

WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Community Centre
on Thursday 11th October 2007 - commenced at 7.01pm

988. Present

Councillor	Mr B. Roe (Chairman)
Councillor	Mr P Oliver (Deputy Chair)
Councillors	Mr D. Fromont, Mr D. Wright, Mr M. Leaney
DMBC Councillor	Mr G. Beck (Until 7.15pm)
Parishioners	Ms S. Booth, Mr B. Corkhill

989. Apologies For Absence

Councillors	Mrs M. Fromont
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990. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2007 were accepted as a true record and were authorised to be signed by the Chairman

Matters Raised By Parishioners

991. Mr Corkhill raised the matter of the broken street light on Old School Lane, the light has not worked for several months. It was noted that the light has been reported several times to DMBC. Ms Booth noted that soil had been tipped over a vehicle parked there and the lack of lighting isn't helping with vandalism and general unsocial behaviour. Clerk to report again

992. Mrs Clifton has raised the issue of litter around the new bin near the playing field. Councillor Roe noted that the litter bin on the green is in need of emptying, but that DMBC have been seen clearing fallen leaves along Wadworth Hall Lane. Councillor Leaney commented that Old School Lane has not been swept for months. There are also issues with dog fouling and general debris. Clerk to report.

993. Councillor Leaney reported that a mounted police patrol was in the village recently, DMBC Councillor Beck thought it part of the general increase in police presence.

Matters Raised By DMBC Members

994. DMBC Councillor Beck reported that the topical items within DMBC are the Stadium Management issues and the request for a rates holiday by Finningly airport. He noted that the stadium issues have been exaggerated in some press reports. Councillor Roe asked if the would mean less funding available for services. DMBC Councillor Beck replied that DMBC are not actually funding Stadium Management, but are guaranteeing some of their loans. Councillor Roe noted that Finningly had recently been noted assaying that the airport had exceeded its expectations for passenger numbers.

995. Councillor Roe asked that DMBC Councillor Beck report the issues of litter bins and the light and condition of Old School Lane. He went on to comment that there seemed to be an increasing problem with youths and cars around the cricket field. Clerk to advise PC Coulson

DMBC Councillor Beck left the meeting at 7.15pm

Proposed Play Area

996. Nothing further has been heard from DMBC on the proposed new play area. Councillor Leaney commented that the village seemed to be opposed to the idea, Councillor Wright pointed out that in the earlier survey the response had been in favour of a play area on the green. It was noted that the officer decision report referred to in DMBC's previous letter and requested by the clerk has still not been made available to the parish councillors. Clerk to request again.

Sports Pavilion

997. A further quote has been received for the necessary electrical repairs to the sports pavilion totalling £1,473 plus VAT. It was agreed that the quote should be accepted and the work undertaken as soon as possible. Agreed by unanimous decision. Clerk to write.

Matters Arising From The Minutes

998. The casual vacancy on the parish council has been advertised and DMBC will now commence the necessary procedures, if no election is requested then the vacancy is to be filled by co-option. Councillor Wright advised anyone interested in the position to complete a nomination form as soon as possible.

999. Councillor Leaney asked if the search for funding was for a complete refurbishment of the sports pavilion, Councillor Wright confirmed it was and that sports councils do fund parish councils. It was noted however that funding may be more readily available to a community group willing to undertake the project. Councillor Roe asked if the fact that the parish council owned that pavilion would still mean that funding would be seen as funding the parish council indirectly. Clerk to contact Wren to confirm if a community group would be eligible to apply for their funding initiatives.

1000. Councillor Roe noted that trees overhanging the pavilion may be contributing to access to the roof and the recent vandalism. Councillor Wright proposed that DMBC be contacted to quote for lopping the trees. Clerk to request.

1001. Further information has been received on the review of internal audit procedures, the matter to be added to the November agenda.

Correspondence

1002. Correspondence dealt with at the meeting

Mrs Clifton	Litter
Wren	Landfill tax credit grant

1003. General Correspondence

DMBC	By Email - Road works reports 23/09, 30/09, 07/10
DMBC	Conservation area map (Passed to Councillor Leaney)
DMBC	Remittance advice - precept
DMBC	School nursery posters
DMBC	Standards committee minutes 12/09 & 27/09
DMBC	Parish standards committee minutes 27/09
YLCA	Agenda 10/10
YLCA	Procurement of legal fees
YLCA	Parish Government Conference Flyer
YLCA	AGM Minutes
YLCA	Parish Government conference 7/9 March 2008
YLCA	Assembly Digest
Defra	Ways to tackle climate change
Serversure	Invoice
Caroline Flint	Change of address
N Power	Invoice
Town & Parish	Newsletter
Yorkshire Water	Credit note
Vitalise	Donation request
NatWest	Statements

1004. Councillor Wright noted the Parish Government Conference and that it would be a good forum for networking.

1005. The parish councillors confirmed the information requested by Wren on a previous grant. Mr Corkhill asked if the land at the end of Carr Lane had ever been used as landfill, he went on to comment that the road is now almost impassable due to the poor condition of the surface. It was not thought the site had ever been used for landfill.

Matters Raised by Members

1006. Councillor Leaney reported that the hedge from Main Street to Church Road is becoming badly overgrown, forcing pedestrians onto the grass verge. Clerk to report.

1007. Councillor Leaney requested that Old School Lane be swept, litter picked and the drains unblocked. The items remain outstanding despite previous requests. Clerk to report again.

1008. Councillor Leaney reported that the no dog fouling stencils needed renewing, the paint has worn and they are no longer effectively visible. A patrol from the dog warden is also to be requested. Clerk to report

Councillor Wright requested that Community First confirm how much time they spend in the Wadworth area. Clerk to request an update.

1009. Councillor Leaney reported that the chippings around the site of the Toefield Lane banking need topping up, they are either being removed or have worn down to such an extent that a vehicle has been able to gain access to the site. Clerk to report

1010. Councillor Leaney noted that the village signs are starting to fade and need replacing. The clerk noted that three had been replaced about 2 years ago under guarantee, but the guarantee would now have expired. Clerk to obtain a quote for replacement signs.

1011. Councillor Leaney asked if community centre notices could be displayed in the notice board, it was confirmed they could.

1012. Councillor Roe asked if the hedge on the A60 to Loversall and the one on Whitecross Lane could be cut. Clerk to report.

1013. Mr Corkhill noted that the hedges on the allotments needed cutting and the dyke needed clearing. Clerk to report.

Finance Matters

1014. The Cheques were approved for payment

1015. The external audit has been signed, the only matter raised is the issue of the internal audit review.

1016. Councillor D Fromont asked that a contribution to the Community Centre Christmas dinner be considered at the next meeting.

1017. Councillor Oliver asked that the purchase and planting of spring bulbs be added to the next agenda.

1018. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as the 8th November 2007 at 7.00pm at the Community centre
Agenda to be distributed.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm