

Wentworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Following the Local Elections in May 2023 we had 2 vacancies for Councillors, we have since co-opted one new Councillor, Clive Bass, but we do still have a vacancy if anyone would like to be involved in Parish decisions for the village and wider community please do get in touch.

This year we have maintained the precept (amount paid to Parish Council collected from your council tax) at the same as last year, although the way ECDC calculate contributions it appears on your Council Tax bill as a decrease. We have managed to work within our budget set last year and although the streetlighting electricity charge went up in September we have been able to replace 2 more streetlights and converted them to LED's to help save money in years to come.

A few planning applications were submitted, all have been approved by East Cambs District Council (ECDC).

The street lighting on Church Road junction with Sutton Road has finally been reinstated .

The outstanding (Community Infrastructure Levy) payments on two new build properties in the village are still being pursued by ECDC.

On November 10th 2023 the village hosted a meeting with Lucy Fraser MP for South East Cambridgeshire who discussed various issues raised by parishoners.

Following last years ROSPA playpark safety report work has been carried out to repair the zipwire base with new concrete spurs to strengthen and preserve it. A working party was held in October to spread topsoil, weed and carry out repairs. Unfortunately, it has been such a wet winter the additional soil required for covering the tunnel will be delayed until it is drier and grass seeding can be carried out.

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 01/04/2023				9,106.79
ADD				
Receipts 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024				11,013.95
				20,120.74
SUBTRACT				
Payments 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024				11,116.46
Cash in Hand 31/03/2024				9,004.28
(per Cash Book)				
Cash in hand per Bank Statements				
Petty Cash	31/03/2024	0.00		
Instant Access Account	31/03/2024	0.14		
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	31/03/2024	9,004.14		
				9,004.28
Less unrepresented payments				0.00
Plus unrepresented receipts				0.00
				9,004.28
Bank Balance				

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2024/25

David Lee	Chairman
Belinda Ashdown	Vice Chair
Clive Bass	Councillor
Diane Edwards	Councillor

We have 1 Parish Councillor vacancy.

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