

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 20th October 2025

Apologies: Tracey White- RMBC.

Members of the public: District Councillor Rajmund Brent,

Also In Attendance- R Maindonald, Parish Clerk

PC/123/25 **Members present.**

Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman)

Councillor Mr S. Peace (Deputy Chairman)

Councillors Mr D. Booth, Mr T. Hill, Mr J. Knight, Mr P. Martin, Mrs C. Shaw, Mrs V. Sykes.

PC/124/25 **Absence.**

a) To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Annetts

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

RESOLVED to approve the reasons for absence.

PC/125/25 **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/126/25 **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present, however the following matters were raised on behalf of members of the public.

1) The meeting discussed a property which looked unsightly due to various items being dumped in the garden. Borough Cllr Brent asked the Clerk to email the details through to him and he would make enquiries.

2) The meeting noted reports of small bottles of yellow fluid being dumped around the village. It was agreed to find out more and report back to the next meeting.

3) A resident from Harley reported issues with dogs off of their leads in the playing field. The Chair agreed to contact the dog warden to ask that they visit. It was thought that the worst times were between 4.30pm and 5.00pm. Signage was discussed and Cllr Brent agreed to ask Rotherham Council whether it would be possible to erect a new sign on the garages, which were owned by RMBC.

PC/127/25 **To receive and consider matters raised for and by RMBC.**

Cllr Brent confirmed that he had been approached recently concerning off road bikes at Upper Haugh. The meeting discussed this, noting that some riders were a nuisance, but agreed that the police have also been seen on off road bikes. The Estates are also aware of them.

Cllr Brent also confirmed that the Chair of Brampton had met with the Chair of

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Wentworth recently and agreed to share knowledge. All Councillors agreed that they would welcome Brampton Councillors to their meetings and vice versa.

Cllr Shaw had received a request for another speed hump in Harley, before you get to the houses, when approaching from the A6135. It was noted that this may have already been raised by Tracey White. The Clerk was asked to check.

Tracey White had offered her apologies, but provided an update by email on the following-

The bridge at the bottom of Barrow Hill heading into Harley, the pavement dips below the level of the road. Reports had been received that the high wire fencing on the right hand side of the pavement needs replacing- This has been passed through to the Highways Inspector.

Mill Lane has been resurfaced and residents are requesting speed humps or alternative traffic calming measures. This has been placed on the Traffic Calming and Minor Works list (in respect of speed humps and additional signage such 'single track road' warning signs) for scoring and assessment in the 26/27 financial year.

A request for an additional speed hump to the existing road safety scheme in Harley, around the Dike Hill estate turn off- This has been placed on the Minor Works list for scoring and assessment in the 26/27 financial

The Chair thanked Rotherham Council for the signage on Coaley Lane. The meeting were pleased that the hedgehog signs had been erected.

The Chair requested that his thanks be passed on to the air testing team at RMBC., who were moving the testing equipment from Wentworth to Harley. Cllr Brent agreed to contact the team.

PC/128/25 **To receive and consider matters raised for and by Fitzwilliam Estate.**

It was confirmed that the overgrown hedging at Lee Brook Lane had been cut back. The overhanging branch in the playground in Harley had been cut back.

PC/129/25 **Minutes of previous meetings.**

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

110- Change Parish Council. Proposed Val, Seconded Cynthia.

Cynthia- raised query about the electricity charges. Both were for the Pavilions.

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 29th September 2025 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman

PC/130/25 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.**

The Chair confirmed that he had discussed the commercial usage of Harley Pavilion with the Estates, following the request by MOP1 at the meeting of the 29th September. The Estates confirmed that they would have no objection to the use, however the Parish Council would need to pay commercial rates on the pavilion, the rental would

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be increased by the Estate and the Estate would need to revise the lease with the Parish Council which would incur legal costs. Following extensive discussion, the Parish Council agreed that they would like to be able to support a local business, however regrettably were not in a position to be able to incur the costs, which were likely to be substantial. The Clerk was asked to respond to the applicant accordingly.

The meeting discussed the bonfire, which was due to take place on the land surrounding the Harley Pavilion. Cllr Sykes confirmed that to date, no documentation had been returned to the Parish Council.

Following discussion, it was requested that the Clerk email the organiser with a request for the following documentation-

Risk assessment for the bonfire

Event Plan

Copy of the Event Permit, issued by Rotherham MBC.

Risk assessment for the fireworks

Copy of the Insurance documentation, which should provide cover in the region of five million pounds for a public event.

All documentation should be returned to the Parish Council by no later than the 24th October.

The organiser had also queried the costs proposed for the use of the land and the pavilion. Cllr Sykes confirmed that the charge was to cover the use of heat, light, water and facilities.

104- The Chair confirmed that the Yorkshire Water drop in had taken place. Traffic lights had been installed a week in advance of the previous plans and staff were working on Saturdays to complete the works quicker.

It was noted that the Car Park was ongoing with nothing finalised as yet.

It was noted that a resident had emailed the Estate, cc'ing the Parish Council concerning line marking.

The Chair was awaiting confirmation of the decision about the funding for the Pavilion.

The meeting noted the poster for the Cricket Club event and hoped that the Pavilion would be available for use by then.

PC/131/25

Financial Matters

a) Approval of Payments for October

Clerk	BACS	£	348.82	Salary (for October)
HMRC	BACS	£	76.08	HMRC
Everflow	BACS	£	30.57	Everflow Water
J Torry	DD	£	35.00	Window cleaning
EON	DD	£	24.99	Electricity charges-Harley
EDF	DD	£	45.40	Electricity charges-Wentworth
AWS	SO	£	993.63	Grounds Maintenance
Rotherham MBC	BACS	£	483.24	Play Inspection charges- 2025/26
PKF	BACS	£	252.00	External Audit Charge
Wentworth Forge	BACS	£	525.00	Legs for noticeboard
Cllr S Peace	BACS	£	23.99	Ink

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

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b) Bank Reconciliation for September

The Clerk confirmed the following bank balances for September 2025.,

Current Account- £17,659.42

Deposit Account- £54,907.93

c) Financial Report for September

The Clerk advised the Council that she had started on drafting the Budget for 2026/27. She stated that the finances for the Parish Council were tight and there was a need to be financially prudent. She felt that the Reserves would need addressing once the work on the Pavilion had concluded.

The Clerk ran through a short financial report for September

Receipts- £12,837.93 (includes second precept payment)

Payments- £2,944.30

d) To approve a list of Standing Orders and Direct Debits

SUPPLIER	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	METHOD OF PAYMENT	FREQUENCY	AMOUNT
J Torry	Clean defibs	Standing Order	Every Four weeks	£35.00
AWS Landscapes	Grass Cutting	Standing Order	Monthly	£993. 63
EON	Electric Harley Pavilion	Direct Debit	Monthly	Pay bill
EDE	Electric WW pavilion	Direct Debit	Monthly	Pay bill
Scottish Water	Water Harley Pavilion	Direct Debit	Monthly	Pay bill (currently has a big credit)
Everflow	Water WW pavilion	Direct Debit	Monthly	Pay bill
ICQ (data protection)	Data Protection registration	Direct Debit	Annually	£47.00

The above payments were existing payments. In addition it was agreed to authorise the following-

Monthly Standing Order for Clerks Salary Payment.

Quarterly Direct Debit for HMRC Clerks Tax.

RESOLVED all Direct Debits and Standing Orders were authorised by the Parish Council.

e) To consider a report from the Clerk concerning obtaining an accounting system

The Clerk provided the Council with a report concerning two accounting systems that she had researched.

RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange for the implementation of Scribe Lite.

PC/132/25

To consider an update from the Clerk concerning a Gov.uk domain, email addresses and Website compliance.

Chair discussed gov.uk domain names. Three companies had provided a quote. It was noted that one company had been recommended by the Chair of Brampton Bierlow Parish Council. Following discussion, it was agreed to set up a working group up, consisting of the Chair, Cllr Booth and Cllr Hill who would report back to the Parish Council. The Working Group discussed meeting dates and agreed to meet on Thursday the 27th November. 7pm. Suggested meeting at the Mission Rooms.

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PC/133/25 **To consider a request from the Yorkshire Local Council Association to nominate an individual to be included into the draw for a ticket for a Royal Garden Party in 2026. RESOLVED that Cllr McNamara the Chair of the Council be nominated to be included in the draw.**

PC/134/25 **To consider Planning applications.**
There were no planning applications to consider.

PC/135/25 **Correspondence and emails received.**
None had been received.

PC/136/25 **Parish Councillors areas of Responsibilities and Parish Council Plan.**
Cllr Peace ran through the Parish Council Plan.

PC/137/25 **Additional Items Authorised by the Chairperson.**
Cllr Martin reported that he would chase his contact up in order to arrange Safeguarding Training.

PC/138/25 **To start discussions on new issues (Council members only) No decisions can be passed during this item.**
Cllr Booth reported that there had been no updates concerning the Planning application for the proposed Hotel and Spa. There had been 8 documents submitted by the estates, mainly to consultees. Cllr Booth would review the documentation and report back to Council.

A discussion took place about a Councillor and potential future conflicts of interest. The Clerk would review the existing forms and report back. The Councillor would ensure that individual conflicts were raised when they arose.

Cllr Sykes reported that arrangements were in place for Remembrance Sunday. There was an issue with transporting the chairs. It was suggested to speak to Tom at the Estate to see if there is anyone is available to assist. Cllr Sykes asked all Councillors if they were available to assist with setting up.

Cllr Sykes also showed the posters that would be produced.

Posters would cost £33.40, the band will be £150 and the orders of service had been £140 the previous year, would be more expensive this year.

Cllr Shaw reported that it was too late to book the British Legion Standards, but they had been booked for next year.

PC/139/25 **To note diary dates.**
9th November- bonfire. Harley Pavilion.
29th November 10-15.00- Harley Christmas Fair.
13th December 19.00 brass band concert, Harley Mission Room.
19th December- Xmas Lunch with entertainment, Harley Mission Room.
PC/140/25 **Date and time of the next meeting- Monday 17th November 2025**

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 20.12.

Clerk to the Council: *Rebecca Maindonald*

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