

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present 6414.	<p>Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Mr S. Peace, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr W. Crawford, Ms J. Annetts Mr J. Knight (From 18.35pm) Mr D. Booth (from 18.45pm)</p>	
Minutes 6415.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Crawford</p>	
Matters Raised By RMBC 6416.	<p>Councillor Knight joined the meeting at 18.35pm</p> <p>The noisy manhole cover on Main Street has still not been repaired</p> <p>6417. No further updates have been received from RMBC on the 20mph restriction for Clayfields Lane or the proposed rationalisation of the lay-bys in Hooper</p> <p>6418. RMBC have responded to the request from WRA for dummy speed camera signs, the proposal has been refused as only road signs that are prescribed by the DoT are permitted. The dummy signs would not meet that criteria. RMBC noted that 30mph wheelie bin stickers are available.</p> <p>6419. RMBC are to reposition the VAS sign on Barrowfield Lane to Cortworth Lane, the order has been raised, but the work has not yet been completed</p> <p>6420. The additional double yellow lines for Wentworth have been approved, but the bad weather is preventing RMBC putting the lines in place.</p>	
Matters Raised By Parishioners	<p>A parishioner has reported 3 road traffic accidents and asked that they be brought to the attention of the parish council</p> <p>6421.</p> <p>6422. Large potholes have appeared on the B6090 near to the Almshouses and along Harley Road, matter to be reported to RMBC.</p> <p>Councillor Booth joined the meeting at 18.45pm</p> <p>6423. Councillor Annetts reported that the A6135 along the boundary with Harley has numerous potholes and that the road surface is slippery, sometimes causing wheel spin, for vehicles exiting Harley Road. Matter to be reported to BMBC.</p> <p>6424. A letter has appeared in a recent issue of a local newspaper regarding the damaged crash barrier on the A6135 near to Lodge Drive. The matter has been reported to BMBC several times over the past few years, but no repairs have been made.</p>	<p>JHG</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
Matters Arising	<p>The hedge along Leabrook Lane has been cut back b RMBC, but the undergrowth along the pavement is still outstanding.</p> <p>6425.</p> <p>6426. Regarding minute 6393, the RMBC networking meetings held during normal working hours are not going to be changed to include evening meetings</p> <p>6427. Regarding minute 6395, the hedge along Coach Road has still not been cut back.</p> <p>6428. Regarding minute 6396, nothing further has been heard about a mechanism to report missed bus services.</p>	

6429.	Regarding minute 6409, the Neighbourhood road safety fund will be contacted in the new year.																									
6430.	Regarding minute 6410, the car park is permanent, but it being temporarily used as a staff car park.																									
Finance 6431.	<p>The payments were approved for December</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="220 398 1268 539"> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>408.00</td> <td>Salary & expenses November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Hawley</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.65</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>896.10</td> <td>Grounds maintenance 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>18.64</td> <td>Electricity charges December</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Sykes</p> <p>6432. No alterations to the draft budget have been raised so far.</p> <p>6433. The fees for the T&W cc were discussed, due to the lack of pavilion facilities, it was proposed that the fee be set at £800</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Booth Seconded Councillor Annetts</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote, the T&W CC fee be set at £800 for the 2024 season.</p> <p>6434. The fees for the JFC are to remain the same as last year. But with a 20% reduction in the Wentworth fees due to the lack of pavilion facilities.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Booth Seconded Councillor Annetts</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote, the JFC fees are to remain the same as last year, but with a 20% reduction for the Wentworth playing field.</p>	Clerk	BACS	£	408.00	Salary & expenses November	Cllr Hawley	BACS	£	35.65	Expenses	AWS	DD	£	896.10	Grounds maintenance December	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning December	EON	DD	£	18.64	Electricity charges December
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Correspondence 6435.	A letter of complaint has been received from Mr Belk regarding the lack of council services and the increasing reliance on volunteers to fill the gaps left by RMBC. The letter was noted.																									
6436.	RMBC have advised of storm damage to a tree in the Harley Square.																									
Councillor Responsibilities	<p>The recent smart water sessions held by South Yorkshire Police, in both Wentworth and Harley, have been well attended. The police are to hold further sessions in the new year.</p> <p>6437.</p> <p>6438. It was noted that the defibrillators need starter kits. The defibrillators are to be checked and the kits will be ordered as necessary</p> <p>6439. All repairs have been completed on the Harley play equipment and the timber edging around the hard standing has been replaced.</p> <p>6440. The Harley Christmas lights switch on, carol concert and firework display were successful and well attended. The bonfire wood has now been removed from the playing field.</p> <p>6441. The gates to Harley playing field are currently being kept closed due to the waterlogged area. A child minder has complained about it and has been advised to contact the parish council and the gates will be opened when they want to use it.</p> <p>6442. Sleeper type benches have been installed along Coach Road, rather than the bench type, in error by the contractor. The benches fit in well with the landscape and are to be left in place.</p> <p>6443. It was noted that the Harley brass band concert had been opened by the local MP and that tickets had sold out.</p>																									

<p>Open Forum 6444.</p>	<p>The matter of keeping crime statistics was raised, this is to be added to the list of questions for the police.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the councillors and clerk for all the work completed during 2023.</p>	
<p>Precept 6445. 6446.</p>	<p>The precept for 2024/5 was discussed, proposals were made for 3 and 4% increase, but received no seconds.</p> <p>An increase of 5% was proposed</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw</p> <p>Resolved By majority vote (5 to 4), the precept is to be increased by 5% for 2024/5</p>	
<p>Next Meeting 6445.</p>	<p>The next meeting is confirmed as 15th January 2024 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, agenda to be issued.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.50pm