

WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019, AT WADWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Present:

D Wright (Chairman)

P Oliver
M Leaney
S Booth

L Slack
M Fromont
J Stevens

In attendance:

DMBC Cllrs Greenhalgh and Cannings
4 x public

4023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Nil.

4024 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

Item 4028a – allotment update.

4025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

a. Cllr L Slack – items 4028a/4033 – disclosable pecuniary interest

4026 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. A request was made to explore options to reduce the speed limit on the main road to 20mph, particularly in the area near the school. Item 4028e below would include a review of the village's roads with DMBC and this matter would be raised during that visit.

4027 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2019 – the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4028 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Allotment update (4015a/4020a). HELD IN PRIVATE SESSION (SEE ITEM 4033a BELOW)**
- b. **To consider speed sign options (4015b).** An issue between a donor and the supplier had held up delivery but this was hoped to be resolved soon and installation completed.
- c. **To discuss village green lighting (4015d).** DMBC had installed improved bulbs to enhance existing lighting in the area. Its effectiveness was to be monitored.
- d. **Update from Mayor's visit to Wadworth (4016).** The mayor had completed a successful visit to Wadworth on 31st July 2019 and was shown the main village areas of interest.
- e. **Condition of village roads (4018c).** A site visit with DMBC to discuss/review all known issues with village roads was to take place in mid-September (date to be confirmed).
- f. **To confirm additional attendee at YLCA conference (4018f).** Cllr J Stevens was nominated to attend in addition to D Wright who was nominated in the last meeting.

4029 WARD MEMBER UPDATE. Nothing significant to report.

4030 PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Nil.

- a) 19/01712/TPO - Consent to prune three Holm Oaks. Remove one lower branch and selective tip reduction to provide 3m clearance from ground level of T1, remove two secondary branches from T2 and selective tip reduction to provide 3m clearance above ground level of T3. The trees are subject to T25, T26 and G3 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.211) 1998 Wadworth. - Wadworth Hall Wadworth Hall Lane Wadworth Doncaster DN11 9BL - **no comments.**
- b) 19/02113/PD - Erection of detached garage. - 28 Ratten Row Wadworth Doncaster DN11 9BJ – **no comments.**

4031 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a. **Log of outstanding issues.**
 - i. **Maypole re-paint.** A funding bid had been submitted – decision awaited.
 - ii. **Village signs re-paint.** It was hoped this work would be completed before the end of September.
 - iii. **Former Fox & Hounds pub.** The ward members offered to approach DMBC to progress/resolve. If no progress, a formal letter was to be submitted to DMBC expressing the council's views on DMBC's handling of the issues.
 - iv. **Play equipment.** The matting was now felt to be acceptable; the bench plaque had yet to be purchased.
- b. **To discuss arrangements for Xmas 2019.** Cllr Leaney had approached several companies for the supply of commercial standard tree lights. Also, the electricity supply and socket supporting the main tree required alterations/upgrades and quotes for all were waited.
- c. **To consider possible comments on Doncaster's Local Plan.** A review of the Plan revealed no effect or concerns for Wadworth and therefore the council had no comments they wished to submit.
- d. **To agree the adoption of the General Power of Competence.** The Chair congratulated the Clerk on the recent successful completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). With this qualification, alongside the fact that more than two thirds of the members were elected and not co-opted, this meant the council now met the criteria described in paragraph 2 to the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 to adopt the General Power of Competence, introduced under the Localism Act 2011 section 1-8. The Clerk explained the possible benefits to the council, which gave the council more freedom to operate as the General Power of Competence should be used as a power of first resort. **Resolved: it was unanimously resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.**
- e. **To consider attendance at the Council for British Archaeology conference in Selby on 21st September 2019.** There was no interest in attending this event.

4032 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Accounts for Payment

Resolved - the following accounts were approved and passed for payment including additional invoices from 2A Services and SSE:

PAYEE	Chq No	Reason	INV NO	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Clerk	BACS	Salary – July 19	-	226.53	-	226.53

		Expenses: Mileage (23@45p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Stationery <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> <u>TOTAL TO CLERK</u>	-	10.35 2.91 20.00 <u>15.86</u> <u>49.12</u>	0.58 <u>1.49</u> <u>2.07</u>	10.35 3.49 20.00 <u>17.35</u> <u>277.72</u>
HMRC	BACS	Clerk PAYE – July 19	-	56.60	-	56.60
Clerk	BACS	Salary – August 19	-	226.53	-	226.53
		Expenses: Mileage (36@45p) Monthly printer fee Work at Home allowance Car parking <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> <u>TOTAL TO CLERK</u>		16.20 2.91 20.00 <u>2.42</u> <u>41.53</u>	0.58 <u>0.48</u> <u>1.06</u>	16.20 3.49 20.00 <u>2.90</u> <u>269.12</u>
HMRC	BACS	Clerk PAYE – August 19	-	56.60	-	56.60
Village Hall Committee	BACS	Donation – agreed at minute 4019d		200.00	-	200.00
YLCA	BACS	D Wright – One day conference 13/9/19	334-1920	120.00	-	120.00
Sheffield City Council	BACS	Legal fees	327656	981.50	125.30	1106.80
YLCA	BACS	J Stevens – One day conference 13/9/19	367-1920	120.00	-	120.00
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Village Hall		20.54	-	20.54
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Sports field		14.68	-	14.68
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Allotments		38.84	-	38.84
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Allotments (adjustment)		1.09	-	1.09
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Village Hall (adjustment)		7.09	-	7.09
Yorkshire Water	Direct Debit	Water – Sports Field (adjustment)		1.59	-	1.59
Water Plus	Direct Debit	Drainage – Village Hall		55.97	-	55.97
Vision ICT	BACS	Annual website hosting fee	10077	125.00	25.00	150.00
PKF Accountants	BACS	External audit fee	SB20191619	200.00	40.00	240.00
SSE	Direct Debit	Electricity supply – sports pavilion		86.84	43.34	91.18
2A Services	BACS	Replace water stop valve		80.00	16.00	96.00

- b. **To approve a bank reconciliation to end August 19.** The bank reconciliation to end August 19 was approved.
- c. **To receive a budget report to end August 19.** The budget report to end August 19 was approved.
- d. **To review the Clerk’s salary following completion of CiLCA award.** The Clerk had completed the CiLCA award in August 2019 and his contract included a clause for a salary uplift of one point on the salary scale to SCP22 on gaining this award.

Resolved: it was resolved to uplift the Clerk's salary by one scale point with effect from 1st August 2019.

- e. **To approve updated Financial Regulations.** Item deferred to next meeting.
- f. **To receive the external audit report for the financial year 2018-19.** The external audit report, which contained no observations, was accepted by the members. The accounts for 2018-19 were now complete.

4033 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS

- a. **4028a - Allotments update:** The court order had been granted on 19th August 2019 and the tenant had now vacated the site. Costs awarded in favour of the council were to be paid by the tenant on terms which had been agreed by both parties.
Cllr Slack left the meeting whilst a request to occupy a large area of the allotment for grazing animals was further discussed having been initially discussed in the previous meeting. The new tenant had offered to clean up the site and, in view of this, the council agreed there would be no rent fees levied for the first year of occupation. The request of the new tenant was agreed and future years rent was set at twelve times the standard plot rate to reflect the area to be occupied. The Clerk was to prepare the appropriate licence.

4034 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Dangerous village trees

4035 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday **10th October 2019** commencing at **7pm**.

Approved as a true record

Chair:

Dated: