## **WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth on Monday 21st October 2024 commenced at 6.30PM

Present 6678.	Councillor Councillor Councillors RMBC	Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Mr S. Peace (Deputy Chairman) Mr D, Booth. Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr J. knight, Mr P. Martin (Until 6.48pm) Ms T. White	
Apologies for Absence 6679.	Councillor	Ms C. Hawley, Mr T. Hill	
Minutes 6680.	The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2024 are accepted as a true record and are authorised to be signed by the Chairman.  Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw		
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6681.	A resident of Harley has raised complaints about a leak in an RMBC property. Despite several failed attempts by RMBC to rectify the issue, the leak remains and is causing damage to the internal plaster and decoration. The resident was advised to contact the local MP as RMBC ward councillors have previously been involved.		
6682.	A Harley resident has queried when the new notice board will be in place.		
6683.		ems to have been an increase in burglaries in Harley and residents apparent lack of police action when issues are reported. The police at meeting.	JH
6684.	Councillor Shaw reported that the pavements in front of the RMBC bungalows are covered with moss and leaf debris and need clearing as they are becoming slippery.		
6685.	Councillor Knight reported that a resident has complained that unofficial accesses to the Harley playing field have been created by properties backing on to the field. It is reported that these accessed are used to allow dogs access to the field. There has also been a complaint that a more general unofficial access has been created utilising a part of RMBC land and a gap in the hedge, again allowing dog walkers on to the field via an access with no prohibition signage Councillor Booth is to assess what actions are required.		
	Regarding minute 6643, the or late bus services.	here have been no further complaints from residents about missing	
6686. 6687.	Regarding minute 6644, the bus service and the RMB0	nere has been no update received from Councillor Brant about the C transport committee	
	Councillor Martin left the r	neeting at 6.48pm	
6688.	Regarding minute 6645, the	ne post office sign has not yet been replaced.	
6689.		04, the hedges have been cut back and the road markings along ompleted. However, the road markings along Lea Brook Lane remain	JH

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6690	Regarding minute 6647, the Gully on Barrowfield Lane is still blocked, RMBC to be prompted.	JH				
6691	Regarding minute 6651, no further dates have been set for the community speed watch.					
6692	The Wentworth beacon refurbishment is now complete					
	Regarding minute 6658, the beware children signs for the Barrow have been passed to the	·				
	RMBC Highways Department.	RMBC Highways Department.				
6694	Regarding minute 6667, the proposal for name badges will not be progressed.					
6695	Regarding minute 6674, RMBC will not be cleansing the lamp posts a contractor is to be asked to look at the matter					
Finance 6696.	The payments were approved for October					
6697	Clerk BACS £ 249.00 Salary & expenses September HMRC BACS £ 154.40 HMRC  AWS DD £ 993.63 Grounds maintenance October J Torry DD £ 35.00 Window cleaning October EON DD £ 33.75 Electricity charges October Everflow DD £ 26.55 Water charges RBL DD £ 300.00 Poppy Appeal J Torry DD £ 35.00 Window cleaning October Hot Metal Press DD £ 30.00 Remembrance posters PKF DD £ 378.00 External Audit Pactek DD £ 378.00 External Audit Pactek DD £ 356.51 Beacon refurbishment Business Stream DD £ 2,162.00 Water charges Milton Estates DD £ 300.00 Harley playing field rent  Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw  The external audit report has been received with no concerns raised. It was noted that a previous year's figure had been transposed. It is proposed that the external audit report be accepted  Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw					
	Resolved By unanimous vote, the external audit report for 2023/4 be accepted.					
6698	The first draft budget has been circulated and members are asked to consider any amendments which are to be raised at the next meeting.					
6699	A quote has been received for £140 for 200 copies of the remembrance order of service. It is proposed that it is accepted.					
	Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw					
	Resolved By unanimous vote, the quote is accepted.					
Planning Matters	Yorkshire Water has submitted a courtesy planning application for major works to the sewerage infrastructure. The works will be on land to the north of Coaley Lane					
6701	A planning application has been submitted for tree works along Church Drive					
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Open Forum 6702.	The Estate has received a complaint about parking on Cricket View Road and a request for the playing field gates to be left open for residents to use for parking. Members refused the request due to the potential for anti social behaviour.		
6703.	A quote has been received for the newsletter, it was decided that more copies should be ordered and a new quote obtained		
6704.	It was noted that there were no attendees at the October surgery.		
6705.	RMBC are trying to arrange a Winter Well event in the parish.		
6706.	. RMBC have swept the leaves on Clayfield Lane after a complaint that they were obscuring the double yellow lines.		
6707.	Street Pride have been asked to cleanse the area around the war memorial in preparation for the Remembrance service and to cleanse the gullies		
6708.	A grit bin has been requested for the Main Street entrance to Clayfield Lane. RMBC to be contacted to supply a bin.	JH	
6709.	It was noted that the B6090, particularly around Toll Bar is in a poor state of repair, matter to be reported to RMBC.	JH	
6710.	The preparations for the Remembrance service are continuing, but disappointingly, there has been no response from the school children's parents about children being involved in the service. The WVCA are to provide refreshments as usual and members are asked to help with setting out the chairs at the war memorial.		
6711.	EJFC have removed all items and shutters from the Harley pavilion. The garage doors need repainting and quotes are to be sought. PAT testing for the pavilion is now due. It was noted that signed copies of the agreements have not been received.		
6712.	T&W CC have stated that they cannot meet the 15 games terms of the lease for the next season. Teams prefer the Thorncliffe site due to the restricted facilities at Wentworth. They can however commit to 10 games and would sub lease to site to 3 other teams.		
6713.	Applications have been received for the vacancy of clerk, interviews are to be arranged.		
6714.	The Harley bonfire and firework display has been cancelled. However, a more limited bonfire only event is to be held for parishioners.		
	Councillor McNamara declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting at 8.30pm		
Chairman's Allowance 6715.	The response from RMBC regarding the basic parish allowance seems to preclude this way of paying an allowance, it needs a remuneration committee to be set up and no other parish council pays this type of allowance.		
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	Members considered the matter and a £500 Chairman's allowance was proposed. It is subject to the chairman signing the policy and will be added to the budget and paid in April 2025  Proposed Councillor Peace Seconded Councillor Shaw	
	Resolved	By unanimous vote a £500 Chairman's allowance will be paid in April 2025.
	Councillor McNamara re-joined the meeting at 8.40pm	
Next Meeting 6716.	The next meeting is confirmed as 18th November 2024 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute.  Agenda to be distributed	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm