

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth

on Monday the 17th February commenced at 6.30PM

Present 6829	Councillor Councillor Councillors	Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Mr S Peace (Deputy Chairman) Mrs V. Sykes, Mrs C. Shaw, Mr J. Knight, Mr T. Hill Mr D. Booth, Mr P. Martin	
Apologies for Absence 6830	Councillors	Ms C Hawley	
6831	<p>The Chair requested that item 8 on the agenda be moved to the beginning of the meeting, which was supported by all Councillors present.</p> <p>The meeting welcomed Vicki and Helen from Yorkshire Water, as well as Joe from Mott MacDonald Bentley Contractors.</p> <p>They had attended the meeting to provide information concerning a forthcoming planning application. The proposed work was for the development of a sewage pumping station, which would pump sewage upstream to another plant. The proposals were for a post and rail fenced area, a grass crete area for turning and a small control kiosk.</p> <p>The pump would be located underground, meaning minimal noise and odour. There would be a chimney stack, which the meeting were assured wouldn't cause odour issues.</p> <p>There would be a period of disruption during the development, but that would settle on completion. Yorkshire Water and the Contractors would be speaking to RMBC concerning road closures and were proposing a period of engagement with residents.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Brent offered to include the details in the Hooper Ward newsletter.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to publicise the road work online and in noticeboards.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether the traffic could be diverted from Cortworth Lane, rather than through Harley. It was agreed that this seemed a better option.</p> <p>There was currently no fixed duration for the work. Following completion, it was hoped that the pumps would last for approximately 30 years.</p> <p>The meeting discussed a number of events that may be underway during the road works.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water confirmed that they were working with the Estate.</p> <p>There was discussion concerning the possibility if the School becoming involved.</p> <p>The meeting also discussed concerns that the entrance to the pump station might attract fly tipping and suggested that a camera be installed to try and prevent this.</p>		
Minutes 6832	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2025 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Shaw Seconded Councillor Sykes</p>		
Matters Raised By 6832 Parishioners	There were no matters raised by Parishioners.		
RMBC Matters 6833	<p>The Chair reported that he had reported concrete slabs that had fallen off a wall. Streetpride had moved them, and would be back to remove them.</p>		
6834	Leebrook lane had been closed due to flytipping, however this had been resolved by RMBC.		
6835	RMBC had send enforcement officers out concerning the dog waste complaints. They were considering a survey and additional bins.		
Matters Arising 6836	Regarding Minute 6796- The Clerk to chase the Estate.		
6837	Regarding Minute 6799- The Estate to be chased concerning the markings in the car park.		
6838	Regarding Minute 6801- VAS sign had been moved to Barrowfield.		
6839	Regarding Minutes 6802- The Chair confirmed that there was an ongoing issue with Councillors surgeries. Cllr Peace had been present at the last surgery and his presence had been questioned. Borough Cllr Brent felt that having Parish Councillors present at the surgeries worked well and perhaps if there was an issue, there were other venues outside of Wentworth.		
6840	Regarding Minute 6803- RMBC had cut the hedge and grass up to the pin curb, so the path was slightly wider. It was noted that there were new patches of tarmac.		

