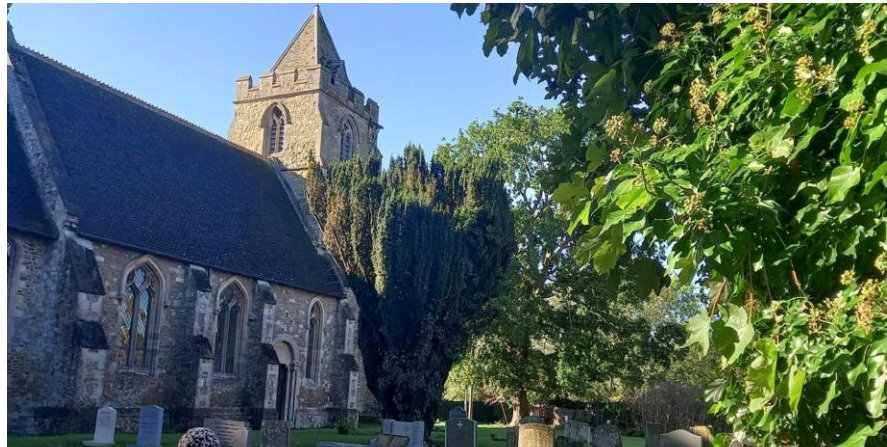


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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment was received by the Council in May 2025. This money must be spent on improving the parish and it was agreed to use this money towards the purchase of the playpark land and the associated legal costs. In addition to increased precept funding and using some reserves the purchase was finally completed on 16th March 2026.

Now that the Parish Council own the playpark land the Council and Wentworth Fundraising can apply for grants to improve and maintain the playpark facilities, something that we were unable to do whilst it was only leased to us.

Since the completion of the purchase Wentworth Fundraising have kindly donated funds to purchase a new set of swings which were officially opened as part of the Family Funday on 3rd May.

The village now has all LED bulbs in its streetlighting which has seen reduced costs in our maintenance contract and should decrease the electricity costs too.

The Parish Council donated to St Peters Church again to help with rising electricity costs in the village hall.

Mrs Barnes agreed to and has carried out the internal audit for the Annual Governance Accounting Review (AGAR) in preparation for submitting to the external auditors.

Cambridgeshire Highways finally installed a replacement road sign at the bottom of Church Road/Pools Road junction indicating to the village which has been missing since 2017.

Work continued in association with Roadwatch to collect data on speeding through the village so that the Council could look at speed reducing measures. Although data received shows we have a speeding problem with both 85 percentiles over 35 mph and a speeding over 35 mph more than 20%, qualification for funding also requires other criteria are met such as crossings associated with schools, clubs and shops or reported near misses or accident reports received. Although no one wants accidents in the village the lack of reported evidence doesn't aid our case. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the funding schemes and criteria for eligibility and will reserve funds as part of the match funding required.

There has been one planning application and one Tree Preservation Order oak tree crown lift submitted and approved during the year 2025-26.

David Lee
Chairman Wentworth Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Wentworth Parish Council is made up of 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

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		10,694.71
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		21,478.32
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		26,431.00
	Cash in Hand 31/03/2026 (per Cash Book)		5,742.03
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/03/2026	0.00	
	Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account 31/03/2026	311.47	
	Instant Access Account 31/03/2026	5,430.56	
			5,742.03
	Less unrepresented payments		
			5,742.03
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		5,742.03

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2025/26

David Lee	Chairman
Belinda Ashdown	Vice Chair
Clive Bass	Councillor

We have 2 Parish Councillor Vacancies

VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

Applications are invited for a vacancy to be filled by the parish council by co-option.

To qualify for election to a parish council a person must on the day of election be a British and/or commonwealth subject or European national or Ireland and attained the age of 18 years and

- a) on that day is and thereafter continues to be a local government elector for the area of the Authority; and/or
- b) has during the whole twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area; and/or
- c) his or her principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in the area; or
- d) has during the twelve months resided in that area; and/or
- e) during the whole twelve months has resided in the Parish or within 4.8 Kilometres (three miles) of it

Disqualification from being elected a member is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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