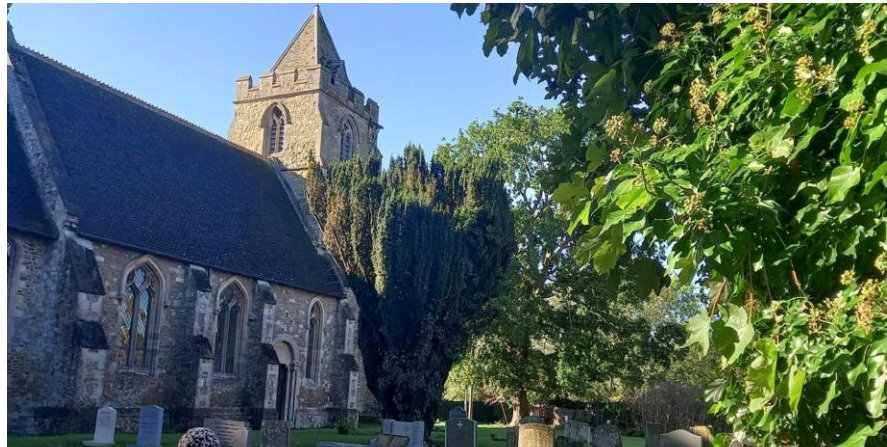


Wentworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25



Website: www.wentworth-pc.gov.uk

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Following Government recommendation, the Parish Council has adopted new .gov.uk website domain and emails which ensures security for all data, our new website address is www.wentworth-pc.gov.uk

Following the annual ROSPA Inspection of the playpark it was recommended to add more playpark bark for the protective surface; the tunnel required more soil to build the cover up and re-seeding and fence repairs needed to be done. The Council bought 4 tonne bags of bark and during a working party held in August soil was distributed over the tunnel and low areas, bark was spread to provide protection and wood preserver applied to areas prone to rot.

The Council has always been prevented from applying for grants for new equipment on the playpark due to the short term lease, so it was decided to approach the landowner to see if he was open to selling the land to the Council. The landowner agreed and sought a valuation which the Council agreed was fair and affordable.

Community Infrastructure Levey (CIL) was still owed on 2 new build properties in the Parish and the Council has continued to pursue ECDC with assistance from Lorna Dupre, to ensure the developers paid. A long process did come to fruition, and we are pleased to say the proportion owed to the Council was paid in early May 2025. This money has to be spent on improving the parish and it has been agreed to use this money towards the purchase of the playpark and fees associated with the purchase. This will mean the Council and Wentworth Fundraising can apply for grants to improve the playpark facilities.

The Council approached Cambridgeshire Highways to get the hedges cut back on Church Road as they were overhanging, and they hadn't been cut for several years; we are still waiting for the replacement road sign at the bottom of Church Road to the village which has been approved. Unfortunately, the countdown signs to the village had to be removed as they were not standard issue or regulated by Department of Transport, even though Highways installed them, we are waiting to find out if we will get replacements in this financial year's budget.

Work has started in association with Roadwatch to collect data on speeding through the village so that the Council can apply for speed reducing measures such as permanent speed indicators or possibility of reducing speed to 20mph. First data received shows we have a speeding problem with both 85 percentiles over 35 mph and a speeding over 35 mph > 20%. We will continue to work with Roadwatch to collect more data and hopefully apply for funding in the Autumn.

David Lee
Chairman 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

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2025		
Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		9,004.28
ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025		11,403.27
		20,407.55
SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025		9,712.84
Cash in Hand 31/03/2025 (per Cash Book)		10,694.71
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
Petty Cash 31/03/2025	0.00	
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account 31/03/2025	301.46	
Instant Access Account 31/03/2025	10,393.25	
		10,694.71
Less unrepresented payments		
		10,694.71
Plus unrepresented receipts		
Adjusted Bank Balance		10,694.71

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2024/25

David Lee	Chairman	
Belinda Ashdown	Vice Chair	
Clive Bass	Councillor	
Diane Edwards	Councillor	(Resigned 14.05.25)

At 14.05.25 we have 2 Parish Councillor vacancies

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