

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Held in The Mechanic's Institute
Main Street, Wentworth, at 6.30pm on Monday 21st July 2025, which commenced at 6.30pm.

Apologies- Tracey White RMBC

Members of the public- 1, plus District Councillor Rajmund Brent and Catherine Oxtoby- Rotherham Council.

PC/062/25 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, Mr P. Martin, Mrs J. Annetts, Mr D Booth.

PC/063/25 Absence.

a) To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence received.

b) To consider the reasons for absence given by Councillors.

There were no apologies for absence received.

PC/064/25 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/065/25 Public Participation

MOP 1 introduced himself to the meeting. He was a community first responder, based in the Wentworth area. He explained the service and the criteria for volunteering. Councillors thanked him for his service to the community and agreed that they would try to promote the service.

PC/066/25 To receive and consider matters raised for and by RMBC

The Chair reported on a near miss on Coley lane, between a speeding vehicle and a horse. The motorist had shouted at the horse rider, after the horse was startled. The meeting noted that it was a 60 miles per hour road. Councillors agreed that it was dangerous and felt that consideration should be given to lowering the limit to 40 miles per hour. It was agreed that there was no nuance with speed limits. The meeting also discussed that some hedges were overgrown adjacent to pavements, causing people to step into roads.

The meeting discussed how the residents of Thorpe Hesley wanted to improve communication with the Borough Councillors. Borough Councillor Brent replied that he would be visiting the residents shortly.

Borough Councillor Brent spoke about the Estate Lands that were for sale. There had been a lot of questions asked within the community. He had obtained an online copy of the brochure, but it was no longer live. He would be making some enquiries with

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the Planning Department.

PC/067/25 **To receive and consider matters raised for and by Fitzwilliam Estate**

There were no matters raised.

PC/068/25 **Minutes of previous meetings**

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

There were no alterations 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 16th June 2025 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman

PC/069/25 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

049- Street Lane- the new sign had been erected.

006- Football- everything had been moved off the field. It was queried whether the club had a key. The Chair will double check that the lining machine had been removed.

005- Highways- It had been confirmed that the signs in Harley had been erected as to the plan. It was agreed that an email should be sent to Borough Cllr Brent requesting that the tree by Harley be pruned, so the sign can be seen.

035- The Clerk had received response from the Estate about crown lifting of the trees in the car park and the playground in Harley. The work was planned for August.

056- Playground equipment- it was suggested that the residents approach the Estates, although the PC would want to be involved. Play equipment was originally funded by the residents and the Parish Council maintained it. The land was leased by the Parish Council. Cllr Annett suggested that the PC needs to be involved, but not leading the project. It was requested the Clerk respond that the Parish Council were happy to be informed, and that the residents should arrange a working group in order to agree on requirements before they can arrange funding. It was agreed that the residents needed to arrange the fundraising. The meeting discussed the demographic of the children and agreed that there was a general lack of accessible equipment.

It was noted that part of car park had been coned off for the event at the Mechanics.

Parents were now being consulted about the Remembrance Sunday services. Parents would need to attend with their children. Cllr Sykes would liaise with the School.

Cllr Annetts asked how the Parish Council could encourage children to be interested in Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Sykes replied that she had offered to go into the School.

The meeting discussed social media. Cllr Annetts replied that it would be very difficult to maintain a hard copy mailing group as well, but hard copies would be provided in various locations, including noticeboards etc.

PC/070/25 **Financial Matters**

a) **To consider and agree the purchase of a laptop for the Clerk.**

The existing laptop had been problematic for sometime. The Chair of the Council had sourced a laptop from Eskia for £450, which would be suitable for the Clerk. It had been agreed that the new laptop would be part funded by Willistons Gift.

RESOLVED that the Clerk was retrospectively authorised to purchase a laptop.

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b) Approval of Payments

Clerk	BACS	£ 337.90	Salary (for June* (NOTE- WG contributed £97.50)
HMRC	BACS	£ 84.60	HMRC
Everflow	BACS	£ 31.59	Everflow Water
AWS	DD	£ 993.63	Grounds maintenance
J Torry	DD	£ 35.00	Window cleaning
EON	DD	£ 26.19	Electricity charges
Lloyds Bank	DD	£ 4.25	Service Charge
Eskia	BACS	£ 315.00	Laptop (Willistons contributed 30%, of £450)
Packtek	BACS	£ 275.00	Clean up fee for Cricket field (to be refunded)
EDF	DD	£ 48.82	Electricity charges
Cllr Val Sykes	BACS	£ 18.00	Keys for Harley Garage
Cllr Steve Peace	BACS	£ 17.95	Ink
Rebecca Maindonald	BACS	£ 32.40	Mileage for new lap top

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

RESOLVED that invoices received for payment during August be processed by the Clerk, with a report being provided for the Parish Council at the September meeting, detailing accounts paid.

RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange payment for the invoice from Directions Planning Consultant on its arrival, subject to the amount being within the agreed limit of £3,000.

c) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk confirmed the following bank balances for June 2025-

Current Account- £11,497.90

Deposit Account- £54,628.11

d) Financial Report

The Clerk ran through a short financial report that she had prepared for the end of the first quarter for the financial year 2025/26. She recommended that the Council be vigilant with finances, as the budget was tight and a number of unanticipated expenses had already arisen for the financial year.

PC/071/25 Policies.

The Clerk reported that a number of policies were required, which she would endeavour to work on. The Council also needed a risk assessment, which she would undertake.

PC/072/25 To consider Planning applications.

There were none to discuss.

PC/073/25 To discuss and consider CCTV- Kirby Lane, Harley

The Chair reported that he had met with Rotherham Council and the Police on Kirby Lane about CCTV. Various additional locations were discussed. The Chair will report back when further details are known. There is increased police activity in the area.

PC/074/25 To receive an update concerning the recent waste disposal issues at Wentworth Pavilion and the Cricket Club.

The meeting acknowledged receipt of the photos, showing litter strewn around the pavilion. It was noted that there were 11 cricket teams playing on there. The Chair had spoken to the Cricket Club and said that they would need to resolve the issues regarding waste disposal. The Chair had noted that two bins had been obtained from RMBC, but the Cricket Club had made no arrangements for collection. Following a request by the Clerk to clear the rubbish, which had not been actioned by the Cricket Club, the Parish Council had arranged for the waste top be removed at the expense of the Cricket Club. It was agreed by the Parish Council that in the event that this occurs again, the Parish Council would serve the Cricket Club with Notice. The Parish Council

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discussed obtaining a list of who the field was being sublet to.

PC/075/25 **Correspondence and emails received**

An email had been received from RMBC concerning a 40 mph limit from Hague Lane. It was noted that testing had taken place and more speed testing would be undertaken.

PC/076/25 **Parish Councillors areas of Responsibilities and Parish Council Plan**

Cllr Peace updated the meeting on the latest version of the Roles and Responsibilities. It was noted that there was no longer a requirement for the playground equipment to be tested by the Parish Council as it was now undertaken by Rotherham MBC. Cllr Peace ran through roles and responsibilities, and it was agreed that the lead Councillor for each area would report back to the meeting monthly.

PC/077/25 **To authorise the Chair of the Council to apply for grant funding on behalf of the Parish Council, in the sum of £115,000 in order to rebuild the Wentworth Pavilion.**

The Chair reported that an estimate had been received from the Estate and the refurbishment cost was £130,000. CDM would be £2,000 and there was a contingency of 5% for an increase in labour and materials. The total cost was estimated at £166,320. The Parish Council had £53k ringfenced.

Cllrs McNamara and Shaw had drafted the application form for the Estate Charities, which met in October to consider applications.

The Chair then read the letter of application out to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council authorised the Chair and Cllr Shaw to apply for Loans in the sum of £115,000

This was unanimously supported by the Parish Council.

PC/078/25 **Additional Items Authorised by the Chairperson**

On the 9th August, the playing field would be used by a local group of youths for a "Picnic in the Park" event.

PC/079/25 **To start discussions on new issues (Council members only) No decisions can be passed during this item.**

The meeting discussed the recent Royal Horticultural Show, which had taken place. It was felt that the RHS should have offered residents tickets. It was also suggested that the RHS should contribute towards infrastructure for the village.

On the day, the traffic signalling at Harley was late to start, then it had finished early. It was agreed that this would be included in the feed back, when the Chair met with the organisers.

The Chair then raised the administration of the Car Park. There was potential for future discussions with the Estate.

Cllr Shaw reported that a resident in Harley was concerned about some trees. They had visited the Councillors Saturday clinic and Rajmund had taken the matter back to RMBC, who had agreed to undertake some Crown Lifting.

Cllr Annetts reported that the Parish Council Facebook page was live. She was still testing it, but would push it out when it was ready.

PC/080/25 **To note diary dates**

Borough Cllr Cushworth will be visiting the Parish Council on the 15th December, Parish Councils were in her portfolio.

PC/081/25 **Date and time of the next meeting- Monday 29th September 2025 at 6.30pm.**

The Meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

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