



WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING: Meeting of Wentworth Parish Council
TIME: 7.00 pm
DATE: 6th November 2024
VENUE: Wentworth Village Hall

MEMBERS 4
VACANCIES 1
QUORUM 3

Attendees: Councillor Lee (DL), Councillor Ashdown (BA), Councillor Bass (CB), Councillor Edwards (DE) 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 7.05pm

06112024/1 To receive and record apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Councillor Lorna Dupre and District Councillor Mark Inskip.

06112024/2 To receive Members declaration of interest

There were none

06112024/3 To sign and approve minutes of last meeting:

Parish Council Minutes from 25th September 2024 DL proposed, and BA seconded that the minutes should be signed as true record of the meeting. Motion carried as unanimous.

06112024/4 To receive District and/or County Councillor's reports

County Councillor monthly report was circulated prior to meeting. County and District Councillors Reports can be found on Wentworth Parish Council website on District & Councillor Reports page.

06112024/5 Open forum for public participation

None

06112024/6 Planning:

To Consider: None

To Update: None

06112024/7 Council Business:

- a) **Playpark** – No further works outstanding. DL reported that the newly sown grass seed has started to grow.
Landowner has emailed to say he had received a very unsatisfactory response from Cheffins and that he has contacted them twice more for more information.
- b) **CIL** – Clerk had received email from ECDC stating that the Council is taking legal action to recover CIL payments relating to the two properties in Wentworth with Court dated set for February 2025. We will be notified if any payments are received prior to this.

- c) **Bank** – Letter received by Clerk from Lloyds Bank informing us that the Treasurer’s account we currently use will be changing to a Community Account with effect from 14.01.25. There will be a monthly fee of £4.25 applicable for the account. It was agreed unanimously to stay with Lloyds Bank and review should the service and/or costs to the PC change. Clerk also to request details of interest paying accounts available with Lloyds Bank for future investment.
- d) **Footpaths and Hedges** – Mark Peck, Rights of Way Officer had visited footpath from College Farm and reported that it was within the minimum width requirement, and it is clear, there was a level surface to walk on and the drainage channels were minimal and already filling in. He therefore saw no further action required. Clerk sent report to MOP who reported their concerns. The current situation of no action flailing the overhanging hedges all along Church Road and some of Main Street is frustrating and was agreed unanimously to contact Lorna Dupre and request her assistance with the works required.
- e) **Staff Matters**–it was agreed to implement the Local Government Services Pay Agreement as advised by CAPALC backdated to 01.04.24. BA proposed and DE seconded. Clerk to notify payroll services of new rate payable.

MOP arrived

- f) **East Cambridgeshire Buildings of Local Interest Register** – No comments to add.
- g) **Budget Update** – Clerk circulated draft budget proposed for 2025-26 highlighting current inability to plan for potential playpark land purchase costs or legal fees associated with a purchase. Budget to be finalised and agreed at next meeting in time to be returned to ECDC by 13.01.25.

MOP left

06112024/8 Finance

- a) To approve bank Reconciliation up to 31st October 2024. Payments made in September and October 2024 were agreed unanimously. DL signed bank reconciliations for 31.10.24
- b) Payments:

September			
K&M Lighting	Maintenance	£21.20	BACS
Julie Peck (Clerk)	Clerk salary	£313.08	BACS
St Peters Church	Hall Hire Jul/ Aug/Sep	£75.00	BACS
D Lee Property Main.	Grounds maintenance	£200.00	BACS
Red Shoes Accounting	Payroll Services	£46.80	BACS
Zurich	Insurance	£600.22	BACS
October			
NPower	Streetlight energy	£187.49	BACS
Julie Peck (Clerk)	Clerk Salary	£334.76	BACS
K&M Lighting	Maintenance	£21.20	BACS
Narkedesign	Gov. migration	£75.00	BACS
Narkedesign	Gov. registration	£80.00	BACS
D Lee Property Main.	Grounds maintenance	£200.00	BACS
St Peters Church	Donation - electricity	£200.00	BACS

c) Direct Debits Paid: None

d) Income:

October			
ECDC	Precept	£5090.47	BACS
K Wallis	Rent	£254.00	BACS
AgreServes	Rent	£304.00	BACS

06112024/9 Correspondence (Information only not for discussion)

- a) Migration and adoption of new Gov.uk domain successfully completed.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm

06112024/10 Diary Dates – Date of Next Meeting 8th January 2025 at 7pm.

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Julie Peck
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Wentworth Parish Council

David Lee
Chairman
Wentworth Parish Council

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