

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth on Monday the 17th March 2025, commenced at 6.30pm.

Present 6868	Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Mr S Peace (Deputy Chairman)	
Apologies 6869	Councillors Mrs V Sykes, Mrs C Shaw, Mr J Knight, Mr T Hill, Mr D Booth, Mr P Martin. Councillors: Ms C Hawley, Mr P Martin. The Chair informed the meeting that due to personal reasons, Cllr Clare Hawley had resigned as Councillor. The Chair requested that the Clerk contact Electoral Services to commence the process of advertising for a new Councillor.	
Minutes 6870	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 th February 2025 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman. Proposed: Steve Peace Seconded: Cynthia Shaw	
6871 Matters raised by Parishioners	There were no matters raised by Parishioners.	
6872 Matters raised for and by RMBC	The meeting noted that signs had been erected for the forthcoming road work in Harley, where a 20mph zone was being implemented, along with table tops. The road would be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm.	
6873 Matters arising	6831- The survey work opposite the war memorial in the field has now been completed. 6833- The concrete slabs have now been moved into the hedgerow awaiting collection by RMBC. 6834- Flytipping on Leebrook lane- resolved. 6835- Dog stencils regarding dog faeces on footpaths have now been undertaken in Harley also in Wentworth. 6796- RESOLVED 6836- Parking on the bend At the junction of Clayfield Lane & Main Street (village end) no action was likely. 6838- The VAS sign has now been relocated from the Barrow to Barrowfields -Resolved. 6839- Councillor Surgeries- Borough Councillors are keen for them to continue. Cllrs McNamara and Peace are currently attending them for now. 6803- resolved. 6804- football club to be discussed later. 6782- WRA Insurance request. The meeting noted that it hadn't been paid out. There was discussion concerning why it was being paid. It was noted that cover could be provided by the Parish Council, for events authorised by the Parish Council, so long as a written agreement was in place.	

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	<p>6843- Noticeboard- the metal frame had been made and the paint was drying. It will be erected when ready.</p> <p>6844- Playground gate- resolved.</p> <p>6845- Safeguarding training- on hold for now.</p> <p>6846- The community Skips have been ordered for the morning of the 5th April and that the posters advertising the skips have been displayed in the notice boards. Copies of the posters have also been sent to the WVCA & WRA..</p> <p>6847- Beacon Lighting- Ernie Beeson (War Veteran) will be lighting the Beacon in the Main Car park at Wentworth on the VE Day evening celebrations</p> <p>6848- Bench allocation guidelines- Cllr Hill confirmed that this was in progress.</p> <p>6849 and 6864- Traffic information for RHS Wentworth- Cllr Peace would chase.</p> <p>6853- Councillors responsibilities- the list was constantly being revised.</p> <p>6855- Bench Survey- Cllr Booth was commending this.</p> <p>6857- Field use- noted.</p> <p>6858-The approved list of contractors will be handed over to Cllr Knight. Cllr McNamara will review the health and safety aspects.</p> <p>6859- Traffic Meeting- noted.</p> <p>6861- Application for defibrillator funding- noted.</p> <p>6862- WVCA request- resolved.</p> <p>6863- Bunting- the Clerk to chase a response.</p> <p>6866- Grass cutting- resolved.</p>																						
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<p>6875 Correspondence received</p>	<p>a) Speedwatch- was now taking place on the 21st March at 4pm.</p> <p>b) An email had been received concerning community engagement. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite them to the next meeting.</p>																						
<p>6876 Parish Councillors areas of responsibility</p>	<p>It was confirmed that the plan was constantly evolving and was being updated on a regular basis.</p>																						
<p>6877 To Receive an Update on the JFC Contracts</p>	<p>Cllr Booth confirmed that the Football Club had completed and signed the agreement. They had queried the payments made to the Parish Council versus the use. Cllr Peace agreed to look at the payments made in August</p>																						

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	2024. It was also agreed to send a letter in April 2024, to end the contract. The agreement would be signed by Cllr McNamara.	
6878 To receive an update concerning the newsletter.	<p>The Council were split concerning whether to move forward with the newsletter.</p> <p>The Chair felt that it was not the right time and that the Parish Council should wait. A suggestion had been received that it should go on Facebook and/or the website.</p> <p>Cllr Sykes was concerned that as the Parish council did not own the copyright, there could be an issue. Cllr Sykes was not in agreement that it be cancelled.</p> <p>Cllrs Shaw and Peace did not feel it was the right time.</p> <p>Following extensive discussion, it was agreed to budget for the newsletter for the next financial year 2026/27.</p> <p>The Meeting resolved to abandon printing the newsletter, with 1 Cllr in favour and 6 against. It was agreed to establish whether the Parish Council owned the copyright so it could be published online. It was also agreed to pay the £50 design fee.</p>	
6879 Data Protection Issue	Cllr McNamara informed the meeting that the letter from the Parish Council, addressed to the WRA, had been posted on Facebook, then the noticeboard containing his personal details. The Office of the Information Commissioner had been consulted and had confirmed that this constituted a data breach.	
6880 Rent increases	The Chair confirmed that following his appeal to the estate, the rent had been reduced to £870 for Wentworth, £750 Harley, £45 for the bus stop. It was unanimously agreed to accept the reduced rates and the Chair was authorised to inform the Estate accordingly.	
6881 Moles	Craig the contractor was investigating the matter.	
6882 Additional items authorised by Chairman	None were raised.	
6883 Open forum	<p>Cllr Shaw reported that over 150 bags of litter had been collected over the course of 8 months in Harley and requested that the Borough Council be asked to take preventative matters. A covert camera was discussed.</p> <p>It was noted that the Hoover Hall Lane camera which was bought by the Parish Council had caught someone fly tipping, resulting in prosecution.</p>	
6884 Date and time of April and September Meeting	<p>The meeting noted a request to move the September meeting, due to availability. It was agreed that the September meeting would be held on the 29th September 2025 at 6.30pm at the Mechanics Institute, Wentworth.</p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as Monday the 28th April 2025 at 6.30pm in the Mechanics Institute, Wentworth. The meeting was changed due to Bank Holidays in April.</p>	

The Meeting was declared closed at 19.16pm.

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