

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth
on Monday 20th January commenced at 6.30PM*

Present 6794	<p>Councillor Councillors</p> <p>Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr J. Knight, Mr T. Hill Mr D. Booth, Ms C Hawley, Mr P. Martin</p>	
Apologies for Absence 6795.	<p>Councillors</p> <p>Mr S Peace (Deputy Chairman)</p>	
Minutes 6795	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2024 are accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Martin Seconded Councillor Shaw</p>	
Matters Raised By Parishioners	<p>6796 Parking on the bend was discussed. It wasn't causing an obstruction, but did make visibility difficult. It was agreed to contact the Estate to see whether they could contact the Tenants.</p> <p>6797 Dog waste on the Ginnel and Occupation Road was discussed, as well as other areas. It was agreed to contact the Estate and Rotherham Council. It could also be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>6798 A resident had complimented the Parish Council on how quick the salt had been organised.</p> <p>6799 The meeting discussed the disabled parking markings in the car park, which were no longer visible. The estate had confirmed that they would review them when they refurbished the car park.</p>	
RMBC Matters 6800 6801	<p>The Chair had reported an empty grit bin to Rotherham Council.</p> <p>The Council were still waiting for VAS signs to be moved and also for the new signs.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p>6802 Regarding minute 6765- Multi-agency Surgery- there was nothing to report as the Parish Councillor had been asked to withdraw for an item of business. However, the meeting noted that the Borough Councillors did want Parish Councillor presence at these meetings.</p>	
From The Minutes	<p>6803 Regarding Minute 6766- The hedges had been cleared by RMBC. The footpath couldn't be widened unless the land was purchased from the Estate. RMBC had asked an engineer to look at it.</p> <p>6804 Regarding Minute 6770 and 6732- Football Club Agreement- Cllr Booth had chased it up. It was due to be discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p>6805 Regarding Minute 6782, the meeting noted that there had not been a response as yet. Therefore no payments had been made.</p> <p>6806 Regarding Minute 6788, it was noted that the Joiner was spraying the Notice Board and it would be ready for collection the following week. It will then go to the forge for the legs to be fitted. Cllr Knight will provide an update on Whatsapp. It was likely to be completed by the end of February.</p> <p>6807 Regarding Minute 6734- It has been confirmed that the firework display wasn't organised or run by the Harley Activities Group on their bonfire event. The fireworks were set off by a member of the public on private land, separate to the Harley Activities Group event and not on the field where the bonfire was being held. The Parish Council can confirm that the relationship with Harley Activities Group will not be tainted by the misunderstanding concerning the fireworks.</p> <p>6808 Regarding Minute 6792- the meeting that had been scheduled for the 4th February was now being held on the 5th February. The meeting noted that there was a traffic management plan being developed. The Chair confirmed that he would be attending the meeting.</p> <p>6809 Regarding Minute 6756- following the burglaries, a number of safes had been found.</p>	

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	6811	The Precept had been submitted to RMBC.																																													
Draft budget	6812	The Budget for 2025/26 was approved. It was agreed to look at the budget in future for 2026/27 Electoral Fees. It was agreed that it would be sensible to budget around £500 per year for them in future.																																													
Internal Auditor	6813	The Clerk advised the meeting that she had reached out to Clare Smith, an Internal Auditor. The meeting noted that Clare was a Clerk and an experienced Auditor and had capacity to undertake the Independent Internal Audit for Wentworth for the Financial Year ending 2024/25. The meeting agreed to engage Clare Smith to undertake the Internal Audit and requested that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.																																													
Correspondence	6814	The meeting noted the contents of a letter from the Wentworth Residents Association concerning their recent funding request. The meeting noted the PC now had a process for applying for Charitable funding, which had changed the previous April.																																													
	6815	The meeting noted the contents of two emails concerning issues with the bus service.																																													
	6816	It was noted that Northern Power work on the Rockingham Arms would commence soon, for three days- a start date hadn't been confirmed. A traffic management plan would be in place.																																													
PC Plan	6817	Playground inspection- two issues were raised. The bin next to the small childrens area needed replacing, which would be organised through RMBC. The activity trail had algae and would benefit from being powerwashed, which would be undertaken later on in the year. There was discussion concerning the speed that the gate shut. The Chair agreed to go and look at it.																																													
	6818	The defibrillator pads would be out of date in November. The Chair has sent a link through to Paul. The matter was resolved.																																													
	6819	Cllr Hawley confirmed that the Surgeries had been progressing well. The meeting discussed safeguarding training. It was agreed to research what was required and the training available. Cllrs Hawley and Martin agreed to take on the roles of Safeguarding leads.																																													
	6820	There was still plenty of grit available in the garage.																																													
	6821	The meeting received an update concerning the newsletter. It was agreed to provide Cllr Martin with details of all Community events. Once received, he will email an updated draft around. It was suggested that it could run for the Civic year.																																													
JFC contract	6822	The meeting noted that £803.50 had been billed and £471 had been paid. The Football club have been reminded that there is a sum outstanding. Cllr Booth agreed to chase them up.																																													
	6823	The meeting agreed that the beacon would be lit. It was agreed to purchase official flags. The beacon would be lit at 9.30pm and it was agreed to invite Ernie to do it. The sign should be removed beforehand. The Chair will ask the WVCA if they would play some music on the night. It was agreed to order two small flags for Harley and one large flag for Wentworth. Sizes would be confirmed to the Clerk.																																													
Skips	6824	It was agreed to have skip day on the 5 th April, between 9am and 12 noon (finishing earlier if full)																																													
	6825	It was agreed that applications for a bench should only be considered where there were strong connections.																																													
	6826	The meeting previously discussed RHS Wentworth, scheduled for the 16-20 July 2025.																																													

Open Forum 6827	There were no matters discussed.	
Next Meeting 6828	The next meeting was confirmed as 20 th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute. Agenda to be distributed	

The meeting closed at 20.17

After closing the meeting, the Chair thanked Jane, the Clerk for all of her hard work and support during her time working for the Council. The Council joined together to wish Jane all the best for the future.