

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth

on Monday 16th December commenced at 6.30PM

Present 6752.	<p>Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman)</p> <p>Councillor Mr S. Peace (Deputy Chairman)</p> <p>Councillors Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr J. Knight, Mr T. Hill</p> <p>South Yorkshire Police Mr D. Booth, Ms C Hawley, Mr P. Martin (from 18.55)</p> <p>L. Fretwell</p>
Apologies for Absence 6753.	<p>Councillors None.</p>
Minutes 6754.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2024 are accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Shaw</p> <p>Seconded Councillor Knight</p>
New Clerk 6755	<p>The meeting were introduced to Rebecca Maindonald, the new Clerk. Rebecca is an existing Clerk, with a number of years experience in similar roles. She was looking forward to working with the Council. The Councillors introduced themselves and welcomed Rebecca to the role.</p>
Police matters 6756	<p>The meeting discussed the increase in properties being broken into and damage to vehicles.</p>
6757	<p>The meeting also discussed erecting cameras. The officer confirmed that it wouldn't be the Police who erected them, but the Camera Partnership. She agreed to establish more details and find out whether a representative could attend the January meeting. RMBC may also have relevant data.</p>
6758	<p>The meeting discussed the lack of policing resources, which was leading to less officers being visible on the beat. Officers would be available to attend events and speak to the public there. Police attendance at a number of events was discussed, it was agreed to send them a list of dates.</p>
6759	<p>The meeting discussed the follow up after crimes had been reported. It was felt that the public were disillusioned as they felt local knowledge wasn't acted on.</p>
6760	<p>The meeting discussed illegal parking and who was responsible for enforcement. The Officer confirmed that Police would act in the event of obstruction, otherwise it would be RMBC.</p>
6761	<p>There was a discussion concerning children in care/looked after children who go missing.</p>
6762	<p>There was a discussion concerning flytipping, which was largely a RMBC issue, but the Police were involved from time to time. Cameras in hot spots had helped.</p>
6763	<p>It was requested that PCSO's attend meetings occasionally and the officer agreed to see what she could do, subject to availability and shifts.</p>
Matters Raised By Parishioners 6764	<p>The missing grit bin was discussed.</p>
6765	<p>The multi agency surgery was discussed. It was agreed to place a report in the noticeboard.</p>
RMBC Matters 6766	<p>RMBC were inspecting the footpath on Barrow, as it is narrow. They'll clear hedges back initially and review.</p>

Matters Arising From The Minutes	6767	Regarding minute 6720, resolved.																																													
	6768	Regarding minute 6721, letter received and to be discussed in correspondence.																																													
	6769	Regarding minute 6722, resolved.																																													
	6770	Regarding minute 6732, queried whether agreement had been seen.																																													
	6771	Regarding minute 6733, resolved.																																													
	6772	Regarding minute 6744, response under correspondence.																																													
	6773	Regarding minute 6747, the contractors hadn't been contacted. This would be discussed under Willerstons gift.																																													
Finance	6774	The payments were approved for December.																																													
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		The meeting discussed the fee for the contested election, feeling that it was very high and had not been budgeted for. It was agreed that this would have an impact of the Precept. A discussion took place concerning whether to ring fence funds in the future.																																													
Precept	6775	The meeting noted that the Parish Council was sitting on two years of precept funds, if the Pavilion funds were taken into account. That aside, if all intended work including the notice board refurbishment was carried out in 24/25, the funds would dip to £4K. The election costs had caused a significant impact on finances. The Parish Council could dip into the Pavilion funds, but this would require notice on the bank account. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed to increase the Precept by 5%, rounded to the nearest hundred pounds. This was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council.																																													
Draft budget	6776	It was agreed to make a few minor amendments to the budget, including removing the £800 for rock salt.																																													
	6777	The need for a new Internal Auditor was discussed.																																													
	6778	The condition of the benches was discussed.																																													
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	6780	The transfer between Williston's gift and the Parish Council for the noticeboard was discussed.																																													
Skip date	6781	The 2025 skip date was discussed. It was agreed that the skips would be arranged, then the date would be confirmed in January. A skip would be place in each car park, as usual.																																													
Correspondence Received	6782	The meeting discussed a request for £114 for public liability insurance for litter picking. Following discussion, it was agreed that a copy of the most recent accounts should be requested, along with copies of recent bank statements. The request would be discussed at the January meeting.																																													
	6783	The meeting also noted the letter from the Estate, concerning the gates. They confirmed that they were looking into the request.																																													
Councillor Responsibilities	6784	Cllr Peace ran through the plan.																																													
	6785	Cllr Hill reported that the playground report was okay, but there was wood rotting that would need replacing in 12 months or so. He is looking into options.																																													
	6786	The newsletter was ongoing.																																													
	6787	Issues with grit bins. 2 needed to be re-located. Awaiting a response from the estate. Cllr Knight																																													

	<p>was investigating.</p> <p>6788 The noticeboard will be taken to the garage at Harley early in the new year.</p> <p>6789 The slow sign was discussed.</p>	
<p>Additions</p> <p>Authorised by Chair 6790</p>	<p>Wentworth Charities.</p> <p>The meeting noted that Cllrs Hawley, Knight and Peace had been nominated for the role of Trustee.</p> <p>A secret paper ballot took place.</p> <p>Cllr Knight was declared the Trustee. The Estate would be advised accordingly.</p>	
<p>Newsletter 6791</p>	<p>This had previously been discussed. See 6786.</p>	
<p>RHS Wentworth 6792</p>	<p>The Chair reported that a meeting had been held the previous week. It had been agreed that a meeting of all stakeholders would take place at 11am on the 4th February, at the Estate Offices.</p> <p>There were a number of areas to discuss including a proposed park and ride.</p> <p>It was agreed that it was important to try and reduce the traffic through the village, especially large lorries.</p>	
<p>Open Forum 6793</p>	<p>There were no matters discussed.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting 6794</p>	<p>The next meeting was confirmed as 20th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute.</p> <p>Agenda to be distributed</p>	

The meeting closed at 20.35