

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026**

Members present: D Wright (Chair), P Oliver, C Blow, T Choppin, N Mead, H Smyth

In attendance: 0 x public, Doncaster Council Cllr Dudley

4968 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Doncaster Council Cllr Greenhalgh.

4969 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

4970 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

4971 TO DISCUSS CASUAL VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION. No further applications had been received to fill the one remaining vacancy on the council.

4972 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

4973 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2025 –Approved as a true record.

4974 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 4960b – Village Hall survey – update.** The works required would be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting to hopefully agree a co-ordinated approach. Additional possible sources for quotes for the works had been identified and would be pursued.
- b. **Item 4960e – Carr Lane Development Issues – update.** Doncaster Council planning enforcement officers were aware of the concerns raised and had visited the site. It was found that no hardcore/rubble had been installed, only soil and grass seed. The case remained open. Item moved to Issues Log.
- c. **Item 4963g – Firework health and safety – update.** Following further discussion of the concerns raised by members of the public it was **resolved** that the Clerk would write to the White Hart with a view to ensuring concerns were addressed ahead of any event held later this year.

4975 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. Conversations with Doncaster Council regarding the extension of the church graveyard had resumed, and final arrangements were being made to include the additional inscriptions on the war memorial.

4976 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

4977 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Social media report.** Administrator rights to the council's Facebook page had now been secured for Cllr Mead and the Clerk.
- c. **Allotments report.** Nothing significant to report.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Nothing significant to report.

- e. **Biodiversity Report.** Cllr Choppin discussed an idea to make bird boxes available to village residents. However, on further research it was found that unless the boxes were cleaned regularly, they could develop diseases that would be harmful to birds so the idea would not be pursued further.
- f. **To discuss the general upkeep of village highways.** Cllr Oliver raised the issue of hedge cutting between Wadworth and Loversall that had not been carried out this year. The Doncaster Council member present was to raise the matter with the relevant department.
- g. **To agree any attendees to the YLCA training day on 12th March 2026.**
Resolved: it was resolved that Cllr Wright attend the training day.

4978 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including late received invoices from Vision ICT and Doncaster Council:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Dec 25	-	335.43	-	335.43
		Expenses: Mileage (23@45p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Consumables <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	-	10.35 11.24 27.00 0.00 <u>48.59</u>	- 2.25 0.00 <u>2.25</u>	10.35 13.49 27.00 0.00 <u>50.84</u> <u>386.27</u>
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Dec 25	-	83.80	-	83.80
SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion electricity		49.04	2.45	51.49
Microshade	BACS	Monthly IT hosting fee		15.18	3.04	18.22
Lock & Key Doncaster	BACS	Memorial field padlock		105.95	21.19	127.14
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.50	-	-6.50
Vision ICT	BACS	Email account hosting		140.00	28.00	168.00
Doncaster Council	BACS	Q3 grounds maintenance		20.29	4.06	24.35
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Fees recovery	BACS	December		25.00	-	25.00
Sports pitch hire	BACS	Wadworth CC		432.00	-	432.00

- b. **To approve a bank reconciliation to end December 2025.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. **To receive a quarterly budget report to end December 25.** Members received the latest quarterly budget report and no concerns were raised regarding the overall budget performance to date.
- d. **To agree a donation re the Xmas lights.** It was resolved to donate £150 to the village shop for support for the Christmas tree lights.

- e. **To approve the budget and agree the precept for 2026/27.** Members were presented with a draft budget for 2026/27 that showed an excess of expenditure over income to cover repairs to the village hall, to be met from the improvement reserve if required.

Resolved: the budget for 2026/27 was approved and it was resolved that the precept for 2026/27 would remain unchanged at £22,000.

4979 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

4980 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Village gala

4981 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **Thursday 12th February 2026, commencing at 7.00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: