

WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2024

Members present:

D Malyan(Chair)

K Kirton
T Choppin

P Oliver
D Wright
C Edwards

In attendance: DMBC Cllrs Cannings and Greenhalgh, 0 x members of the public

- 4641 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Stevens (away) - accepted
- 4642 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – Nil.**
- 4643 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr Choppin – pecuniary interest in item 4650(d)i, Cllr Oliver – non-pecuniary interest in item 4650(d)ii
- 4644 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** Nil
- 4645 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2023 - Approved** as a true record.
- 4646 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- a. **Item 4633a – Memorial field entrance – update.** Work had commenced on 10th Jan 24. Quotes for a gate had been received – c.£650 for a metal gate and c.£400 for a wooden gate but a wooden gate would require additional work to widen the entrance. **Resolved:** it was resolved to approve the quote for the metal gate.
 - b. **Item 4633b – Commemorative tree/bench – update.** No progress this month.
 - c. **Item 4633c – Village hall – transfer of responsibility – update.** The lease had been signed and sent for registration on 6th Jan 24.
 - d. **Item 4633d – Wadworth Hall Lane entrance - update.** Nothing significant to report.
 - e. **Item 4633g – 80th Anniversary of D-Day – update.** Further meetings would be held in January to develop the plans for the event.
- 4647 WARD MEMBER UPDATE.** White Cross Lane fly-tipping – DMBC had removed some, but not all of the rubbish as some had been dumped on private land. DMBC were working with the land owners to tidy the area.
- 4648 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
- a. 23/002632/COND - Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 3 (Roof Materials), 4 (External Materials), 5 (Windows and External Doors) and 6 (Roof Lights) of planning application 23/01674/FUL - Stonehaven Carr Lane Wadworth. No comments.

NOT ON AGENDA

- b. 23/02630/FUL - Erection of a two storey side extension and formation of new access, driveway and dropped kerb - 13 Church Lane Wadworth DN11 9BP. No comments

4649 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of Outstanding Issues.** No significant developments.
- b. **Social media report.** Nothing significant to report.
- c. **Allotments report.** Nothing significant to report.
- d. **Public Rights of Way Forum report.** Nothing significant to report.
- e. **Community speedwatch report.** Poor weather had reduced activity during the month.
- f. **To receive feedback from the ‘Talking Tables’ training event.** Cllr Wright attended the event in November and raised the following points:
 - a) Members were reminded it was their responsibility to review their Register of Interests (suggested an annual review) and to report any changes to the Monitoring Officer via the Clerk.
 - b) Planning – pre-application discussions with planning officers were to become more prevalent, with a more important focus being placed on ‘design’.
 - c) It was recommended the council look at adopting a ‘Communication Strategy’ and a ‘gov.uk’ email address.

4650 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment:

Resolved: that the following accounts are approved and passed for payment, including late received invoices from Gloaming Tree Surgery, DMBC and 2A Services:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Staff	BACS	Salary – Dec 23	-	311.10	-	311.10
		Expenses:	-			
		Mileage (23@45p)		10.35		10.35
		Monthly printer fee		3.74	0.75	4.49
		Work at Home allowance		27.00		27.00
		Consumables		19.95	3.99	23.94
		TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>61.04</u>	<u>4.74</u>	<u>65.78</u>
		TOTAL				376.88
HMRC	BACS	Clerk PAYE – Dec 23	-	77.60	-	77.60
HAGS	BACS	Memorial field bench delivery fee		100.00	20.00	120.00
DMBC	BACS	Q2 grounds maintenance		620.54	124.11	744.65
Waterplus	Dir Debit	Village hall water		18.97	-	18.97
SSE	Dir Debit	Sports pavilion electricity		367.27	18.36	385.63
Vision ICT	BACS	Email hosting fee		18.00	3.60	21.60
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Gloaming Tree Surgery	BACS	Xmas tree lights installation/removal and removal of tree		300.00	60.00	360.00
DMBC	BACS	Q3 grounds maintenance		18.22	3.64	21.86
2A Services	BACS	Speed sign battery replacement		392.00	78.40	470.40
INCOME RECEIVED						
Fees recovery	BACS	December		25.00	-	25.00

- b. To approve a bank reconciliation to end December 2023.** The bank reconciliation had been circulated to members. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation is noted.
- c. To receive a budget report to end December 2023.** Members noted the Q3 budget report and accepted a likely end of year overspend due to approved one-off items and higher than expected utility bills during the year.
- d. To consider rent reviews for:**
 - i. Allotments: Resolved:** it was resolved to increase allotment rents for the FY25/26 to £32pa (standard plot) and £16pa (small plot).
 - ii. Sports pitch hire: Resolved:** it was resolved to maintain sports pitch hire fees at £32 per team per match (weekends), £16 per team per match (weekdays), and £25 per day for junior matches for the 24-25 year.
- e. To approve the budget and agree the precept for 2024/25.** Members were presented with a draft budget for 2024/25 that showed a small excess of expenditure over income, to be met from general reserves if required.

Resolved: the budget for 2024/25 was approved and it was resolved that the precept for 2024/25 would increase by 5% to £21,000.

4651 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS. Nil

4652 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – White Cross Lane fly-tipping

4653 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: that the meeting of the Parish Council is held on **Thursday 8th February 2024, commencing at 7.00pm.**

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: