

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

Members present: D Malyan (Chair), P Oliver, D Wright, H Smyth (arrived at 1920 during item 4929c)

In attendance: DMBC Cllrs Dudley and Greenhalgh

4923 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs T Choppin, H Smyth (late arrival); **Resolved:** it was resolved to accept the apologies for late arrival from Cllr Smyth but not accept the apology for absence from Cllr Choppin as no reason was provided.

Note: Cllr Brown absent.

4924 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

4925 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil

4926 TO DISCUSS CASUAL VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION. No further applications had been received for the one remaining council vacancy.

4927 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

4928 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025 –Approved as a true record.

4929 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. **Item 4915a – Village Hall survey – update.** Two more companies with relevant expertise had been contacted for quotes but only one had responded. Bridgett Conservation has recently visited the Village Hall and were to submit a quote for the initial investigation works required. Once the investigations had been completed, a quote for the full works would follow in due course. During the site visit, a re-emergence of overgrown plantation from a neighbouring property was discovered. The DMBC Ward members offered to report the issue for resolution.

b. **Item 4915b – Village Burial Space – update.** Nothing significant to report – still awaiting formal approval from DMBC.

c. **Item 4915c – Cricket Safety Nets – update.** Cllr Oliver had recently met with Yorkshire Cricket's MCC representative and, due to the potential cost, lack of available funding and the fact there had been no complaints received from neighbours, his advice was not to pursue netting at this time and, instead, recommended Wadworth CC liaise closely with neighbours, issue fixture lists etc. and manage the risk.

In addition, it was suggested that planting 2 mature trees inside the boundary would also help manage the risk. **Resolved: it was resolved to obtain a quote for 2 appropriate mature trees and consult with neighbours for their views on additional trees being planted.**

4930 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. Cllr Greenhalgh advised that a contractor had recently visited the war memorial to assess the work required to add the two names agreed, and a quote would follow shortly.

4931 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER BOROUGH COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

4932 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Social media report.** Nothing significant to report.
- c. **Allotments report.** One tenant had not replied to a request to tidy their plot but had returned their keys, indicating they had vacated but without confirming. Clerk to try and confirm. Cllr Oliver had purchased a new padlock and set of keys for the allotment gate.
- d. **Community speedwatch report.** No activity due to low numbers of volunteers. The future of the group was uncertain at this time.
- e. **Biodiversity Report.** Nothing to report.
- f. **To discuss whole council training.** Insufficient numbers in attendance – item moved to Issues Log.
- g. **To review and update the council’s Business Continuity Plan.** Minor amendments were suggested at and it was proposed/seconded by Cllrs Wright and Smyth to adopt the plan with amendments. **Resolved:** it was resolved to adopt the updated plan with minor amendments. Vote: unanimous.
- h. **To further discuss use of the Memorial Field by the Over 35’s football team.** Concerns had been raised regarding the state of the grass on the field and the proximity of the pitch to neighbouring properties. It was agreed to monitor these potential issues and review if further concerns were raised. The Chair reminded members of the covenants included in the transfer deeds for the field and their responsibilities in protecting the covenants, namely purpose of the field is ‘as a playing field and public open space’, and there was a need to ‘prevent annoyance to neighbours and neighbouring properties’.

4933 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including a late received invoices from P Oliver:

| PAYEE | Chq No | Reason | INV NO | NET | VAT | TOTAL |
|------------|-----------|--|--------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Staff | BACS | Salary – September 25 | - | 335.43 | - | 335.43 |
| | | Expenses: Mileage (23@45p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Consumables TOTAL EXPENSES TOTAL | - | 10.35 29.16 27.00 - <u>66.51</u> | 5.83 - <u>5.83</u> | 10.35 34.99 27.00 - <u>72.34</u> <u>407.77</u> |
| HMRC | BACS | PAYE – September 25 | - | 83.80 | - | 83.80 |
| Microshade | BACS | KB – Off to a Flying Start | | 15.18 | 3.04 | 18.22 |
| SSE | Dir Debit | Sports pavilion electricity | | 158.08 | 7.90 | 165.98 |
| A Evans | BACS | Printer fee | | -16.50 | - | -16.50 |

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|------------------------|------|----------------------------|--|----------|-------|----------|
| Vision ICT | BACS | Email hosting | | 140.00 | 28.00 | 168.00 |
| P Oliver | BACS | Allotment padlock and keys | | 37.45 | - | 37.45 |
| INCOME RECEIVED | | | | | | |
| Fees recovery | BACS | September | | 25.00 | - | 25.00 |
| DMBC | BACS | Precept | | 11000.00 | - | 11000.00 |

- b. To approve a bank reconciliation to end September 2025.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. To receive a quarterly budget update report.** Members received the budget update for Q2 and noted comments from the Clerk. No concerns/issues were raised.

4934 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

4935 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA –

- a. Royal Garden Party nomination
- b. Christmas trees/lights
- c. Election of new Chair

Cllr Malyan announced that, due to an imminent house move, she would be resigning from the council with immediate effect. Members wished their sincere thanks to Cllr Malyan to be recorded for all her efforts during her time as both a member and Chair of the council, and wished her the very best for the future.

4936 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: