

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026**

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

In attendance: 2 x public, CDC Cllr Dudley

5046 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Smyth, and City of Doncaster (CDC) Councillor Cllr Greenhalgh.

5047 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

5048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllrs Wright, Blow and Mead declared a pecuniary interest in item 5053b.

5049 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

5050 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FORUM. Cllr Jones was elected as the council's representative.

5051 APPOINTMENT OF A BIODIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE. Cllr Choppin was elected as the council's biodiversity representative.

5052 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH MAY 2026 –Approved as a true record except for an alteration to item 5030 to include the words 'of the South Yorkshire Branch'.

5053 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 5038a – Village Hall survey – update.** A further quote for an electrical survey had been received and, at £200, was cheaper than the other quote received. **Resolved:** it was **resolved** to accept the quote of £200 for an electrical survey from a local contractor, S Dobing.

South Yorkshire Fire Service had visited the village hall to provide building fire safety advice and a report had been received. The report made a few recommendations for improvement, with actions falling to both the council and the village hall committee. Particular points include the need for a Fire Risk Assessment to be undertaken, a Fire Safety Policy created and that the boiler room door should be upgraded to a 30 minute fire door. Quotes for a new door are to be obtained.

It was also agreed to investigate applying yellow hatch markings near the fire door and defibrillator to ensure clear access at all times. Cllr Mead was to provide contact information for CDC to quote for the work.

- b. **Item 5038b – Village Gala – update.** A constitution and bank account were now in place for the group organising the gala. A request was made for funding similar to the recent jubilee event (up to £1k to cover event expenses plus £275 for insurance). As this was an initial event, no entry fee was planned to be charged to encourage maximum attendance. Cllr Choppin, seconded by Cllr Oliver, proposed a maximum donation of £1275 to support the event. Vote – unanimous. **Resolved:** it was **resolved** to donate up to £1275 in support of

this event. All claims against this amount must be supported by associated receipts.

- c. **Item 5041f – Horses on Carr Lane – update.** CDC Enforcement have been made aware of all recent issues and are ‘investigating’. Ongoing.
- d. **Item 5041h – Memorial Field rabbit problem – update.** The situation had improved but was not yet fully resolved. Ongoing.

5054 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. Because of the overflowing bin on Wadworth Hall Lane, members asked Cllr Dudley to contact CDC to request an additional bin at this site.

5055 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

5056 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Social media report.** Nothing significant to report.
- c. **Allotments report.** Two recently vacated plots had required ploughing before new tenants could take up occupancy. The cost for this work was £100 and this was approved by members.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Nothing significant to report.
- e. **Biodiversity report.** Cllr Choppin reported that there was a surplus of walnut trees that were available to any interested party.
- f. **To discuss the introduction of a village award scheme.** The merits of introducing a village award scheme to recognise service to the Wadworth community was discussed. Any service that was of benefit to the community could be recognised and it was decided to invite nominations via Facebook, posters and the gala.

5057 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including late received invoices from Doncaster Lock & Key and SSE:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – May 26	-	335.43	-	335.43
		Expenses:	-			
		Mileage (54@45p)		29.70		29.70
		Mileage (23@55p)		12.65		12.65
		Backdated mileage (54@10p)		5.40		5.40
		Monthly printer fee		11.24	2.25	13.49
		Work at Home allowance		27.00		27.00
		Consumables		9.40	-	9.40
		<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>95.39</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>97.64</u>
		<u>TOTAL</u>				<u>433.07</u>
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Apr 26	-	83.80	-	83.80
DMBC	BACS	Drainage survey		200.00	40.00	240.00
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.00	-	-6.00
Business Stream	Dir Debit	Allotments water		94.49	-	94.49

Business Stream	Dir Debit	Pavilion water		27.81	-	27.81
ICO	Dir Debit	Annual data fee		47.00	-	47.00
Q-tron	BACS	Speed sign data collection and battery check		189.00	37.80	226.80
YLCA	BACS	P Jones – Chairing skills training		75.20	-	75.20
Doncaster Lock & Key	BACS	New lock for pavilion		195.00	39.00	234.00
SSE	Dir Debit	Pavilion electricity		179.80	8.99	188.79
INCOME RECEIVED						
Various	BACS	Allotment fees		35.00	-	35.00
HMRC	BACS	VAT refund		1099.75	-	1099.75

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

5058 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

5059 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – YLCA training day 30th Sep, Highways grass cutting, MP's visit

5060 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **THURSDAY 9th July 2026, commencing at 7:00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: