

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 18th September 2023 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 6310.	<p>Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Mr J. Knight, Mr S. Peace, Mr D. Booth, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr W. Crawford RMBC Councillor Mr D. Roche (until 7.00pm)</p>	
Apologies for Absence 6311.	<p>Councillors Ms J. Annetts</p>	
Minutes 6312.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Shaw Seconded Councillor Sykes</p>	
Matters Raised By RMBC 6313.	<p>It was noted that the reinstatement of the bus service was due to the efforts of the parish council, Councillor Roche and John Healey MP.</p> <p>6314. Consultations have been issued for several roads in the borough including Harley Road. Once the consultation has concluded, RMBC officers will consider the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>6315. There are still anti-social behaviour issues around Hooper, police have consulted with local businesses and are increasing patrols. RMBC are considering measures to close off unofficial laybys in the area.</p> <p>6316. Several complaints have been raised by Harley residents and were passed to Councillor Roche for RMBC's attention. The residents concerned are to be advised to attend the next RMBC councillor surgery.</p> <p>6317. Councillor Roche advised that RMBC have bought 63 properties on the new Brampton development.</p> <p>6318. Councillor McNamara advised that the recent air quality monitoring by RMBC, showed that Wentworth was well below the borough average.</p> <p>6319. Councillor Roche is pressing for further speed restrictions along Main Street, but any traffic calming measures could damage nearby properties. The discussion is continuing.</p> <p>6320. RMBC have agreed that Hague Lane, from Doric Lodge to the junction with Main Street, is to be restricted to 40mph due to the traffic issues around the garden centre.</p> <p>6321. There are ongoing issues with HGVs and the Harley bends, there are problems restricting the road as it is the relief road from the M1. However, the Traffic Agency are reconsidering the route as a relief road.</p> <p>6322. RMBC have advised that several community groups in the parish are reporting the same issues, group is to be set up with members from the individual groups concerned to provide one point of contact for RMBC</p> <p>6323. There have been complaints from Harley residents about obstructive parking along Occupation Road and Cricket View Road</p> <p>Councillor Roche left the meeting at 7.00pm</p>	cs
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6324.	<p>A request has been received for a memorial bench. The matter was discussed and the proliferation of benches is not to be encouraged, it also leads to maintenance and ownership issues. It was agreed that a way forward would be to licence a space on the existing benches for a plaque. A draft agreement is to be drawn up.</p>	

