

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Members present: D Wright (Chair), P Oliver, C Blow, T Choppin, N Mead, H Smyth, P Jones (from item 4985)

In attendance: 3 x public, Doncaster Council Cllr Dudley

4982 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Doncaster Council Cllr Greenhalgh.

4983 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

4984 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

4985 TO DISCUSS CASUAL VACANCIES AND CO-OPTION. An application had been received to fill the remaining vacancy on the council from Penny Jones. She had previously submitted a CV and confirmed her eligibility to be a councillor. **Resolved:** Penny Jones be co-opted as a member of Wadworth Parish Council.

4986 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

4987 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2026 –Approved as a true record.

4988 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 4974a – Village Hall survey – update.** The works required would be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting (to be held on 13th February) to hopefully agree a co-ordinated approach. Additional possible sources for quotes for the works would be pursued.
- b. **Item 4974c – Firework health and safety – update.** A response had been received from the White Hart to the letter sent by the council as agreed at the last meeting. The councillors noted the response but were not satisfied with the apparent lack of accountability for health and safety. It was **resolved** that a further, final, letter would be sent from the council to the White Hart urging them to liaise with the City of Doncaster Council (CDC) as soon as possible to ensure this year's event was properly licenced and arranged in accordance with CDC requirements.
- c. **Item 4977f – Upkeep of Village Highways.** Since the last meeting the required hedge cutting and pathway clearance had been completed. Item closed.

4989 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. The proposed extension of the church graveyard had been accepted by CDC and required approval by the church authority.

4990 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

4991 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** The Council agreed to contact YLCA on available dates for Whole Council Training, now that we have a full complement of members.
- b. **Social media report.** Cllr Mead presented members with a report showing a significant increase in engagement with the community via Facebook since she assumed administrator rights. , along with a 10% increase in followers of the council's Facebook page. All posts were also being shared to the new Wadworth Forum page to further engage with the village.
- c. **Allotments report.** Nothing significant to report.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** A trawl for volunteers to revive the group had produced some response and Cllr Smyth was to liaise with these, and previous group members, to look at re-starting the group.
- e. **Biodiversity Report.** Nothing significant to report.
- f. **To discuss a future village gala.** An initial meeting with interested volunteers had been held and a provisional date of Sunday 19th July had been agreed to avoid clashes with other local events and cricket fixtures. Outline plans had also been discussed with further details to follow once finalised, and it was thought that any profits from the event could be donated towards necessary repairs for the Village Hall.
- g. **To discuss the Village Hall car park.** Cllr Blow raised concerns that the Village Hall car park was being used daily by residents, preventing use by visitors to the church and village hall. Members were advised this matter had previously been discussed without any obvious answer as to how to resolve the issue. No new workable ideas were presented.
- h. **To discuss crime in the village.** Residents had expressed increasing concerns to members about crime in the area and it was **resolved** to invite the police to a future meeting to address the concerns.

4992 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including late received invoices from Microshade and D Wright:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Jan 26	-	335.43	-	335.43
		Expenses: Mileage (23@45p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Consumables TOTAL EXPENSES TOTAL	-	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> 386.27
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Jan 26	-	83.80	-	83.80
SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion electricity		51.78	2.59	55.37
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.50	-	-6.50
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		15.18	3.04	18.22
Cllr D Wright	BACS	Donation to village shop paid in cash		150.00	-	150.00

		(agreed at minute 4978d Jan 26)				
INCOME RECEIVED						
Fees recovery	BACS	January		25.00	-	25.00
Sports pitch hire	BACS	White Hart FC		160.00	-	160.00

- b. To approve a bank reconciliation to end January 2026.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. To agree a renewal of annual grounds maintenance services with Doncaster Council.** Members were advised that a quote for services for 26/27 had been received that showed a 3.27% increase from the previous year, to £1798 ex. VAT. Members were also assured that the council would only pay for actual work received and this was not a fixed sum. **Resolved:** it was resolved to maintain the services of Doncaster Council for grounds maintenance for 26/27.
- d. To discuss Utility Aid provision of utility contracts.** Utility Aid, a company that specialises in sourcing cost saving utility contracts for the not-for-profit sector had contacted the council to review its utility contracts. It was agreed to seek quotes from Utility Aid for all utility contracts.

4993 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

4994 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Training pitch on the Memorial Field

4995 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: