

WENTWORTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the annual assembly

Monday 27th March 2023 – Commenced at 7.30pm

The Chairman welcomed the parishioners to the meeting

Present 01/23	<p>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, Mr D. Booth, Mr S. Peace Parishioner Eric Jones & David Hunton</p> <p>Apologies from The Clerk</p>	
Minutes 02/23	Councillor Annetts was authorised to take the minutes by unanimous vote	
03/23	<p>The minutes of the previous annual assembly held on 28th March 2022 were read to the meeting The minutes were agreed as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Shaw Seconded Councillor Sykes</p>	
Issues from the public 04/23	Mr Jones raised the issue of public transport & Councillor McNamara gave an update. Councillor McNamara advised he has received several communications in relation to the service. John Healeys latest response advised they were going out for tender for the service and are hoping to conclude this in July 2023. Councillor B McNamara also advised he will arrange a meeting with Mr Jones including members of the WVCA & the residents association to advise them of the latest developments.	
05/23	<p>Mr Hunton advised that he thought the war memorial service was very good but would like to request a handrail is placed on the steps up to the memorial in the centre of the steps to support the public that required access aid. He also suggested gritting the area ahead of the event where required. Mr Hunton was also concerned with the parking situation on the day and due to this struggled to attend the memorial event at the mission rooms after and raised the concern that the issue was due to a football match currently playing on the field.</p> <p>This point will be taken up at the next parish council to discuss with the HJFC to review the dates of the football fixtures for 2023 and ensure there are no matches to be played on remembrance Sunday.</p>	
06/23	<p>Mr Hunton also requested that the disabled parking bays in the village are re-lined as they have faded and can no longer be seen.</p> <p>This will be raised again at the next Parish council meeting with Wentworth Estates for a request for these to be re-lined.</p>	
07/23	Mr Hunton requested that on the village day that parking on the top field be opened for residents. It was confirmed at the meeting that the field is currently opened for the venders on the day only, and at the next Parish Council it would be raised about the parking on the field.	
08/23	<p>Mr Jones raised the concerns around the residents not been made aware of the recent skip. The parish council advised that the advertisement of the skip was placed in the community notice boards, placed on the website and local associations were made aware to pass the information on. It was agreed by the council to ensure that going forward this information is also placed in the local village shop and post office.</p> <p>Mr Jones made it clear that this provision is much appreciated within the village. The parish council advised at the meeting that there were deeply upset and offended by the personal social media comments made towards the Parish Council and some of its Councillors.</p>	

09/23	It was agreed that the parish council will purchase a lock for the notice board in Wentworth as it appears notices placed within the notice board are been taken down.	
10/23	Mr Hunton advised that he disagrees with the council not leafletting for such events as this has always been the previous way the council have advertised events, he also stated it would be wise to advise local resident Norman Gallagher about the skip as he has previously supported with the event.	
11/23	Mr Hunton requested an update about the Wentworth Pavilion. At the meeting the Councillor McNamara advised there had been 6 burst pipes and the pavilion has been totally ripped out and are now awaiting a structural report to come back. Mr Hunton advised he would like to see the pavilion opened to all sports not just cricket. The parish council advised they will await the report to come back and then be able to decide on the future of the pavilion and its use.	
12/23	Mr Hunton requested an update on the lighting of the beacon for the coronation & requested it be repainted. Councillor McNamara advised that unfortunately due to Government guidance the beacon has been advised not to be lit but they will look in to having the beacon repainted.	
Matters arising from Previous assembly 13/23	Mr Hunton advised that in relation to the previous assembly 04/22 the RMBC had responded but advised that a walking group in Bradford had declined which he did not agree with In relation to 06/22 from the previous assembly. Councillor Hawley to chase up Street Pride in relation to the cleanliness and current state of the pavements.	
14/23	Mr Hunton asked in the previous assembly about an update on the parish benches 09/22. Councillor Booth advised there have been 9 new benches placed around the parish in the last year and 5 other benches that have been delivered for placement across the parish. Councillor Booth advised that all benches across the parish have been audited and a record held. Councillor McNamara advised an update will be placed on the website also.	
15/23	Mr Hunton asked about the bench by the war memorial. Parish council now believe this is with the Estate and should be maintained by the estate. Mt Hunton strongly disagrees with this & Councillor Knight advised that the parish council have previously chased land registry and unfortunately found nothing to advise this land was gifted to the parish council.	
16/23	Mr Hunton wanted to state his concern for the number of potholes across the parish in relation to the previous concern 10/22. The council advised that all information has been passed to RMBC and they will chase again with them. Councillor Hawley mentioned the quick turn around from RMBC on filling a previous pothole on Kirby Lane once reported to RMBC.	
Parish Council previous 12 months 17/23	The Parish Council wished to share with the residents the latest precept spend within the last 12 months for the parish. -14 New benches purchased for the parish with a full audit across the parish - Built out an approved list of contractors - Ground maintenance - Defibrillators maintained and checked monthly - New playground equipment purchased for the play park at Harley - On going works to repair the Wentworth Pavilion - Continued communication in relation to local public bus services through the village - Arranged warm space events - Air sampling to take place on main street (2 months to install and 1year to survey) - Grit bin refills and new locations requested - Speed monitoring surveys - Coronation flags ordered - Repainted over vandalism in local bus shelters and the Harley play park	
18/23	Mr Hunton suggested it would be a good idea to advise residents of the bench locations across the parish that have been restored as this is a kind contribution by the parish. Councillor McNamara advised this will be done, and stated that there is a location plan of the benches on the Parish Councils Web site. .	
Next Meeting 19/23	The next meeting was confirmed to take place on 18 th March 2024 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm	