

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026**

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

In attendance: 2 x public, CDC Cllr Dudley

5089 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Nil.

5090 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil.

5091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil.

5092 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. The members of the public present raised a couple of issues to the rear of properties on Osberton Street, specifically overgrown trees that needed pruning, overgrown brambles that block a footpath, and the uneven surface of the footpath creating a trip hazard. The CDC member present offered to pursue the issues with CDC/St Leger Homes as appropriate.

5093 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026 –Approved as a true record, however the figure for a CDC invoice was missing and required inclusion.

5094 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Item 5081a – Village Hall survey – update.** Nothing significant to report.
- b. **Item 5081c – Horses on Carr Lane – update.** The latest issues of 2 stable blocks being built and a septic tank buried in the ground had been reported to CDC for investigation.
- c. **Item 5078 – Clerk replacement – update.** The closing date for applications was 16th October 2026. A few enquiries had been received and it was hoped applications were to be received in the next week.

5095 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. A large ‘fly-tip’ on White Cross Lane had been removed earlier in the day and the Wadworth war memorial was to be cleaned before Christmas.

5096 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DONCASTER COUNCIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Nil

5097 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** The tree survey had been completed and a report was due very soon. Also, lamp post poppies for Remembrance Day had been delivered and were to be erected by volunteers. The Friends of Wadworth also had plans to enhance the village’s commemorations.
- b. **Social media report.** Despite a low level of activity last month, follower numbers remained steady and over 1500 views were recorded on the council’s Facebook page.

- c. **Allotments report.** An overgrown tree from a neighbouring property was threatening the stable block. Cllr Oliver was to visit the property owner to resolve the issue.
- d. **Speedwatch group report.** Nothing significant to report – group dormant.
- e. **Biodiversity report.** Cllr Choppin reported that Mr Stevens had donated 200 daffodil bulbs for planting around the village. Cllr Jones reported that the village planters had been filled with conifers and spring bulbs.
- f. **To discuss the South Yorkshire Mayor's Rural Crime Initiative.** The Mayor had made available grant funding for crime prevention in rural areas that was open to all. This initiative was to be publicised on the council's social media.
- g. **To discuss a quote for repairs to playground equipment.** A recent playground inspection conducted by CDC reported damage to a wooden platform. The inspector had sourced parts for a quote of £587 +VAT that could not be matched by the original manufacturer. In addition, the report stated a 'contact' sign was required for individuals to report issues direct to the council. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs Jones and Blow to accept the quote for repairs and procure the necessary 'contact' sign from local sources. Vote – unanimous.
- h. **To discuss village planting (Cllr Jones).** Covered in item 5097e above.
- i. **To discuss traffic to/from Balby – Tickhill via Wadworth (Cllr Blow).** There had recently been an increase in heavy traffic, especially tractors with full loads, travelling through the village at speed, endangering other road users and pedestrians. It was requested a device was installed to monitor the volume and speed of traffic along the A60. CDC Cllr Dudley was to make enquiries with CDC.
- j. **To approve/adopt the following updated policies:**
 - i. **Communications Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - ii. **Data Protection Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - iii. **Disciplinary and Grievance Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - iv. **Document Retention and Disposal Policy - resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - v. **Freedom of Information Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - vi. **Information Data Protection Policy - resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - vii. **Investment Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - viii. **Media Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
 - ix. **Publication Scheme – resolved** - it was resolved the updated policy be approved as presented.
- k. **To approve/adopt the following new policies:**
 - i. **Dignity at Work Policy – resolved** - it was resolved the new policy be approved as presented.
 - ii. **Equal Opportunities – resolved** - it was resolved the new policy be approved as presented.

5098 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment including late invoices received from Vision ICT and M Stocks:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Sep 26	-	396.01	-	396.01
		Expenses: Mileage (23@55p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Consumables <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> <u>TOTAL</u>		12.65 11.24 27.00 173.67 <u>224.56</u>	2.25 33.33 <u>35.58</u>	12.65 13.49 27.00 207.00 <u>260.14</u> <u>656.15</u>
HMRC	BACS	PAYE – Aug 26	-	99.00	-	99*.00
Microshade	BACS	IT hosting fee		40.00	8.00	48.00
A Evans	BACS	Printer fee		-6.00	-	-6.00
Selwyn Trees	BACS	50% deposit for tree survey		250.00	50.00	300.00
YLCA	BACS	Job advert		20.00	-	20.00
YLCA	BACS	PJ/MS Talking Tables training		210.00	-	210.00
YLCA	BACS	PJ training webinar		28.20	-	28.20
SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion electricity		224.45	11.22	235.67
Tickhill To-day	BACS	Job advert		39.00	7.80	46.80
Vision ICT	BACS	Annual email account hosting fee		140.00	28.00	168.00
M Stocks	BACS	Travel claim for MS/PJ attendance at Talking Tables training day		50.60	-	50.60
INCOME RECEIVED						
CDC	BACS	Precept		11000.00	-	11000.00

- b. To approve a bank reconciliation to end September 2026.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation was noted.
- c. To receive a budget update report for Q2.** Members received the second quarter budget report with no overall concerns at this time. The individual budget line for water charges at the Sports Pavilion was likely to be overspent at the year-end but the overall budget remained on track.
- d. To note an annual pay award for the Clerk.** Members noted that the Clerk had recently received a pay award of 3.3% that was the national settlement agreed for all Clerks.

5099 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil.

5100 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. Councillor photo id's, Talking Tables training feedback, village footpaths, road safety on Wadworth Hall Lane.

5101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council is held on **THURSDAY 12th November 2026, commencing at 7:00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: