

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 11th January 2023 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 6115.	Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr W. Crawford, Mr J. Knight, Mrs J. Annetts																																				
Apologies For Absence 6116.	Councillors Mr D. Booth, Mr S. Peace																																				
Minutes 6117.	The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022 are accepted as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chairman Proposed Councillor Knight Seconded Councillor Crawford																																				
Matters Raised By RMBC 6118.	The gullies along Main Street, Hague Lane and Coaley Lane are blocked, cleansing is to be requested. The pavements near the car park and along Occupation Road are breaking up. RMBC are to be asked to repair.	JH																																			
6119.	Local litter pickers are collecting litter in black sacks and leaving it for RMBC collection. However, it seems some are being reported as fly tipping. Coloured sacks are to be purchased and RMBC is to be advised of suitable collection points.	JH/BM																																			
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6120.	There has been an issue at the Harley allotments and the matter has been reported to the police.																																				
Finance 6121.	The following cheques and direct debits were approved for January <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Clerk</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">1654</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">408.00</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Salary & expenses December</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal Mail</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1655</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">378.00</td> <td>PO Box renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">838.80</td> <td>Grounds maintenance January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.39</td> <td>Water charges January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.28</td> <td>Electricity charges January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21.00</td> <td>Electricity charges January</td> </tr> </table> Proposed Councillor Sykes Seconded Councillor Crawford	Clerk	1654	£	408.00	Salary & expenses December	Royal Mail	1655	£	378.00	PO Box renewal	AWS	DD	£	838.80	Grounds maintenance January	Everflow	DD	£	15.39	Water charges January	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning January	EON	DD	£	25.28	Electricity charges January	EDF	DD	£	21.00	Electricity charges January	
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6122.	The draft budget for 2023/24 was considered and accepted Proposed Councillor McNamara Seconded Councillor Annetts Resolved By unanimous vote, the budget for 2023/24 be accepted																																				
6123.	The village skips are to be arranged for Saturday the 25th March	JH																																			

Cost of Living Crisis 6124.	The invitations have been sent out for the Wentworth initiative, the Harley invites will be issued shortly.	
Correspondence 6125.	Copies of correspondence from Mr Belk to local newspapers have been received. The comments concern recent accidents along Broadcarr Lane.	
Bus Services 6126.	A letter about the lack of bus services has been sent to SYPTE, the Mayor, John Healey MP and RMBC. No reply has been received yet.	
Traffic & visitors 6127.	RMBC are being prompted on the several outstanding requests, Councillor Roche has been asked to look into it	
Benches 6128.	The plan of the parish benches has been completed and the next benches to be replaced have been identified.	
Wentworth Pavilion 6129.	There as been a burst pipe in the pavilion loft, it was caused by freezing pipes during the recent very cold weather. There is extensive damage and an insurance claim is being lodged. It is expected that the pavilion will be unusable for several months.	
Open Forum 6130.	The grounds maintenance contract is due for renewal in the spring. A new schedule of works is being drawn up	
	The approved contractor verification process is ongoing and verification packs have been sent out to local contractors	
6131.	Councillor Hawley is to arrange for a parish council specific phone, it will be trialled for two months. Further initiatives to advertise the parish council are to be undertaken.	
6132.	A large pothole has opened up on Kirby Lane, but was repaired quite quickly by RMBC after there was an incident of damage to a vehicle reported.	
6133.	It appears that the JFC spectators are still bringing dogs onto Wentworth playing field. Matter to be reported to EJFC.	JH
Next Meeting 6134.	The next meeting is confirmed as 20th February 2023 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, agenda to be issued.	

The meeting closed at 8.00pm