

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026

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

In attendance: 1 x public, Sally Jameson MP

VISIT FROM MP SALLY JAMESON

Sally Jameson MP introduced herself and gave an overview on some areas of focus for her since becoming an MP, namely supporting the re-opening of Doncaster Airport, projects at the hospital and job creation in the area to name but a few. She fielded questions from those present including:

- Town centre safety – extra police were now in place and patrolling the area plus a permanent police office had been opened in the Frenchgate centre. In addition, a new day centre for the homeless had also been opened.
- How resources were allocated to projects to lift communities, especially via youth activities. It was felt that more affluent areas were often overlooked for such projects resulting in young people in such areas having little or no facilities compared to less affluent areas.
- Her views on the change of leadership in the Labour Party.

5061 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mead. and City of Doncaster (CDC) Councillors Cllr Dudley and Greenhalgh. Cllr Smyth had tendered her resignation as a councillor and a casual vacancy now existed on the council.

5062 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil

5063 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllrs Wright and Blow declared a pecuniary interest in item 5066b (village gala)

5064 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. Nil

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5066 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 5053a – Village Hall survey – update.** An electrical survey of the hall was to be carried out on 24th July. Following the recent fire survey, the comments regarding replacing some internal doors would be challenged as it was felt adequate fire doors were already in place.
- b. **Item 5053b – Village Gala – update.** All arrangements for the event on 19th July were now in place and funding from the previous gala committee had now been transferred to the new Friends of Wadworth group.
- c. **Item 5053c – Horses on Carr Lane – update.** Activity on site continues and regular updates are being provided to CDC and the RSPCA with little action so far. The issue is becoming a real concern to residents and the Clerk was to contact CDC for an update on action being taken.

- d. **Item 5053d – Memorial Field rabbit problem – update.** The problem had almost been eradicated but the initial agreement had now expired. **Resolved:** it was resolved to re-issue an open-ended agreement for control of the rabbits to ensure there was no repeat of this year's issues, and Cllr Oliver was delegated authority to sign the agreement on behalf of the council for reasons of expediency.
- e. **Item 5056f – Village award scheme – update.** Nothing significant to report. Item moved to Issues Log.

5067 WARD MEMBER UPDATE.

5068 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

5069 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** Nothing significant to report. Annual playground inspection and tree surveys to be included on the log.
- b. **Social media report.** Nothing significant to report.
- c. **Allotments report.** Two plots were currently not being maintained – Cllr Oliver to speak to the tenants.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Nothing significant to report.
- e. **Biodiversity report.** Cllr Choppin encouraged all to consider leaving water outside for birds etc. during the current hot/dry spell.
- f. **To discuss CDC Highways grass cutting.** Item deferred to next meeting.
- g. **To discuss attendance at the YLCA Training Day on 30th Sep 26.** Members agreed that Cllr Jones could attend the training day.
- h. **To discuss Wadworth Cricket Club's annual charity day on 6th Sep 26.** Wadworth Cricket Club planned to hold their annual charity day on Sunday 6th September. Members had no objections to this plan.
- i. **To approve updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** Members reviewed the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and **resolved** to adopt latest versions.
- j. **To approve an updated Biodiversity Policy.** Members reviewed the updated Biodiversity Policy and **resolved** to adopt latest version.

5070 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Jun 26	-	335.43	-	335.43
		Expenses:				
		Mileage (23@55p)		12.65		12.65
		Monthly printer fee		11.24		13.49
		Work at Home allowance		27.00		27.00
		Consumables		0.00		0.00
		<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>50.89</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>53.14</u>
		<u>TOTAL</u>				<u>388.57</u>
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Jun 26	-	83.80	-	83.80
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00

A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.00	-	-6.00
Today Publications	BACS	Tickhill Today article		60.00	12.00	72.00
INCOME RECEIVED						
Various	BACS	Allotment fees		52.50	-	52.50

- b. **To approve a bank reconciliation to end June 2026.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. **To receive a budget update report for Quarter 1.** Members received the first quarter budget report with no comments or concerns at this time.
- d. **To review the council's Risk Register.** Members reviewed the updated risk assessment and **resolved** to adopt latest version.

5071 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

5072 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. Nil

5073 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **THURSDAY 3rd September 2026, commencing at 7:00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: