

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 19th February 2024 commenced at 6.30PM**

Present 6467.	<p>Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Ms C. Hawley (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V, Sykes, Ms J. Annetts, Mr D. Booth, Mr J. Knight, Mr S. Peace SY Police Ms L. Frettwell (until 7.09pm) Rotherham Advertiser Mr P. Whitehouse</p>	
Apologies for Absence 6468.	<p>Councillors Mrs C. Shaw, Mr W, Crawford</p>	
Minutes 6469.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Hawley Seconded Councillor Annetts</p>	
SY Police	<p>The Chairman thanked Ms Frettwell for attending the meeting and responding to councillor's questions</p> <p>6470. SY Police for the north area are understaffed by one officer at the current time and recourses, as expected, are concentrated where they are most needed. Police appear to be more visible in some areas just by virtue of location, they need to pass through areas to get to other areas, this is not generally the case for the Wentworth parish</p> <p>6471. It is accepted that the 101 number is not always easily accessible, but the 999 number works as it should. Local Drop-in meeting have recently been arranged in the parish and they are held throughout the police area</p> <p>6472. Some crimes may not have forensic evidence and are subject to desk top reviews, without evidence of any sort these lower level crimes are unlikely to be solved. It is important to keep reporting these crimes as it builds up a picture of hotspots. It is also important to report rural crime such as poaching and off road bike issues, again to build up a picture so resources can best be deployed. A community engagement team is being set up to combat rural crime</p> <p>6473. The PCSOs will try to attend a couple of parish council meetings a year and new community speed watch events are being scheduled throughout the police area. RMBC were noted as having good data on road speeds. It was also noted that Barnsley area police hold regular PACT meetings.</p> <p>Ms Frettwell left the meeting at 7.09pm</p>	
Matters Raised By RMBC 6474.	<p>An inspection of Main Street has been undertaken, the noisy manhole cover has been rectified and a number of issues on the carriageway and pavements have been identified. It is expected that remediation works will be undertaken in the near future.</p> <p>6475. The yellow lines for Clayfield Lane have been confirmed and will be done once there is dry weather</p> <p>6476. The hedges on the Barrow and Leabrook Lane have been cut back</p> <p>6477. RMBC are to put new signage on Leabrook Lane as it is unsuitable for road markings.</p> <p>6478. BMBC have undertaken some pothole repairs along the A6135, it was noted that the road surface near to the Alms houses is particularly poor and that there is a large pothole at Nether Haigh</p>	JH
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6479.	<p>A local WhatsApp group has discussed an accident at the Harley bends and the general problems that occur at the bends. The matter is to be raised at the next traffic meeting.</p>	SP

<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>6480.</p> <p>6481.</p> <p>6482</p> <p>6483.</p>	<p>Regarding minute 6448, the VAS sign has been repositioned, but councillors consider it to be too high.</p> <p>The Coach Road issue is to be mentioned to Wentworth Estates.</p> <p>Members noted that some wheelie bins are being permanently left on pavements, this is to be included in the letter being issued with regard to the wheelie bin stickers.</p> <p>The contractor has not yet fitted the new benches, a new quote is to be requested from other contractors.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>DB</p>																														
<p>Finance 6484.</p> <p>6485.</p>	<p>The payments were approved for February</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>446.90</td> <td>Salary & expenses January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pactek</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>542.10</td> <td>Beacon refurbishment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AWS</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>896.10</td> <td>Grounds maintenance February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Torry</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Window cleaning February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£</td> <td>21.64</td> <td>Electricity charges February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>£</td> <td>29.72</td> <td>Electricity charges February</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Annetts</p> <p>The budget was approved for 2024/5</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Hawley Seconded Councillor Knight</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote the 2024/5 budget is approved</p>	Clerk	BACS	£	446.90	Salary & expenses January	Pactek	BACS	£	542.10	Beacon refurbishment	AWS	DD	£	896.10	Grounds maintenance February	J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning February	EON	DD	£	21.64	Electricity charges February	EDF	BACS	£	29.72	Electricity charges February	
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<p>Councillor Responsibilities</p> <p>6486.</p> <p>6487.</p> <p>6488.</p> <p>6489.</p> <p>6490.</p> <p>6491.</p> <p>6492.</p> <p>6493.</p>	<p>Councillor Annetts asked if reopening the gate the Harley field could be considered, Councillor Sykes reported that the field is still waterlogged.</p> <p>The community skips have been advertised.</p> <p>The defibrillators have been checked and everything is working</p> <p>The water has been turned off at the Harley pavilion to prevent water damage if the weather should turn cold</p> <p>The agreement with Thorncliffe & Wentworth CC has been finalised and agreed. It was proposed that it be issued to the club</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Booth Seconded Councillor Peace</p> <p>Resolved By unanimous vote the proposed agreement be accepted and sent to T&W CC</p> <p>EJFC has confirmed that it will not be using either playing field until June</p> <p>The grounds maintenance contract is being drafted and will be issues to three contractors in due course</p> <p>RMBC dog wardens are still in the area and the pavements are to be stencilled. It is hoped that a small number of lamp post signs will also be available</p>																															
<p>Open Forum</p> <p>6494.</p> <p>6495.</p>	<p>The WVCA constitution allows for 2 named parish councillors to sit on the committee. Due to changes in the WVCA and the relinquishment of the pavilion lease, members feel that it is not appropriate to have a presence on the committee. However the parish councillors wish to work with the WVCA for the benefit of the village.</p> <p>Street light number 3 on Clayfield Lane is not working, RMBC has repaired the light 3 times previously</p>																															
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>6496.</p>	<p>The next meeting is confirmed as 18th March 2024 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute, followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm. Agendas to be distributed.</p>																															

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

Signed as a true record