

**WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth  
on Monday 17th July 2023 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 6278.	Councillor Councillor Councillors	Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Mrs V. Sykes, Mr J. Knight (From 6.58pm) , Mr S. Peace, Mr D. Booth	
Apologies for Absence 6279.	Councillors	Mr W. Crawford, Ms J. Annetts, Mrs C. Shaw	
Minutes 6280.		The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman.  Proposed Councillor Booth Seconded Councillor Sykes	
Matters Raised By RMBC 6281.		The pavements along Wentworth and Nether Haugh are overgrown with vegetation and or hedges and need clearing. Also the gullies generally are blocked and need cleansing. Matter to be reported to RMBC  6282. Councillor Roche sent comment that the consultation for yellow lines along Clayfields Lane is to commence within the week.  6283. The local MP is trying to get the speed limit along Main Street reduced to 20MPH	JH
Matters Raised By Parishioners		The results of the recent air quality monitoring by RMBC, have shown that Wentworth is well below the average readings for air quality and has good air quality  6284. 6285. The recent complaint about trading from a residential property in Harley has been passed to RMBC and a response has been received, a copy of which has been forwarded to the complainant  6286. There have been complaints about vehicles parking on Clayfields Lane during the village day gala.  Councillor Knight joined the meeting at 18.58pm  6287. A resident at Nether Haugh has asked about faster broadband connections. It was noted that slow broadband is a problem in most rural areas as it seems the large providers find it uneconomical to upgrade  6288. It was noted that the noisy manhole cover on Main Street has been repaired.  6289. It was noted that there has been an increase in attempted break-ins around Harley.  6290. It was noted that the grass verges around Harley have now been cut by RMBC, but the grass verges at the end of Harley Road at the junction with the A6135 have not been cut.	JH
Matters Arising From The Minutes 6291.		The issue of the Harley play area litter bin has been resolved, RMBC no longer empty the bin after many years of doing so. A contract has now been agreed with RMBC to empty the bin weekly for a fee.  6292. Regarding minute 6246, the blocked gullies have been reported to RMBC  6293. Regarding minute 6265, shutters have been added to the pavilion door as well as the garage. It has been confirmed that should the football team cease to use the pavilion, the shutters cannot be removed, they are deemed to be the property of the parish council	

6294.  6295.	<p>The dial sessions have been confirmed as the 6th &amp; 13th October at Wentworth and 1st &amp; 22nd September at Harley.</p> <p>The Estate has responded that they no longer have a regular sign writer that can be contacted to refresh the Wentworth beacon.</p>																																																																						
<p>Finance 6296.</p>	<p>The cheques and payments were approved for July</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>408.00</td> <td>Salary &amp; Expenses June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Booth</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>9.85</td> <td>Expenses July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr McNamara</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>8.98</td> <td>Expenses July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Annetts</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>174.00</td> <td>Expenses July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>22.28</td> <td>Water charges May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>62.99</td> <td>Water charges July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pactek Environmental</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>3,538.58</td> <td>Wentworth pavilion repairs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FWAT</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>385.00</td> <td>Rent Harley field &amp; Nether Haugh bus shelter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wentworth Charities</td> <td>0001</td> <td>£</td> <td>570.06</td> <td>Return of unused grant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>896.70</td> <td>Grounds maintenance July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>17.94</td> <td>Water charges July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>22.92</td> <td>Electricity charges July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>69.00</td> <td>Electricity charges July</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor McNamara</p>	Clerk	BACS	£	408.00	Salary & Expenses June	Cllr Booth	BACS	£	9.85	Expenses July	Cllr McNamara	BACS	£	8.98	Expenses July	Cllr Annetts	BACS	£	174.00	Expenses July	Business Stream	BACS	£	22.28	Water charges May	Business Stream	DD	£	62.99	Water charges July	Pactek Environmental	BACS	£	3,538.58	Wentworth pavilion repairs	FWAT	BACS	£	385.00	Rent Harley field & Nether Haugh bus shelter	Wentworth Charities	0001	£	570.06	Return of unused grant	AWS	DD	£	896.70	Grounds maintenance July	Everflow	DD	£	17.94	Water charges July	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning July	EON	DD	£	22.92	Electricity charges July	EDF	DD	£	69.00	Electricity charges July
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<p>Planning Applications 6297.</p>	<p>RMBC planning applications have been received for the George &amp; Dragon and Occupation Road. No objections or concerns have been raised</p>																																																																						
<p>Councillor Responsibilities 6298.  6299.  6300.  6301.  6302.  6303.  6304.  6305.  6306.</p>	<p>It seems that residents and visitors are still taking dogs onto Wentworth field, there ongoing incidents of fouling. There is also a problem with glasses, bottles and other debris being left on the field by users of the pub. A meeting has taken place with the landlord and better signage is to be put by the gates of the pub. A flyer is to be distributed to properties in Wentworth outlining the issues and problems caused by fouling and reminding them that dogs are not allowed on the playing field.</p> <p>Whilst it is not possible to block of the gated form the pub, an unofficial entrance created by people pushing through the hedge is to be replanted and a stock fence erected.</p> <p>Councillor Hawley raised concerns about out of hours emergency contacts for tenants of the Estate Matter to be raised with the Estate</p> <p>Councillor Sykes aske that the Estate be contacted to clear the weeds from the war memorial</p> <p>Councillor Booth has received one quote for fixing the new benches, but is to request a quote from a second contractor</p> <p>It was noted that the Harley gala had to be scaled back and moved indoors due to poor weather.</p> <p>A further rubber mat is to be purchased for the Harley pavilion</p> <p>Councillor McNamara reported that the three bus shelters in Harley and Wentworth are in need of repainting The bus shelter at Nether Haugh is rented from the Estate, there seems to be no rental agreement and one is to be requested from the Estate to determine responsibilities</p> <p>The Estate is to be asked to cut back the vegetation on its land which is growing over the bus shelter at Barrowfield Lane.</p>																																																																						

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<p>Open Forum 6307.</p> <p>6308.</p>	<p>The funds received from Wentworth Charities for the Wentworth warm space event were not fully utilised due to lack of interest in the event. The funds are to be returned to the charities.</p> <p>There has been a complaint about EV charging cables across the pavement in Friers Croft. Matter to be reported to RMBC.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting 6309.</p>	<p>The next meeting is confirmed as 18th September 2023 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, agenda to be issued.</p>	

***The meeting closed at 8.05pm***