

## WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council Held in the Mechanic's Institute, Wentworth on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025, which commenced at 6.30pm.

Present: Borough Councillor Rajmund Brent and Tracey White- RMBC.

PC/044/25 **Members present**

Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman)  
Councillor Mr S Peace (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs V Sykes, Mrs C Shaw, Mr J Knight, Mr T Hill, Mrs J. Annetts

PC/045/25 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr Dan Booth and Mr Paul Martin.

**RESOLVED to accept reasons for absence.**

PC/046/25 **Disclosures of Interest & Dispensations**

**To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 from Members or Officers and to consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk under the Localism Act 2011 s33.**

None were received.

PC/047/25 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

PC/048/25 **Minutes of previous meetings**

**a) To consider any alterations to the minutes of the previous meeting**

A number of small amendments were requested.

**b) To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and authorise the Chairperson to sign accordingly**

**RESOLVED the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.**

PC/049/25 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Street Lane- The Chair confirmed that he had ordered a sign from enforcement officers, which should be erected this week.

PC/006/25- Football- the letter had been received by the football club. They would be moving off the field at the end of June.

PC/005/25- The Chair confirmed that the speed signs had been erected as per the plans.

PC/032/25- The Parish Council were now members of the YLCA. The Clerk ran through the benefits for the meeting.

PC/035/25- The meeting discussed the 20 mph sign that was behind the tree. It had been mentioned at the Ward Councillors meeting on Saturday. The meeting also noted that there had been some complaints about the noise resulting from vehicles going over the speed humps.

The Clerk was asked to chase up the response concerning the overgrown hedging by Dial House.

It was agreed to write to the Estate concerning crown lifting the trees in the car park.

There was also a low hanging branch in the Harley playground.

There had been no further responses concerning the Contractors list.

The Chair had spoken to RMBC regarding the bridge and the confirmed that an

assessment would be undertaken.

PC/052/25 **Matters Raised for and by RMBC**

The Chair moved this matter up the agenda.

It was confirmed that the Kirby Lane Hedge belonged to RMBC.

The meeting noted a request for new play equipment by residents. The Parish Council had not budgeted for the provision of new playground equipment.

Following discussion, Tracey agreed to pass on details of possible funding opportunities, which could be passed on to the residents.

It was noted that accessible play equipment had been requested, which would require significant work on the accessibility of the play area.

Tracey confirmed that a walk around would be organised in due course. The date hadn't yet been confirmed, but would probably be around August.

PC/050/25 **Financial Matters**

**a) Approval of Payments**

Clerk	BACS	£520.00	Salary
HMRC	BACS	£130.00	HMRC
Everflow	BACS	£31.59	Everflow Water
AWS	DD	£993.63	Grounds maintenance
J Torry	DD	£35.00	Window cleaning
EON	DD	£28.58	Electricity charges
Gallagher	BACS	£4,391.85	Insurance
Lloyds Bank	DD	£4.25	Service Charge
EDF	BACS	£47.25	Electricity

The Chair confirmed that the Clerk had worked a significant number of additional hours the past month and he proposed that she be paid accordingly. This was supported by the Council.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council approved the payments to be processed.**

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk confirmed the following bank balances-

Current Account- £17,620.05

Deposit Account- £54,532.18

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the need for prudence with the finances, as £52,000 of the deposit account balance was the insurance payout from the Wentworth Pavilion and was ringfenced for the rebuilding of the Pavilion. The second part of the precept was due to be paid over to the Parish Council in October.

PC/051/25 **Policies.**

**a) To discuss and agree to adopt Standing Orders**

**b) To discuss and agree to adopt Financial Regulations**

**RESOLVED that the above policies be adopted as circulated.**

PC/053/25 **Matters raised for and by Fitzwilliam Estate**

Nothing was raised.

PC/054/25 **Planning.**

**a) Consideration of Planning applications**

To receive an update concerning planning applications RB2025/0324 and RB2025/0335- Land and buildings at Home Farm

The Chair confirmed that he and Cllr Booth had visited the Estates Office to discuss a few points concerning the parking proposals in the planning application. A letter

confirming the Parish Councils stance had been submitted to planning.

PC/055/25 **Social Media and Website**

**a) To discuss a proposal concerning starting a Parish Council Facebook page**

Cllr Annetts would take the lead in the development and implementation of Facebook. She will undertake research and report back to the next meeting.

**b) To receive an update concerning the Parish Website**

The meeting noted that there had been a couple of issues with the website that had now been resolved. The Council should consider a move over to a gov.uk domain.

PC/056/25 **Correspondence and emails received**

**a) To receive and discuss the contents of an email concerning the park in Harley.**

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting. It was agreed to forward on the details of any funding opportunities to the Parishioner. It was noted that the park had been originally funded via public subscription.

**b) To receive a request to use the Parish field for parking for an event scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

A request had been received to enquire whether it would be possible to allow parking on the field. An event had been arranged prior to the dates for the RHS show being publicised in the mechanics institute and there were concerns that there would be no parking available.

The Estates had no objections to parking being allowed on the field, but there were concerns about how it would be controlled with the potential number of vehicles seeking free places to park.

There was concern that it could set a precedence, but this was an unusual situation.

The Chair confirmed that it had been agreed that an area of the car park, outside the Mechanics would be coned off for the event.

PC/057/25 **Parish Councillors areas of Responsibilities and Parish Council Plan**

Cllr Peace confirmed that the plan had not been updated, but both he and the Chair would sit down with Councillors to discuss the best way forward. It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Peace would meet with Harley Councillors at the Mission Rooms on the first Saturday in July, following the Ward Clinic. They would reach out to other Councillors and meet with them over the next couple of weeks.

PC/058/25 **Additional Items Authorised by the Chairperson**

Nothing was raised.

PC/059/25 **To start discussions on new issues (Council members only) No decisions can be passed during this item**

The field down the side of the school was discussed. It was established that the estate was responsible for cutting it.

Cynthia confirmed that she had spoken to the Head of the School and it was hoped to be able to arrange for some children to attend Remembrance Sunday. Further liaison was required.

The meeting discussed whether to have a digital newsletter on a monthly/quarterly basis. It was agreed that there would need to be consideration for the less digitally minded residents.

The Chair confirmed that he had met with the Estate concerning the new Pavilion. It was estimated that the project would cost in the region of £130,000 and the Parish Council had £52,000 in the bank from the Insurance payout. It was agreed that it was critical for the Parish Council to have accurate costings.

The new building would take approximately 3 months to build.

The Chair and Cynthia would start drafting an application for funding from both Estate

Charities, the Chair had spoken to the Estate. The application needed to be submitted before October. The Clerk would place this matter on the agenda for the July meeting.

PC/060/25 **To note diary dates**

None were raised.

PC/061/25 **Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 6.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 20.00.