WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth on Monday 15th April 2024 commenced at 6.30PM

Present 6521.	Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillors Mrs V, Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr S. Peace, Mr J. knight South Yorkshire Police PCSO P. Gray, PC F. Brier (until 18.50pm)	
Apologies for Absence 6522.	Councillors Ms C. Hawley, Mr W. Crawford, Ms J. Annetts, Mr D. Booth	
Minutes 6523.	The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw	
Police Matters 6524.	The recent smart water sessions in the parish have been successful and there are very few smart water kits left.	
6525.	A lot of work has been undertaken to combat the recent problems in Hoober, increased patrols are being undertaken and the numbers of incidents are falling. One arrest has been made and further work is being undertaken in conjunction with landowners and RMBC to limit the numbers and size of lay-bys	
6526.	Further speed watch initiatives are planned and Councillor Peace is to try and co-ordinate a group for Main Street.	SP
6527.	The PCSO noted that they have received requests for more benches along Church Walk and that some of the ones already there are in a poor condition. It was noted that these are the property of the Estate and that the comments would be forwarded	JH
6528.	PCSO's are also active in local schools giving seasonal safety presentations, water, cyber and firework safety are amongst the presentations being given.	
	The Chairman thanked the officers for attending the meeting	
	The PCSO's left the meeting at 18.50pm	
RMBC Matters 6529.	Dog fouling issues continue, the pavement stencils are not feasible due to the continuing wet weather, RMBC are considering lamp post signs instead.	
6530.	The warden did approach an individual on Wentworth field, but the dog did not foul the area. The individual disputed the signs leading on the field as been advisory rather than prohibitive, The Estate is to be asked if the signs could be altered.	JH
6531.	Councillor Knight has received complaints about dog fouling along Occupation Road. Signs are to be purchased and attached to the playing field fence.	ВМ
6532.	Cover Close has now been resurfaced and several complaints have been made to RMBC regarding overgrown vegetation on pavements around Harley.	

Signed as a true record

Matters Raised By Parishioners 6533.	There has been a rumour that the Estate is to create additional residents parking to the rear of Wentworth village shop. The Estate is to be asked to consider creating more residential parking areas. Councillor Peace noted that general additional parking could be created to the rear of the old brewery, Councillor McNamara asked if spaces in the Gun Park could be released for general parking.	1
Matters Arising From The Minutes 6534.	Regarding minute 6510, a recent meeting was held with the grounds maintenance contractor and the Wentworth field is still too waterlogged to cut. It has been agreed that once the situation improves the grass will be cut down over several passes each one taking the grass shorter.	
6535.	Regarding minute 6509, the football team will not be using any pitch before the 24th August for matches or training. They will however, be holding a social event, as last year, in early July.	
Planning Matters 6536.	Regarding minute 6516, it has been found out that several different applications have been submitted, but rejected. The final submission has been accepted and a separate garage has been accepted, However, several trees have already been felled, the rest are now subject to permanent TPOs. A 6ft fence has been erected at the boundary with the neighbouring property.	
Finance 6537.	The payments were approved for April	
	Cllr Sykes BACS £ 8.79 Expenses April G M Jones BACS £ 3,198.00 Bench fitting Clerk BACS £ 434.99 Salary & expenses March RMBC BACS £ 210.34 Harley bins EDF BACS £ 20.80 Electricity charges April AWS DD £ 993.63 Grounds maintenance April J Torry DD £ 35.00 Window cleaning April EON DD £ 25.05 Electricity charges April Everflow BACS £ 92.73 Water charges (WP) Business stream BACS £ 42.64 Water charges (HP) Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw RBS have only closed one account, a second closure letter has been sent. The grounds maintenance committee has recommended that the new 3 year contract be offered to the current contractor. Proposed Councillor McNamara	
	Seconded Councillor Peace Resolved By unanimous vote, the quote be accepted	
Councillor Responsibilities 6540. 6541. 6542. 6543.	The contractor fitting the benches has unintentionally left the water running at the Harley pavilion, fortunately there was no flooding. The contractor has agreed to pay any additional water charges when the next bill is received. The Harley field gate is now open daily from 9am to 6pm, it was agreed the gate should remain open until 7pm. The recent Easter fair at the Mission Rooms was very successful. The double yellow lines along Clayfield Lane are generally being respected, only one vehicle has been parked there so far. RMBC have a new by- law, photographs of vehicles parked on pavements or double yellow lines can be reported by anyone taking a photograph and ending it to the enforcement officer. These details are going to be added to the website and put into the notice boards. The Wentworth beacon is to be lit on D Day for the 80th Anniversary, flags are to be purchased for Wentworth and Harley. WVCA are to be advised.	-
6545.	A meeting has been held with T&WCC to finalise the hire agreement for 2024	
6546.	It was noted that some bus services have not run, the provider has confirmed that the bus had broken down.	
Next Meeting 6547.	The next meeting is confirmed as 7th May at 7.00pm in the Mechanic's Institute. Agenda to be distributed	