	<p>6325. The overgrown hedge on Coach Road has not been cut back, RMBC to be asked to resolve the issue</p> <p>6326. The graffiti on street furniture around Harley has not been removed, RMBC is to be asked to resolve the issue</p> <p>6327. The police are to be asked to attend the November meeting, all members are asked to consider questions to be raised and bring them to the October meeting.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>ALL</p>																																																																																
<p>Matters Arising From The Minutes</p> <p>6328.</p>	<p>Regarding minute 6281, the issues are still outstanding and RMBC are to be asked again to cleanse the blocked gullies.</p> <p>6329. The hedges along the B6090 from the Almshouses to the junction with Barrowfield Lane are overgrown. The Estate is to be asked to lop the hedges back as necessary.</p> <p>6330. Regarding minute 6286, it seems that WVCA had not allowed the stall holders for village day to park on the field as usual.</p> <p>6331. Regarding minute 6288, it seems that the manhole cover has broken again and is noisy as vehicles run over it</p> <p>6332. Regarding minute 6293, the issue with the shutters has been clarified to the football team.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>																																																																																
<p>Finance</p> <p>6333.</p>	<p>The payments were approved for August and September</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="180 974 1474 1444"> <tr> <td>RBL</td> <td>00002</td> <td>£</td> <td>300.00</td> <td>Poppy Appeal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>824.65</td> <td>Salary & expenses July & August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RMBC</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>103.03</td> <td>Harley bin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Sykes</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>53.49</td> <td>Expenses August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Sykes</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>21.32</td> <td>Expenses August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wentworth Builders</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>215.00</td> <td>Field gate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>896.10</td> <td>Grounds maintenance August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>17.36</td> <td>Water charges August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>62.45</td> <td>Electricity charges August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>113.00</td> <td>Electricity charges August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>896.10</td> <td>Grounds maintenance September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Everflow</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>17.94</td> <td>Water charges September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>19.92</td> <td>Electricity charges September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>113.00</td> <td>Electricity charges September</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Hawley</p> <p>6334. The external auditor has concluded the audit, no issues or concerns have been raised. It was proposed that the external auditor report be accepted</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Knight</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote, the external auditor report is accepted.</p>	RBL	00002	£	300.00	Poppy Appeal	Clerk	BACS	£	824.65	Salary & expenses July & August	RMBC	BACS	£	103.03	Harley bin	Cllr Sykes	BACS	£	53.49	Expenses August	Cllr Sykes	BACS	£	21.32	Expenses August	Wentworth Builders	BACS	£	215.00	Field gate	AWS	DD	£	896.10	Grounds maintenance August	Everflow	DD	£	17.36	Water charges August	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning August	EON	DD	£	62.45	Electricity charges August	EDF	DD	£	113.00	Electricity charges August	AWS	DD	£	896.10	Grounds maintenance September	Everflow	DD	£	17.94	Water charges September	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning September	EON	DD	£	19.92	Electricity charges September	EDF	DD	£	113.00	Electricity charges September	
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<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>6335.</p>	<p>A planning application for Kirby Lane has been received, no objections or concerns were raised.</p>																																																																																	
<p>T&W CC</p> <p>6336.</p>	<p>T&W CC have confirmed the new storage shed will be green and on the original proposed location. They have signed a new sub lease with Elsecar CC rather than the current Whitley Hall team.</p>																																																																																	

<p>Councillor Responsibilities</p>	<p>The dog fouling flyers have been delivered around Wentworth and notices have been attached to the gates. However, there are still issues with residents walking dogs on the field. RMBC dog wardens are patrolling the area and two covert cars with dog wardens are being used . The wardens are able to issue on the spot fines.</p> <p>6337.</p> <p>6338. Quotes have been received for the base and fitting of the benches, GM Jones has been accepted.</p> <p>6339. A list of fixtures and training sessions is to be requested from EJFC.</p> <p>6340. Preparations for the remembrance service are progressing, this year's exhibition in the Mechanic's Institute will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Councillors are to be at the Mechanic's for both days.</p> <p>6341. There have been a few complaints about the new bus service not running on a couple of occasions. The operator has been contacted, but no response has been received. The MP and RMBC are aware of the issue.</p> <p>6342. The grounds maintenance contractor is to be asked to quote for lopping the trees overhanging Wentworth playing field and obtaining the necessary planning consents.</p> <p>6343. It was noted that the hedge along the top side of the Harley playing field is not owned by the parish council, so only the side facing the field will included in the maintenance schedule.</p> <p>6344. Harley Activity Group have proposed 3 possible sites for the bonfire on the playing field. The parish council has advised the group that only plan B is acceptable.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JH</p> <p>DB</p> <p>JH</p>
<p>Open Forum</p>	<p>The grounds maintenance contract, starting in 2024, is being reviewed read to go out to tender.</p> <p>6345.</p> <p>6346. The crash barrier on the A6135, fronting Lodge Drive, has still not been replaced by BMBC despite being reported several times over the past two years.</p> <p>6347. A resident has asked a couple of questions regarding the Harley play area, they noted that one of the stepping stones is damaged, this is in the process of being repaired. They asked if something could be provided for teenagers, it was noted that the youth shelter originally provided was a magnet for antisocial behaviour and damaged by vandals until it had to be removed. The resident is to be advised that the Mission Rooms regularly hold activities and clubs for older children. The resident also asked if a car boot sale could be held on the field, the resident is to be advised that under the terms of the lease with Wentworth Estates, no trading or similar activity is permitted.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting is confirmed as 16th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, agenda to be issued.</p> <p>6348.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.00pm