

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 19th December 2022 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 6097.	Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr W. Crawford, Mr J. Knight, Mr S. Peace																															
Apologies For Absence 6098.	Councillors Mr D. Booth, Ms J. Annetts																															
Minutes 6099.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022 are accepted as a true record with the exception of minute 6077, which was amended to read</p> <p>The petition to reinstate the bus service in Wentworth is in progress and the parish council is arranging a meeting with local businesses to inform them of the situation and the impact that the loss of the 136 bus service could have on their businesses. It is hoped that the businesses will add their weight to the petition to reinstate the service.</p> <p>the minutes were then approved to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Crawford Seconded Councillor Sykes</p>																															
Matters Raised By RMBC 6100.	<p>RMBC have now installed the new signage at Hooper Hall Lane and refreshed the road markings along Hooper Hall Road. New road markings have also been completed at the Harley bends, RMBC gritted Leabrook Lane after a call about ice by a resident.</p> <p>6101. Councillor Hawley asked that Councillor Roche be reminded of the outstanding traffic issues.</p> <p>6102. It was noted that Wentworth Woodhouse will try to include Clayfield Lane in their traffic management plans for future events.</p>	JH																														
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6103.	It was noted that a request for a notice board at the Alms houses has been made by a resident.																															
Finance 6104.	<p>The following cheques and direct debits were approved for December</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Clerk</td> <td style="width: 10%;">1653</td> <td style="width: 10%;">£</td> <td style="width: 10%;">413.44</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Salary & expenses November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>838.80</td> <td>Grounds maintenance December</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>17.04</td> <td>Water charges December</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning December</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>26.16</td> <td>Electricity charges December</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>21.00</td> <td>Electricity charges December</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed Councillor Sykes Seconded Councillor Crawford</p> <p>6105. The draft budget was considered and it was proposed to leave the annual precept for 2023/24 at the current level of £23,000</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Sykes Seconded Councillor Peace</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote, the precept for 2023/24 be £23,000</p>	Clerk	1653	£	413.44	Salary & expenses November	AWS	DD	£	838.80	Grounds maintenance December	Everflow	DD	£	17.04	Water charges December	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning December	EON	DD	£	26.16	Electricity charges December	EDF	DD	£	21.00	Electricity charges December	
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6106.	The charges for the cricket club and the junior football team for 2023 are to be reviewed and communicated to the teams in due course.	
Cost of Living Crisis 6107.	The dates for the warm space initiative have been arranged for the Harley Mission Room, the Wentworth events are still being booked and the dates not yet finalised.	
Correspondence 6108	A letter from the Wentworth Residents Association was noted, it confirmed that the organisation is to hold a warm space event in early January. It also confirmed that the organisation will be writing to various organisations regarding the recent traffic accident involving an HGV.	
Bus Services 6109.	A meeting was held between the parish council and local organisations to discuss the impact of the reduced bus services in the parish. It was noted that of the 15 invitations sent out to the meeting only 4 organisations sent a representative to the meeting. The public petition has been handed in and will be forwarded to SYPTE along with a covering letter which will be copied to John Healey MP, the South Yorkshire Mayor and Councillor Roche	BM/CH
Open Forum 6110.	Councillor Peace commented that trials are being held in various rural areas of an Uber minibus service, Councillor Shaw noted that the MP for Penistone had raised the issue of rural bus services in parliament. It also seems that funding for South Yorkshire transport may have had to have been diverted to other matters because of the covid crisis	JH
6111.	Councillor Peace reported that an article has appeared in a newspaper about fixed penalty fines for dog fouling. A dog bin is to be requested for Church Field Drive at the gate to the arboretum.	
6112.	It was noted that the senior citizens warm pack initiative will take place in the Barnsley area this year. Funds are limited and the event has already taken place in the parish a couple of years ago.	
6113.	It was note that the WRA defibrillator stopped working in the recent cold weather, Lithium batteries are known to be affected by extreme cold.	
Next Meeting 6114.	The next meeting is confirmed as 16th January 2023 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, agenda to be issued.	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm