the community. The PCC asked if the parish was willing to purchase a speed gun a community speed watch doesn't result in prosecutions, but warning letters are issued.</p> <p>The number of incidents and traffic issues along Main Street, from Manor Farm to the village shop was raised. Despite yellow lines and white H markings problems persist. Councillor Roche asked if the school car park could be utilised to remove parked vehicles from the area, it was pointed out that the car park could be used but that no one does, vehicles park on the grassed areas around the church and are churning the area, it is now so badly churned, that it is a disgrace. Councillor Roche asked if the road after the school is adopted, it is private, owned by the Estate.</p> <p>Councillor Roche advised that the pothole budget will be doubled over the next 4 years, Mr Barber- Lomax pointed out that many roads need resurfacing, not just patching. Councillor Roche asked that proposals for road resurfacing be forwarded to him.</p> <p>Members asked why regular police speed checks are not being undertaken, Dr Billings confirmed that they are and find that there is no great incidence of speeding.</p> <p>Members asked about the blind entrance along Coaley Lane and if road markings could be improved along that stretch of the road. Councillor Roche is to ask RMBC to place the vehicle counter/speed strips across the road at various locations within the parish.</p> <p>Members asked if the church gates could be closed to prevent vehicles going through the main gates.</p> <p>Dr Billings noted that there is a senior officer living near to the parish and that do get reports of what is happening and that the parish does not have a crime problem.</p> <p>Mr Barber-Lomax commented that nuisance off road bikes are in the area at weekends, but police checks seem to take place midweek, could the checks be made at weekends. Dr Billings commented that a lot of work is being done to combat this nuisance, police bike teams are in operation and seized bikes crushed</p> <p>Dr Billings and Ms Sale left the meeting at 7.35pm</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JH</p>

<p>Harley CC. 5573.</p>	<p>There has been no update from HCC or the Estate on the proposal to move the cricket pitch. The team are to be contacted regarding an update and confirmation that they have now contacted the ECB for an inspection into the safety and viability of the ground.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>5574. 5575.</p>	<p>Mr Barber-Lomax, Ms McHale and Councillor Roche left the meeting at 8.00pm</p> <p>The discussions and work to determine the ownership of the war memorial is continuing.</p> <p>A quote has been received to cut the hedges along Clayfield Lane, the quote was not accepted and the full schedule of works is to be put out to tender to the three preferred contractors.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>Next Meeting 5576.</p>	<p>The next meeting is confirmed as the 16th March 2020 at 6.30pm at the Mechanic's Institute, followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm. Agendas be distributed.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm