

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held by Zoom
on Monday 8th February 2021 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 5655.	<p>Councillor Mr E. Bradley (Chairman) Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Ms L. Stevenson, Mr D. Hunton, Mr W. Crawford (From 7.00pm) Mr G. Cook (From 6.40pm) Parishioner Ms E. Barley</p>
Apologies for Absence 5656.	<p>Councillor Mrs M.R. Dickerson, Mrs C. Shaw</p>
Minutes 5657.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Hunton Seconded Councillor Stevenson</p>
Traffic Issues 5658.	<p>There have been numerous complaints about the numbers of visitors to the parish during the national lockdown. In response the parish council has been in close contact with South Yorkshire police, RMBC and Wentworth Estate. Additional police patrols have been undertaken to make sure that the lockdown guidelines are being observed and that parking regulations are adhered to. To try to dissuade visitors the car parks have been closed. There have been issues with additional litter and Wentworth Estate has been in contact with RMBC to increase the frequency of litter bin emptying.</p>
5659.	<p>The traffic committee of the parish council are conducting a survey of traffic issues throughout the parish. Questionnaires have been issued to every household and any conclusions drawn will be put before the parish council in due course. It is hoped that by working closely with Wentworth Estate and RMBC a longer term improvement can be made to the issue of visitor numbers and general traffic issues.</p> <p>Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 6.40pm</p>
Harley CC 5660.	<p>Harley CC have advised the parish council that they will no longer be contributing to the grounds maintenance costs at the Harley cricket pitch and will no longer pay the utility charges or contents insurance for the pavilion. On the understanding that HCC are in effect quitting the site, the following proposal is made</p> <p>That the parish council takes sole control of the pavilion and that HCC be asked to remove all belongings from the pavilion by the end of the month and return all keys to the parish council, at which point the parish council will secure the building with additional locks and switch off all utility supplies.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Hunton Seconded Councillor McNamara</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote the pavilion be taken back into the sole control of the parish council and HCC be asked to remove all possessions and return all keys by the end of February</p>
5661.	<p>It is further proposed that the grounds maintenance committee look into the current financial issues between HCC and the parish council and resolve the matters of the outstanding grounds maintenance contribution and utility charges.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Bradley Seconded Councillor McNamara</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote the grounds maintenance committee will resolve the outstanding financial arrangements between the parish council and HCC</p> <p>Councillor Crawford joined the meeting at 7.00pm</p>
5662.	<p>It is further proposed that the grounds maintenance committee look into the long term viability and usage of the Harley sports pavilion and submit its conclusions and proposals to the parish council in due course.</p>

Proposed Councillor Bradley
Seconded Councillor McNamara

Resolved By unanimous vote the grounds maintenance committee will submit proposals for the long term future of the Harley sports pavilion.

Finance 5663. The following cheques and direct debits were approved for the period September 2020 to February 2021

Milton Estates	1560	£	300.00	Harley Field
PKF Littlejohn	1561	£	240.00	Audit
HMRC	1562	£	154.40	PAYE September
Clerk	1563	£	280.80	Salary & Expenses September
FWAT	1564	£	350.00	W/W Field
Pactek	1565	£	627.82	War Memorial & Harley pavilion
HMRC	1566	£	154.40	PAYE October
Clerk	1567	£	292.80	Salary & Expenses October
WRA	1568	£	114.00	Insurance
RMBC	1569	£	392.28	Play inspections
HMRC	1570	£	154.40	PAYE November
Clerk	1571	£	249.60	Salary & Expenses November
Clerk	1572	£	603.60	Salary & Expenses Dec
Royal Mail	1573	£	360.00	PO Box
Hot Metal Press	1574	£	99.60	Survey printing
HMRC	1575	£	254.40	PAYE Dec
HMRC	1576	£	154.40	PAYE Jan
Clerk	1577	£	249.60	Salary & Expenses January
AWS	DD	£	838.80	Grounds maintenance September
AWS	DD	£	839.80	Grounds maintenance October
AWS	DD	£	840.80	Grounds maintenance November
AWS	DD	£	841.80	Grounds maintenance December
AWS	DD	£	842.80	Grounds maintenance January
EDF	DD	£	8.00	Electricity charges September
EDF	DD	£	8.00	Electricity charges October
EDF	DD	£	8.00	Electricity charges November
EDF	DD	£	8.00	Electricity charges December
EDF	DD	£	8.00	Electricity charges January
Everflow	DD	£	15.90	Water Charges August
Everflow	DD	£	16.43	Water Charges September
Everflow	DD	£	15.90	Water Charges October
Everflow	DD	£	16.43	Water Charges November
Everflow	DD	£	16.43	Water Charges December
J Torry	DD	£	75.00	Window Cleaning Oct - Nov
J Torry	DD	£	25.00	Window Cleaning Oct - December
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5664. The External auditor report has been received, it noted that in the audit report for year ended March 2019 that the exercise of public rights had not been met due to the fact that the approval date was after the start of the exercise period. The prior year details should have been amended in the audit report for 2020.

It is proposed that the audit report is accepted and that the finance committee will check all dates before the exercise of public rights is published in future years.

Proposed Councillor Bradley
Seconded Councillor Crawford

Resolved By unanimous vote the audit report is accepted and the finance committee will check all all dates connected with public rights before details are published

5665. It was formally noted that the online discussion regarding the setting of the precept for 2021/22 had agreed that a precept request of £22000 be submitted

Proposed Councillor Bradley
Seconded Councillor Crawford

	<p>Resolved By unanimous vote the online agreement to set the precept request at £22000 is formally minuted.</p> <p>5666. The final draft of the budget for 2021/22 was agreed</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Bradley Seconded Councillor Crawford</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote the 2021/22 budget is agreed</p>	
<p>Matters Raised by Members</p>	<p>5667. Councillor Hunton requested that the forthcoming parish council elections be more widely publicised. It was noted that RMBC issue the statutory notices, which are sufficient. If Councillor Hunton wishes to promote the elections as a private individual, he should not issue anything which conflicts or could be seen as a legal alternative to the statutory notices or purport to be issued by the parish council.</p> <p>5668. Councillor Hunton noted that there have been issues with the grit bins. It was noted that two tonnes of grit have been purchased and the only issue is that the bins cannot be refilled as soon as some parishioners would like. In some instances a full bin is being used within a day.</p> <p>5669. Councillor Hunton requested that a newsletter be issued, it was proposed that the newsletter be postponed until after the parish elections. The new councillors would be able to introduce themselves to the parishioners and it would give the traffic committee time to collate the results of the traffic survey and publish them in the newsletter.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Bradley Seconded Councillor McNamara</p> <p>5670. It was noted that Covid 19 vaccination scams are appearing, some using false web sites to book vaccination slots, whilst downloading spyware onto computers.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>5671. The next meeting is proposed as 15th March at 6.30pm by Zoom, but this will be confirmed nearer the date and is dependent upon the covid 19 guidelines in force at that time.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm