

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026**

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

In attendance: 1 x public

5009 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Smyth, and City of Doncaster (CDC) Councillor Cllr Greenhalgh.

5010 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

5011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil

5012 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

5013 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2026 –Approved as a true record with an amendment to the date of the next meeting, which should have read ‘16th April 2026’.

5014 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 5001a – Village Hall survey – update.** CDC had completed a drain survey with no major issues reported. They had also reviewed the damp issue in the back room but the quote received for repair work was felt to be expensive. The Village Hall Committee (VHC) chair felt he could source a cheaper alternative quote which would involve installing air bricks and air vents. The contractor that had previously undertaken repairs to the roof had reviewed the current issues but, again, the quote was felt to be high and the VHC chair offered to source a cheaper alternative quote. It was **resolved** to reject both quotes and seek alternatives.
A summary of internal and external work required, detailing landlord (council) and tenant (VHC) responsibilities was presented to the council by the VHC chair.
- b. **Item 5001c – Village Gala -update.** Planning continued and a ‘bottle bar’ had now been arranged for the event.
- c. **Item 5004g – Village Signs Refresh – update.** The signs had been cleaned, no further action. Item closed.
- d. **Item 5004h – MP meeting invite – update.** The MP had confirmed she would attend the June meeting; however, it was now evident the Chair and Vice-Chair would not be present so it was requested to delay the MP’s attendance until the July meeting. Clerk to contact the MP.

5015 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. CDC Cllr Dudley reported that the vicar was retiring in June, with a replacement to be confirmed in due course. She also stated that recent fly-tipping on White Cross Lane had been reported to CDC. The issues created by the recent closure of the main street were passed to Cllr Dudley for feedback to CDC for future closures.

5016 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

5017 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Social media report.** There had been an excellent response to the request for volunteers for the recent litter pick, and options to include articles in future editions of Tickhill Today were to be explored.
- c. **Allotments report.** Following the recent issue of invoices for this year, three changes of tenancy were required and vacant plots would be filled soon from the waiting list.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Cllr Smyth provided a written update detailing her ongoing efforts to ensure all admin/support is in place for the group to resume live sessions. More volunteers were, however, still required and a further social media post was requested.
- e. **Biodiversity report.** Cllr Choppin spoke passionately about the importance of this time of year to develop 'bio' communities, with everyone able to play their part in their back gardens. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust website had many good ideas for people to try if they wished.
- f. **'Talking Tables training day feedback.** Cllr Wright attended the recent training event and attended several sessions including ones on communications, energy, sources of funding and planning. He felt it was an enjoyable and useful event and highly recommended others attend in the future.
- g. **To discuss a machine purchase request for the Memorial Field.** A new lining machine had recently been purchased for £300, and both the cricket and football teams had donated £100 each towards the cost, with a request for similar from the council. The machine had not been purchased through either the cricket or football club's accounts, which made a donation difficult and therefore it was **resolved** to offer the football club two free uses of the pitch next season instead.
In addition, it was mentioned there was an issue with rabbits on the sports field that was creating a health and safety hazard due to the holes being dug. Holes were being repaired as required and the situation would continue to be monitored for now, with a possibility of pest control options to be considered if the situation deteriorated.
- h. **To agree a response to CDC's Local Plan 'call for sites' request.** The council agreed it had no sites to offer CDC for their updated Local Plan.

5018 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 – Mar 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		4.08	0.82	4.90
		<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>48.59</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>55.74</u>
		TOTAL				391.17
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Mar 26	-	83.80	-	83.80

SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion elec- tricity		98.98	4.95	103.93
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.50	-	-6.50
YLCA	BACS	Annual subs		481.00	-	481.00
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Various	BACS	Allotment fees		245.00	-	245.00
White Hart FC	BACS	Sports pitch hire		256	-	256.00

- b. To approve a bank reconciliation to end March 2026.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.

5019 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

5020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Horses on Carr Lane

5021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **Thursday 14th May 2026, commencing at 7:00pm (Annual Council Meeting).**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: