

Wentworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has passed, a few planning applications were submitted, one was refused by ECDC and two pending decisions.

Highways Agency have dug a new drainage system on Main Street, but I am not convinced it is working as well as hoped with the evidence of excess puddles when we get a lot of rain, in some places it covers the road.

This year we have had to increase the precept (amount paid to Parish Council collected from your council tax) due to increased costs in expenses such as insurance and energy for street lighting.

We have had the annual playpark safety inspection and from this we have learned that the zipwire main structural posts show signs of rot at the base. I did manage to speak to the inspector, and he has suggested we could strengthen the posts by putting in concrete spurs at the base, there are also a few other issues to address but the playpark is in all safe to use.

The street lighting on Church Road junction with Sutton Road is still ongoing via UK Power Networks.

I have made enquiries with ECDC about CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) on a new build in the village and they are investigating and will keep me informed of any outcome.

Unfortunately, we have lost one of our councillors due to other commitments, so we now have two vacancies for councillors in this Parish. We would very much like to invite anyone who may be interested in the positions who would like to be involved in Parish decisions for the village and wider community to get in touch.

David Lee

Chair Wentworth Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Wentworth Parish Council has 5 unpaid Councillors representing the electorate. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, litter bins, seats, bus stops and some street lighting), the Defibrillator (in conjunction with the Boxes Committee) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play park and the Village Green.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.

Wentworth Parish Council Year End Account Summary

Cash in Hand 01/04/2022			11,397.27
ADD			
Receipts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023			11,133.36
			22,530.63
SUBTRACT			
Payments 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023			13,423.84
Cash in Hand 31/03/2023			9,106.79
(per Cash Book)			
Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
Petty Cash	31/03/2023	0.00	
Instant Access Account	31/03/2023	0.14	
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	31/03/2023	9445.63	
			9,445.77
Less unrepresented payments			
			338.98
Plus unrepresented receipts			0.00
			9,106.79
Bank Balance			

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2023/24

David Lee	Chairman
Belinda Ashdown	Vice Chair
Diane Edwards	Councillor

As of May 2023, we have 2 Parish Councillor vacancies.

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