

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025

Members present: D Malyan (Chair), P Oliver (Vice-Chair), T Choppin, C Edwards, K Kirton
In attendance: Nil

4801 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Wright and DMBC Cllr Greenhalgh – accepted.

4802 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

4803 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllrs Kirton and Oliver – item 4810f (non-pecuniary)

4804 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil.

4805 TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THE CASUAL VACANCY

No applications for the vacancy had been received for members to consider.

4806 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2024 –Approved as a true record.

4807 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 4793a – Council email/website domain change – update.** One councillor was still having issues getting started with the new email account. Ongoing.
- b. **Item 4793b – Wadworth Wood meeting – update.** The wood owners were refusing permission for the ‘top path’ from Footpath1 to Short Gate to be designated a as a permissive footpath for now. The Chair was to continue to liaise with the owners. Ongoing.
- c. **Item 4793c – Village Hall survey – update.** Works to the flat roof and chimney breasts were to start in the next few days, weather permitting. However, the recent bad weather had resulted in a roof leak causing damage to the walls and ceilings, mainly in the kitchen area. The full extent of the damage was not clear as there may be more in the roof space that could not be seen. An insurance claim had been submitted. In addition, the weather had worsened issues with the floor and a local contractor was to visit and advise on possible repairs/remedies. Given the historical damp issues experience in the hall, it was proposed to purchase 2 x dehumidifiers to at a cost of up to £200 each. **Resolved:** It was agreed in principle by members to purchase 2 x dehumidifiers at a max. cost of £400, subject to the advice of the contractor.
- d. **Item 4793e – Village Burial Space – update.** Cllr Malyan met with the church on 6th Jan 25 to discuss possible options and the church seemed to in favour of retaining burial authority status as at present, in exchange for a possible annual contribution for maintenance of the church yard and the council to take care of arranging the additional land for burial space.
- e. **Item 4793f – Play Area Closure – update.** No date yet arranged for closure. Ongoing.

4808 WARD MEMBER UPDATE.

Although not present Cllr Greenhalgh advised that the fly-tipping on White Cross Lane was to be cleared and the village grit bins were to be re-filled shortly.

4809 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER BOROUGH COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

- a. 24/02302/PDTEL - Notification to utilise permitted development rights - a 5m lattice tower extension, the installation of 6no antennas, 2no cabinets and ancillary development thereto - CS23612825 VM02 080639 - Base Station Carr Lane Wadworth

Further application received after publication of the agenda:

- b. 24/02321/FUL - Installation of 14 roof mounted solar panels - Maypole Villa Main Street Wadworth

Members had no comments on either of the above planning applications.

4810 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Social media report.** Nothing significant to report.
- c. **Allotments report.** Cllr Oliver advised that, in order to alleviate flooding issues on the allotment site, a drainpipe could be fitted and covered with plantings at a total cost of c.£800. Other quotes were not possible due to a lack of interest from potential contractors and therefore Cllrs Kirton and Edwards proposed the council go ahead with fitting the drainpipe at the advised costs. **Resolved: it was resolved to install a drainpipe to the allotments in line with the advised costs.**
- d. **Community speedwatch report.** It had been a quiet month of activity for the speed watch group however the permanent signs had now arrived and would be erected as soon as possible.
- e. **Biodiversity Report.** Cllr Edwards wished a note of thanks to Cllr Oliver and John Stevens to be recorded for their efforts in planting daffodil bulbs in the village.
- f. **To discuss possible installation of cricket safety nets.** To prevent possible safety issues of cricket balls entering neighbouring gardens, Cllr Oliver proposed the council considers installing a safety net 60m in length by 5m height, that would be in place during the cricket season each year. An estimated cost was c.£5.1k but it was not clear if there were any grants available to offset the cost, or what the views of those occupying the affected properties were to such a plan. Further research was required.

4811 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. **Accounts for Payment:**

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including late received invoices from Vision ICT, 2A Services, Cllr Kirton and the White Hart (refunded to D Malyan – see below):

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Dec 24	-	325.02	-	325.02
		Expenses:	-			
		Mileage (23@45p)		10.35		10.35
		Monthly printer fee		4.57	0.92	5.49
		Work at Home allowance		27.00		27.00
		Consumables		-	-	-
		TOTAL EXPENSES		41.92	0.92	42.84
		TOTAL				367.86
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Dec 24	-	81.20	-	81.20
SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion electricity		44.41	2.23	46.64
Ilett & Clark	BACS	Legal fees re land registry search		158.00	-	158.00
Vision ICT	BACS	Annual email hosting fee		140.00	28.00	168.00
2A Services	BACS	Xmas lights removal		250.00	50.00	300.00
K Kirton	BACS	Xmas lights for village green		151.85	30.40	182.25
White Hart	BACS	Refreshments for xmas lights switch on		100.00	-	100.00
INCOME RECEIVED						
Fees recovery	BACS	December		25.00	-	25.00

- b. **To approve a bank reconciliation to end December 2024.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation is noted.
- c. **To receive a quarterly budget report to end December 2024.** Members received the latest budget update with no concerns on overall budget performance at this stage, notwithstanding possible unforeseen expensive repairs to the Village Hall.
- d. **To agree a donation re the Xmas lights. Resolved:** It was resolved to donate £100 to the White Hart for refreshments for the Christmas lights switch on event, and also to donate £120 to the village shop for electricity for the Christmas tree lights.
- e. **To approve the budget and agree the precept for 2025-26.** Members were presented with a draft budget for 2025/26 that showed an excess of expenditure over income to cover repairs to the playing field wall and possible further work to the village hall, to be met from the improvement reserve if required.

Resolved: the budget for 2025/26 was approved and it was resolved that the precept for 2025/26 would increase by 4.76% to £22,000.
- f. **To agree a new printer for the Clerk.** The Clerk's printer was now several years old and becoming increasingly temperamental. Cllrs Kirton and Choppin proposed to authorise up to £200 to replace the printer. **Resolved:** it was resolved to replace the Clerk's printer up to a max. cost of £200.

4812 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

4813 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Nil

4814 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the meeting of the Parish Council is held on **Thursday 13th February 2025, commencing at 7.00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: