

# WENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



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**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Meeting of Wentworth Parish Council  
**TIME:** 7.00 pm  
**DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**VENUE:** Wentworth Village Hall

MEMBERS 3  
VACANCIES 2  
QUORUM 3

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Attendees: Councillor Lee (DL), Councillor Ashdown (BA), Councillor Bass (CB) County & District Councillor Dupre (LD) and one member of the public (MOP)

Meeting commenced 7.00pm

## MINUTES

**04022026/1 To receive and record apologies for absence**

None received

**04022026/2 To receive Members declaration of interest**

None received

**04022026/3 To sign and approve minutes of last meeting:**

Parish Council Minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (& cancelled meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026) all Councillors agreed that the minutes should be signed as true record of the meeting. Motion carried as unanimous.

**04022026/4 To receive District and/or County Councillor's reports**

District and County Councillors Reports were received. Reports can be found on Wentworth Parish Council website on District & Councillor Reports page. (LD).

LD left

**04022026/5 Open forum for public participation**

MOP reported on the condition of the pavement from junction of A142 (Church Road) to Church Farm Close as covered in debris and mud and forces pedestrians to walk in road in places.

MOP also reported on the AGM held by Wentworth Fundraising Group (WFG) and that enough money has now been raised to purchase a set of swings for the playpark. The WFG would get a final up to date quote and donate the money to the Parish Council to place the order and include in the Parish Council asset register and insurance. The next Coffee, Cake & Catch Up would be held in the Church Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 11.15am.

**04022026/6 Planning:**

**To Consider:** None

**To Update:** - 25/01362/TPO Burwell House Church Road Wentworth Ely Cambridgeshire - T1 Oak - Crown lift to approx 3.5m above ground level, reduce lateral spread by approx 2m on lower canopy over garden side, crown lift/crown reduce leader over wall & road by removing approx 3-4 lowest branches and by

removing lowest secondary leader back to the main stem over hanging the road - This is to maintain shape and to create better clearance over the road- **ECDC Permitted**

**04022026/7 Council Business:**

- a) Playpark -Condition of playpark has been checked and is in good order although very wet. DL advised that he noted 15 fence rails gnawed by the neighbouring horses, he will survey the site again and count all damaged rails and inform the owner of the horses to arrange replacement at their cost.  
The Deed of Transfer has been signed by the Clerk on 03.02.26 and a final invoice for solicitor's fees and land registry received (total including land cost £9460.80 incl. VAT at £399.80). It was agreed unanimously to arrange payment so that the purchase can be completed. Clerk to arrange transfer via BACS and inform insurance of new ownership on completion. The Council accepted the donation from WFG for the sole purpose of purchasing swings for the playpark- Clerk to await revised quote and payment before ordering.
- b) Traffic & Highways - The Clerk had attended an online webinar regarding LHI (Local Highways Initiative) which requires a minimum 10% contribution towards costs, the costs ranged from £2000 - £35,000. The application window closed on 16.01.26 and an application was not submitted due to lack of reserves following purchase of playpark land. Cambridge County Council advised that an application for 20MPH Funding Scheme (no cost to Council) although advised that applications are ranked with top scoring 8-10 being successful. Criteria for scoring include accident statistics, schools, shops, business frontages and reported speeding/near miss incidents - the Council agreed that at present these criteria wouldn't score high enough and would continue to review the traffic speeding issue with view to applying in the future when reserves could be earmarked.
- c) Finance - Budget for 2026-27 agreed remotely and submitted to Precept demand at East Cambs District Council by clerk on 08.01.26.
- d) Website Accessibility & Assertion 10 - The Council agreed unanimously to engage the services of current web hosting company to carry out necessary works to make Wentworth-pc.gov.uk compliant. Clerk had requested a review of works needed and estimated at 3 hours at £45 per hour this would also include a new accessibility statement for the website.
- e) Road safety at A10/BP Roundabout - Email received from Ely Cycling Campaign calling for support to request reduced speed limit and toucan crossing since pedestrian bridge option has been put back to 2029/30 - Council agreed unanimously to send email of support to Ely Cycling Campaign.
- f) Garages on Main Street, Wentworth- BA reported on the rubbish accumulating by old Sanctuary Housing garages on Main Street, including old cars and tree trunk vegetation debris. It was agreed that the area being used as a dumping ground would encourage more rubbish. Clerk to contact Sanctuary Housing with photos of garages and request it be cleaned up and suggest that the garages be knocked down to create a parking area for residents and visitors to the playpark.

**04022026/8 Finance**

- a) To approve bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. DL proposed and BA seconded to approve bank reconciliation. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) Payments:

| <b>November</b>      |                        |         |      |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------|------|
| K&M Lighting         | Maintenance            | £10.63  | BACS |
| Julie Peck (Clerk)   | Clerk Salary           | £343.71 | BACS |
| Lloyds Bank          | Service Fee            | £4.25   | BACS |
| D Lee                | Village Maintenance    | £200.00 | BACS |
| Narkedesign          | Web hosting & support  | £253.00 | BACS |
| St Peters Church     | Donation - electric    | £200.00 | BACS |
| St Peters Church     | Hall hire              | £33.00  | BACS |
| <b>December</b>      |                        |         |      |
| Lloyds Bank          | Service Fee            | £4.25   | BACS |
| Julie Peck (Clerk)   | Clerk Salary           | £343.71 | BACS |
| K&M Lighting         | Maintenance            | £10.63  | BACS |
| Red Shoes Accounting | Payroll Services       | £52.20  | BACS |
| Stephen Allsop       | Grass cutting-playpark | £70.00  | BACS |
| <b>January</b>       |                        |         |      |
| NPower               | Streetlight Energy     | £186.28 | BACS |
| Julie Peck (Clerk)   | Clerk Salary           | £343.71 | BACS |
| K&M Lighting         | Maintenance            | £10.63  | BACS |

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- c) Direct Debits: None  
d) Income

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| <b>November</b> |                       |        |             |
| Interest        | Interest Savings Acct | £10.58 | Bank Credit |
| <b>December</b> |                       |        |             |
| Interest        | Interest Savings Acct | £8.77  | Bank Credit |
| <b>January</b>  |                       |        |             |
| Interest        | Interest Savings Acct | £9.00  | Bank Credit |

**04022026/9 Correspondence (Information only not for discussion)**

- a) Notification was received by Clerk that Dave Mc Candless of Roadwatch passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Dave had been assisting the Parish Council with speed reducing measures and capturing speed/traffic data. Clerk sent condolences on behalf on the Parish Council. No replacement has been advised yet.

**04022026/10 Diary Dates - Date of Next Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7.00 pm**

**Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm**

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**Julie Peck  
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer  
Wentworth Parish Council**

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**David Lee  
Chairman  
Wentworth Parish Council**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**