



WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th. January 2024
at 7pm at Warmsworth Stapleton Road Centre.**

Members Present: Cllrs. D Maxey (Chair), C. Pattison J. Auty, A. Bennett, P. Cole, S Beech & K. Lenham

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mr A. Bosmans

Apologies: None

Members Absent: N. Robertson

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Per the Agenda, The Chair reminded Councillors present that following legitimate complaints about behaviour, all Councillors should adhere to and respect Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct at all times. They should not talk over other Councillors and indicate to the Chair that they wish to speak.

24/001 To receive Disclosures of Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

There were no disclosures of Interest

24/002 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded.

Items 8(k), 12(t) and 18 were identified but not invoked.

24/003 Public Participation Session

A member of the public that was keeping an eye on the proposed Wimpey development gave an update as he saw it with Doncaster Council's Urban Design and Ecology Teams both objecting and with valid reasons.

The development had been downscaled slightly to 114 houses which was still more than the original outline and some of the proposed properties were still not in keeping with the privacy of neighbouring existing bungalows.

There were also serious concerns over disturbing a mixed bat population present in caves in the field where the development will take place – Bats hibernate in Winter and are protected in Law.

The same person raised about having a defibrillator available to residents in the Ashdale Road / Halt area. The Parish Council was looking into paying for their own outside at the Hub, and the Ashdale / Halt idea was encouraged.



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Several points were also raised about the Allotments :

- Sign to re-direct Delivery Drivers
- A pothole developing where a cable had been laid
- Feedback from Committee to be placed on the Allotments noticeboards
- Question over who cuts the grass linking allotments?
- Re-letting of plots in disrepair
- No committee of Allotment holders so where can complaints be made?

All of these were noted by the Chair who indicated that he would be taking personal responsibility for the points made and indicated that if there were grievances between the focus groups, then it was the individual plot holder to raise these with The Parish Council Committee through the Clerk.

All the members of the public then left the meeting except one person who remained for the rest of the meeting (subject to Press and Public being invoked)

24/004 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th. November 2023 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th. November 2023 are accepted as a true record.

24/005 Unresolved Items from Previous Minutes / Clerk's Update

- a. Lords Head Lane Petition – This was requested to remain on the agenda, renamed to Lords Head Lane, One Way, Cycle Path, and Pedestrian Way, alongside Sheffield Roads proposed development onto the Halt, with the Broomhouse Lane Development – awaiting further action from DMBC Planning Department – it appears Highways are making the entrance to the site wider and closing Long Lands Lane for a week. It was reported that recent storms had caused – **ONGOING**
- b. Root problem from Holiday Inn Trees – Hotel Manager has been approached – Constructive recent meeting at the Holiday Inn – Cllr Pattison to update – awaiting further contact from DMBC – **ONGOING**
- c. Defibrillator – Attempting to obtain some quotes and possible assistance from YAS – YYAS contacted awaiting response – No response – Clerk to follow up in January - **ONGOING**
- d. Signage and Dog Fouling – more signs requested in blue – Clerk to sort in January - **ONGOING**
- e. Police Presence in Warmsworth – Police been to see Centre and talk with Clerk – some more work necessary with Clerk and Police on using Hub regularly but another meeting with PCSO is planned - **ONGOING**
- f. Risk Register for Allotments to be revisited / Updated – will be inspected by Allotments Committee first - Clerk found old Risk Registers – need reviewing – to be presented to Committee in January and ratified by Parish Council in February - **ONGOING**
- g. Report Back on Christmas Fayre – Cllr Beech indicated it was a great success, most Councillors and the Clerk assisted The Raffle generated £150 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. An Easter Fayre was planned - **ONGOING**



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24/006 To Decide upon a suitable co-option to replace resigning Councillors.

There was one expression of interest who was asked to write to the Clerk – the appointment would be debated and hopefully approved at the next meeting.

Cllr J Auty indicated her resignation from the Parish Council on which she had served since 2007 – the formal acceptance of the resignation would take effect at the end of the February 2024 meeting and measures would be put in place to elect a new Vice Chair for the March Meeting as well as notifying DMBC Elections unit of the resignation.

24/007 To Hear Reports on the work of External Bodies

a. Allotments – Cllrs. Bennett / Beech / Maxey

Most plot holders had paid their fees on time, those who had not would be considered at the next Committee meeting, which was set for Monday 15th January at 6.30pm.

Items raised at the last Consultation Group and also those raised by the visitors this evening would also be discussed.

b. Playing Fields

Cllr Pattison reported that since a tree had been removed by the King George Field, the crack in the historic wall had widened. She had tried a guy who claimed to be experienced at this type of thing but was unavailable and had since resorted to a small company that had done previous work for the Parish Council of a similar nature. This would not be cheap but had been budgeted for. – around £1700 plus VAT.

A Stakeholder Meeting with the representatives of both the Football and Cricket Clubs had been scheduled for 10th January

The Funding awarded for the improvements in the Quarry Park were continuing – a new seat and a litter bin were not in yet and improvements to the pathway cannot be done until an improvement in the weather.

The Clerk was also asked to write to Doncaster Council and Highways England about the disgraceful state of the entries and exits to the A1(M) at Warmsworth – litter has been there for a very long time.

- c. Cricket Club – The number of members attending the Club appears to be dropping
- d. Football Club – The Fire extinguishers in the Lions Building have been checked recently with no problems and the state of the kitchen is to be raised by councillors at the Stakeholders Meeting.
- e. PCJCC – No meeting
- f. PROW – Cllr Pattison reported that £18k had been spent by the owners of the road at Levitt Hagg – the access was better for walkers and vehicles – but not perfect.
- g. DTUG – Nothing to Report
- h. Don Gorge – the path from Fish Pass to Levitt Hagg was being improved and raised and litter had been removed by Doncaster Council from Mill Lane – they reported to be finding it “difficult to work there”

It was also hoped to secure capital funding to improve the route between Fish Pass and Conisbrough.

The litter bin at the top of the hairpin has been re located to the bottom as it is difficult to empty but will cause more litter at the top – that was what it was there for.



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Four folding tables, a large gazebo, and a generator are offered to the Parish Council by Don Gorge on permanent loan which were gratefully accepted.

- i. Quarry Liaison – Not met
- j. Accounts Inspection – A further inspection would be scheduled with nominated councillors at year end – early April.
- k. HR Issues – There were no serious issues. The Clerk and Cllr Cole had agreed a date to meet for a “catch up”
- l. Gala Committee – No meetings had been attended recently. Councillors were disappointed at being charged for the Gala gazebo for the Christmas Fayre – The Council refused on the basis of the charge. A local resident had a suitable replacement for free which was gratefully accepted.
- m. YLCA South Yorkshire Branch – no representative at present – another meeting scheduled for February.

24/008 To Discuss items arising from the Stapleton Road Implementation Committee

A meeting was scheduled for Monday 22nd January at 5pm – there were a number of issues to discuss including proposed new business.

24/009 To Discuss Environmental / Climate

There were no items to discuss at this meeting.

24/010 To Discuss and Receive Correspondence

- a. Community First Yorkshire – Newsletters – Various
- b. NALC – Newsletters
- c. Fields in Trust – Update Newsletter
- d. YALC – White Rose Updates
- e. Northern Gas Networks – Update
- f. Northern Powergrid – Notifications of various forthcoming storms – Nov & Dec 2023
- g. SLCC – Newsletters
- h. YALC – Training programme
- i. YALC – Governance update
- j. Christmas Plus – Emergency Numbers for Christmas Break
- k. Crime Commissioner – Have your say on future policing in South Yorkshire
- l. Mayoral Combined Authority – Christmas Travel arrangements
- m. DMBC – Notification and order to repair two items on Children’s Play Area
- n. DMBC – Traffic Regulation Order – Mill Lane (circulated to Councillors)
- o. Zurich Insurance – Policy Renewal – **For Discussion**
- p. DMBC – Register of Electors - Proforma
- q. PCJCC – Minutes from last meeting – sent to all councillors
- r. Northern Powergrid – 3x webinar invites on what they do – January 2024
- s. DMBC – Advance notice of Parish Precept Deadline – 26th January 2024 - Reminder
- t. Keith Hill – New Quote for 2024 – **For Discussion (Press & Public Removed)**
- u. Sum Up – Various Bulletins
- v. Crime Commissioner – Blog 182
- w. YLCA – D-Day 80 – Letter and Information
- x. Mayoral Combined Authority – Travel master – Increased Prices
- y. Complaint about a fallen tree on Embankment – Stapleton Road
- z. Complaint about rats on green Top of Stapleton Road



The quote for three years Insurance from Zurich for Parish Council insurance was accepted and two quotes to compare with the existing contractor's quote for 2024 – 2025 are to be obtained.

24/011 Members Items

Discussion on February's Agenda about a possible Community Partnership with local residents for the Hub and to enable better funding opportunities.

Summer Funding for Young People's Activities also to be discussed.

24/012 To Discuss Financial Matters

- a) To approve Orders for Payment for January 2024. : **APPENDIX 1** The Clerk explained that most payments were standard and because the meeting was early this month, not all those expected had been documented yet – he would send out the completed payments schedule around the middle of the month.
- b) To approve Budgets and Bank Reconciliation – to end December 2023 – **APPENDIX 2 & 3** – as Attached to Agenda

RESOLVED: The payments, Budget & Bank Reconciliation to end of December 2023 be approved and signed as a true Record.

- c) To approve a Budget for 2024 – 2025 – this was explained in detail to Councillors by the Clerk – there was a modest increase in the precept proposed slightly shy of the current inflation rate – the detail was displayed in **APPENDIX 4**
Some detail questions were raised, and the budget as recommended by the Clerk was set as per the Appendix 4.

RESOLVED: That the Budget as presented for 2024 – 2025 is approved in full.

- d) To Approve a precept as recommended for 2024 – 2025

RESOLVED: That the precept for Warmsworth Parish Council for the Financial Year 2024 – 2025 is increased from £53,000 to £55,000 and will be notified to Doncaster Council accordingly.

24/013 To Consider Resolutions Notified by Members

The proposal from Cllr Pattison to look at plugging gap in fence to prevent off road bikes on KGF is deferred Until the Stakeholder meeting at the agreed date in January 2024.

At this point, Cllr Lenham asked to be excused and left the meeting.

24/014 To Consider Planning Matters

There were no Planning Matters identified for scrutiny at this meeting.

24/015 To Confirm the date of the Next meeting.

Confirmed as **7.00 pm on Monday 12th February 2024** at the Warmsworth Community Hub



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24/016 To Move that Press and Public are Excluded.

This was not Required.


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