6841	Regarding Minute 6804- the football club would be discussed later.	
6842	Regarding Minute 6782- this would be discussed later.	
6843	The Notice board was slightly delayed, but was due to be sprayed and would be ready in a couple of weeks.	
6844	Playground Inspection- the Chair had adjusted the gate.	
6845	Safeguarding leads- The Chair and Cllr Peace were looking at training.	
6846	The Meeting discussed monitoring skips at Wentworth and Harley.	
6847	It was confirmed that Ernie would light the Beacon.	
6848	There was discussion concerning the definition of an applicant for a bench having “strong connections” Cllr Hill would start drafting some notes.	
6849	RHS Wentworth- latest estimates indicated that there could be up to 20,000 visitors a day.	
Finance		
6850	The payments were approved for February	
	Clerk salary and expenses BACS £ 375.98 Salary December	
	Clerk BACS £ 231.60 Salary December	
	HMRC DD £ 219.40 HMRC	
	Everflow DD £ 27.83 Everflow Water	
	AWS DD £ 993.63 Grounds Maintenance December	
	J Torry DD £ 35.00 Window Cleaning December	
	EON BACS £ 31.63 Electricity Charges December	
	Cllr McNamara BACS £ 39.99 Post box and keys	
	Cllr Peace BACS £ 21.04 Ink and receipt book	
	BA Haxby Limited BACS £ 4,650.00 Harley Village Notice board (quote agreed 15.7.24)	
	Lloyds TSB DD £ 4.25 Bank Service Charge	
6851	The Meeting noted that renewal letters had been received for both areas of land and the bus shelter and there had been an increase in cost. The meeting discussed the best course of action, noting that the budget for 2025/26 had been set and the precept applied for. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Chair should contact the Estate and report back to the Council. There was discussion concerning whether the Parish Council could take the car park back over, which would generate some income.	
6852	The Meeting noted that an invoice had been received in respect of the bin emptying. The meeting agreed that £179.40 per year for the next three years was reasonable. The Clerk would respond.	
PC Plan		
6853	The Meeting discussed Councillors areas of responsibilities. The list had been revised and the Chair agreed to re-circulate it. Cllr Peace ran through the plan and asked for feedback and amendments.	
6854	The Football agreement had been sent out with amendments. Some further football specific amendments had been suggested, but the football club were responsible for completing this work. It was noted that although they had been chased for late payment, the payment wasn't actually late. The payment was due at the end of March/April. The football club had been in possession of the agreement for 3 weeks and hadn't returned it.	
6855	The audit on the benches would commence shortly.	
6856	The meeting went on to discuss the newsletter and whether to increase the number of pages in order that there would be more content and so that the font was slightly larger. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that Paul, Val and Jonathan would make an appointment to meet with the printer at the very earliest opportunity in order that a draft can be produced. The draft will be sent to all Councillors for feedback and the final newsletter would be produced early March. It was agreed that the deadline was extremely tight.	
6857	A request had been received to use the field and Pavilion for circuit training. There was a query concerning insurance. It was agreed that they be asked to contact the Clerk for confirmation.	
6858	Most contractors contacted had responded and were on board.	
6859	14 people had attended the traffic meeting, there were three members of the Borough Council.	
Football Contract		
6860	The meeting agreed that the Football club would not be given another contract, after the existing contract came to an end.	

Charitable Request	6861	<p>The meeting noted the application for the defibrillator.</p> <p>Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council were unable to support the application for the following reasons:</p> <p>The application was for £980.40 (including VAT) This was a large sum for the Parish Council and it was felt that grant funding should be matched.</p> <p>There were already number of defibrillators in the area.</p> <p>The meeting did not feel that the proposed location was best suited for a defibrillator.</p> <p>There are bodies that will provide funding for defibrillators.</p> <p>The meeting were concerned that the solar panels wouldn't work.</p> <p>It was discussed whether the Ward Councillors might be able to assist with funding.</p> <p>The Meeting voted that they were unable to support this application, with 6 Councillors against and 2 abstentions.</p>	
	6862	<p>The meeting noted a request for funding in the sum of £3452 for a sound system, projectors etc for The WVCA. The meeting unanimously agreed that it was unable to support this request due to financial pressures at this time. It was agreed to review the Grant Funding Policy.</p>	
	6863	<p>The Parish Council agreed to contribute towards bunting for VE Day, the Clerk was to establish what the proposals were.</p>	
	6864	<p>The Meeting noted an update concerning RHS Wentworth. The Chair showed diagrams of the current parking arrangements. A traffic strategy was being submitted to RMBC, so the Chair would keep the meeting updated.</p>	
	6865	<p>Speedwatch- 26th February at 16.00 on the Main Street. There were rumours that the Police might stop supporting this initiative.</p>	
	6866	<p>The meeting noted that grass cutting on the Barrow was being relaxed due to rare orchids growing.</p>	
Next Meeting	6867	<p>The next meeting was confirmed as 17th March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Mechanic's Institute.</p> <p>Agenda to be distributed</p>	

The meeting closed at 21.04