

WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



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NOTICE OF MEETING: Meeting of Wentworth Parish Council
TIME: 7.00 pm
DATE: 28th August 2024
VENUE: Wentworth Village Hall

MEMBERS 4
VACANCIES 1
QUORUM 3

Attendees: Councillor Lee (DL), Councillor Ashdown (BA), Councillor Bass (CB), County Councillor Dupre (LD) and 2 members of the public attended.

All documents relevant to this meeting were circulated to Councillors electronically prior to commencing.

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7.07pm

28082024/1 To receive and record apologies for absence
Councillor Edwards sent her apologies

28082024/2 To receive Members declaration of interest
There were none

28082024/3 To sign and approve minutes of last meeting:
Parish Council Minutes from 3rd July 2024 DL proposed, and BA seconded that the minutes should be signed as true record of the meeting. Motion carried as unanimous.

28082024/4 To receive District and/or County Councillor's reports
County Councillor & District Councillor monthly reports were circulated prior to meeting. Reports can be found on Wentworth Parish Council website on District & Councillor Reports page.

LD Left

28082024/5 Open forum for public participation
A representative of Wentworth Fundraising requested details on progress of potential purchasing of the playpark land as the deadline for grants was April 2025 and was informed of nothing yet received from Cheffins. The group had discussed purchasing some new equipment for the playpark and requested permission to install (using concrete supports) a bench, goal posts and in the future swings and maybe a roundabout. The Council agreed as long as installation was carried out by contractor or persons with Public Liability Insurance and also that the landowner agreed. Clerk to email landowner and request permission and seek any further update on land valuation - **Clerk emailed 29.08.24**. The Council agreed that any contractor installing equipment would be responsible for storing and insuring their own equipment on site.

28082024/6 Planning:
To Consider:
None

To Update: 24/00538/VAR- 1 Main Street Wentworth Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 3QG - To vary Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of previously approved 17/00854/FUL dated 15 September 2017 for Construction of 3 no. dwellings and 3 no. new access – **ECDC approved**
24/00503/FUL – The White House Church Road Wentworth Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 3QE – Two storey side extension – **ECDC approved**

28082024/7 Council Business:

- a) **Playpark** – Following the working party on 03.08.24 there was still a little bit of painting to finish on the top end of the zipwire. CB volunteered to collect the paint and finish the works. The bark had all been spread and the topsoil, grass seeding will be carried out in autumn when weather conditions are right.
Nothing to report on a valuation from Cheffins. – **Clerk to email landowner as in 28082024/5.**
- b) **Pavement & hedge conditions on Church Road** – Clerk had accompanied new Local Highways Officer (LHO) on a visit of path and hedge conditions all along Church Road on 23.08.24. LHO was shown condition of the paths, verge, hedges and road gulleys as well as a drive down to the junction with Polls Road. LHO agreed that the conditions are dangerous on the road from Polls Road into village especially the blind bend and agreed missing and obscured signs were also a safety issue. LHO will forward to relevant parties to give the paths, hedges and roads gulleys attention to bring back into safe condition. The signs can be replaced without consultation as they were previously in place. LHO will keep in contact with Clerk to update progress. Hedge cutting cannot commence until September (the Wildlife Act bans cutting between 1st March – 31st August). – Clerk will continue to liaise with LHO.
CB had strimmed around both village signs and gates and trimmed around solar powered speed awareness sign.
- c) **Report of condition of 'Wentworth Village Gates'** – DL has assessed condition of gates and reported that they cannot be taken apart for easy maintenance due to their construction and would need to be worked on in situ. It was agreed unanimously to wait until the verge cutting and hedge trimming had been completed to allow safe access to work on gates.
- d) **Review of draft Biodiversity Policy** – Policy was circulated prior to meeting and reviewed. - Clerk to complete amendments to Policy for adoption at next meeting.
- e) **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) bus franchising consultation** – it was agreed unanimously that Clerk complete the short survey on behalf of the Council in favour of franchising proposal as this could mean Wentworth receive a bus service even though its not a profitable route option. – **Clerk responded online 29.08.24**

28082024/8 Finance

- a) To approve bank Reconciliation up to 31st July 2024. Payments made in July 2024 were agreed unanimously. DL signed bank reconciliations for 31.07.24
- b) Payments:

July			
K&M Lighting	Maintenance	£21.20	BACS
Julie Peck (Clerk)	Clerk salary	£313.08	BACS
D Lee Property Main	Grounds maintenance	£200.00	BACS
NPower	Street lighting energy	£197.57	BACS
East Anglia Haulage – Madingley Mulch	Playpark grade bark	£404.40	BACS

- c) Direct Debits Paid: None
- d) Income: None

28082024/9 Correspondence (Information only not for discussion)

- a) Email received from Angela Briggs Community Infrastructure Manager regarding CIL outstanding as new contact but no structured timeframe to report (Mark Inskip was Cc'd) – circulated to all Councillors.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

28082024/10 Diary Dates – Date of Next Meeting 25th September at 7pm.

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Julie Peck
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Wentworth Parish Council

David Lee
Chairman
Wentworth Parish Council

29.08.24