

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

Members present: D Wright (Chair), P Oliver, C Blow, H Smyth (until 2015hrs), P Jones

In attendance: 5 x public, Sgt Rogers (South Yorks Police)

4996 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Choppin and Mead, and Doncaster Council Cllrs Dudley and Greenhalgh.

4997 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

4998 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil

4999 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. A member of the public raised concern about the non-reinstatement of a footpath across a field after ploughing. Clerk to contact the landowner.

5000 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2026 –Approved as a true record.

5001 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 4988a – Village Hall survey – update.** A meeting was recently held between the City of Doncaster Council (CDC), and the Chairs of the council and Village Hall Committee to discuss CDC support for the main issues of damp and drainage. Lintel work required was not deemed to be urgent at this stage. CDC offered to undertake a CCTV drain survey for c.£150, and to fully assess the damp issues, possibly caused by a leak in the roof. **Resolved –** to request a drain survey from CDC and seek a full assessment of the damp issues from Ridgeline Roofing (who carried out the last works on the roof). In addition, an ingress of shrubs from a neighbouring property had been reported to St Leger Homes and would be resolved soon.
- b. **Item 4988b – Firework health and safety – update.** Further letter sent to the White Hart as agreed at the last meeting, urging co-operation with CDC. No further action.
- c. **Item 4991f – Village Gala -update.** Plans continued to progress with approx. 15 stalls arranged along with various demonstrations, shows etc. The issue of handing over the float from the previous gala committee had yet to be resolved.
- d. **Item 4991h – Village Crime – update.** Sgt Chris Rogers from SYP's Doncaster South Neighbourhood Team visited the meeting to discuss concerns regarding a perception of increased crime in the area. A full discussion with members and the public took place covering areas such as car crime, anti-social behaviour, burglaries, off-road bikes, poaching, fly-tipping and mental health. Sgt Rogers detailed statistics for the last 3 months which, despite a spike in January which had since dipped, overall figures did not reflect current concerns. It was possible not all incidents were being reported and therefore all members of the community were encouraged to report all incidents via either 999 (if an actual emergency), 101 or via online reporting. Without accurate reporting the police were unable to allocate sufficient resources to tackle problem areas.

5002 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. The village pothole problem was to be addressed via an onsite meeting with CDC in the near future.

5003 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

5004 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** With a minimum number of 7 required, co-ordinating whole council training was proving problematic but would continue to be pursued.
- b. **Social media report.** Engagement with the community continued to grow with further eye-catching posts capturing public attention. The members wished to thank Cllr Mead for her superb efforts.
- c. **Allotments report.** A former tenant, despite handing over the plot and buildings, was now claiming theft but this was a private dispute and outside the council's control. A rat problem had been reported and advice was to be sought from the YLCA on how best to legally resolve the issue.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Further additional volunteers had put their names forward, meaning potential group numbers now stood at eight. Cllr Smyth was to co-ordinate training for new members and once this had been completed, speedwatch session would re-start.
- e. **Biodiversity Report.** Nothing significant to report.
- f. **To discuss the installation of a cricket training pitch on the Memorial Field.** Cllr Oliver requested permission for Wadworth Cricket Club to install a training pitch on the Memorial Field at no cost to the council. **Resolved:** it was resolved to permit the installation of a training pitch.
- g. **To discuss refreshing the village maypole.** This item was mis-titled – it was discuss refreshing the village signs that required a clean. Options to decide how best to clean were to be evaluated.
- h. **To discuss/agree an invitation to the local MP to attend a future meeting.** The local MP, Sally Jameson, had expressed a desire to attend a future council meeting. **Resolved:** to invite the MP to a future meeting after the annual meetings had been held (June onwards).
- i. **To discuss overgrown bushes to the rear of the Village Hall.** Bushes from a neighbouring property belonging to St Leger Homes were encroaching on to the Village Hall. This has been reported to St Leger Homes and should be removed by the end of March.

5005 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including a late received invoice from YLCA:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Feb 26	-	335.43	-	335.43
		Expenses:	-			
		Mileage (23@45p)		10.35		10.35
		Monthly printer fee		11.24	2.25	13.49
		Work at Home allowance		27.00		27.00

		Consumables		0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>48.59</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>50.84</u>
		TOTAL				386.27
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Feb 26	-	83.80	-	83.80
Business Stream	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion water		19.20	-	19.20
Business Stream	Dir Debit	Allotments water		60.61	-	60.61
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.50	-	-6.50
Q-tron	BACS	Speed sign data collection		130.00	26.00	156.00
YLCA	BACS	D Wright – training		105.00	-	105.00
INCOME RECEIVED						
Fees recovery	BACS	February		25.00	-	25.00

- b. **To approve a bank reconciliation to end February 2026.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. **To discuss quotes from Utility Aid for water and electricity supplies.** Utility Aid had provided quotes for water and electricity supplies but these offered minimal savings at best and therefore it was decided not to switch suppliers at this time.
- d. **To consider a funding request from the Friends of Wadworth group.** Cllr Blow explained that the Friends of Wadworth group had been created to provide benefit to the village and, as such, wished to plant and maintain the village planters. As they were not yet a ‘formulated’ group it was **resolved** that Cllr Blow was authorised to spend up to £200 on plants and materials for the planters with a refund to be provided on production of appropriate receipts.

5006 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

5007 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – ‘Talking Tables’ training feedback, Memorial Field line marking machine purchase request.

5008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **Thursday 16th April 2026, commencing at 6:30pm (including the Annual Parish Meeting).**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: