



# WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th.  
January 2023 at 7pm at Warmsworth Stapleton Road Centre.**

Before the meeting was formally opened, Mr Simon Auty gave a presentation to Councillors on a new web page and invited comments by e-mail after the meeting – the design and presentation was well received.

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

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Mr A. Bosmans, and two members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllrs P. Cole - The reason for absence being accepted.

**Members Absent:** Cllrs. N. Robertson

Councillors mentioned a "Duty of Care" towards Cllr Robertson who had been unwell – Cllr Pattison again would make a further attempt to contact him to ascertain his state of health & wellbeing.

## **23/001 To receive Disclosures of Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

None Received

## **23/002 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded.**

Items 9(k) and 19 were identified if necessary.

## **23/003 Public Participation Session**

A member of the public who identified himself as Henry Anderson - Deputy Head at Warmsworth Primary and indicated that he was attending in order to forge greater links with local bodies for the youngsters to appreciate local businesses, culture and history as well as getting a sense of community and what Warmsworth was all about.

Councillors came up with a number of ideas and it was regarded as a very positive contact to forge links in several different ways.

## **23/004 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th. November 2022 be signed as a correct record.**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th. November 2022 is accepted as a true record.

## **22/005 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a. Stapleton Road Resource Centre – Hot water and heating now running but some of radiators may need replacing as not running "efficiently". Some electrical work on the emergency lighting still required and the kitchen has arrived and – All customers have been informed of new pricing



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structure and charges for storage – Clerk not aware of any feedback so far on new charges. Grant for chairs is with Cllr Reid having been completed by Clerk - **ONGOING**

- b. There was a need to seek quotes for portioning off the area behind the reception into two parts with a double door and the CCTV was about to be fitted – because of major spend on higher priorities on Stapleton Road, this has been postponed – **ONGOING**
- c. 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 Graceholme Site Co-operative Development Plan, and Sheffield Roads proposed development onto the Halt, with the Broomhouse Lane Development– **ONGOING**
- d. Grass Cutting – KG Field – The new agreement with Oakwood is working well, the Cricket club have agreed a selling fee for the old mower which we no longer require and a settlement fee for cutting plus a small annual fee for keeping the cricket area up to cricket standards. They must also keep the area around the screens tidy at their cost or risk having them sited elsewhere. It was reported that the Contractor was wishing to attend to crowning of two trees near where the screens are stored – Cricket club to be asked to move the screens temporarily to facilitate access – **ONGOING**
- e. Remembrance Commemorations – arrangements went well – the usual number of people attended without a procession – all main attendees thanked for their presence and help – **COMPLETED**
- f. Cottage – a valuation from more than one source – Clerk to investigate – **ONGOING**
- g. New Contact for Playschool – this is being drafted and is to be discussed before approval by the end of January – **ONGOING**
- h. New Contract for Football Club – Following the protracted discussions with the cricket club, there can now be a formal and detailed discussion with the Lions over their lease and charges for cutting the grass. Progress is expected on this by the end of January - **ONGOING**

### **23/006 To Consider Election of a Vice Chair**

After a very short discussion it was agreed to appoint Cllr J Auty as Vice Chair until the next AGM in May 2023

**RESOLVED:** Cllr J Auty is appointed as Vice Chair to Warmsworth Parish Council until the next Parish Council AGM in May 2023.

### **23/007 To Decide upon a suitable co-option to replace resigning Councillors.**

The Clerk indicated that there were now two Casual Vacancies for Parish Council appointment. The Chair had asked Sally Beech to attend the meeting and she was asked to outline her reasons behind being appointed as a Councillor.

All Councillors were prepared to appoint her as a Casual Vacancy and the Clerk asked her to apply with an email with contact details etc and he would arrange a suitable time to go through a short induction.

**RESOLVED:** Sally Beech is appointed to one of the two Casual vacancies on Warmsworth Parish Council.



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## 23/008 To Hear Reports on the work of External Bodies

### a. Allotments – Cllrs. Bennett / Lenham

A further Committee Meeting is required urgently – Cllr. Lenham will send out some dates. It was also reported that long-standing Allotment Holder Mr Ron Winn had passed away – he had been ill for some time. Once inducted, Sally Beech was appointed as a new member of the Committee.

There was also a need to establish another “focus” group of selected plot holders.

### b. Environmental Group / Playing Fields – Cllr Pattison submitted a written report, which was circulated:

#### Environmental Group:

Still no success sorting out the removal of obsolete cable cabinet and vandalised phone booth with Open Reach.

Quarry Park project meeting to be organised for Feb / March with Warmsworth Environment Group to discuss the projects for the park to be funded.

Due to slowdown of Handyman’s work in the Cecil / Wrightson’s backs please can we contact the residents in the area of the importance of no-fly tipping and removing their bins off the highway after bin day.

Agreement to send a letter of concern to Doncaster Council regarding the lack of basic services in Warmsworth.

- Litter bins removed and not replaced.
- Utilities digging up grass verges not being reseeded.
- Grass in gutters on roads around Warmsworth where weedkilling has not been successful and has been reported without action taken.
- Requests on numerous occasions for Lords Head Lane to be litter picked and requests are being ignored.
- No DMBC employees litter picking in problem areas for litter such as in Back Side Lane.

The Clerk agreed to pick these issues up with the Head of Street Scene


Mayflower Road / substation / dumping problem. The resident involved in this problem has put his property up for sale so we are monitoring the situation as it may improve once the house has been sold. We will consider contacting Northern Power to inform them there could be a development on this site, as the Enforcement Officer noted the above, and indicated that the land belongs to N Power,

#### Completed Projects:

- Hairpin bend chevrons and bollards
- PROW path Hairpin, project completed and grant towards materials paid to the Don Gorge group.
- 2 x benches the Halt.
- Tree removed Common Lane adjacent to the KGF entrance.

#### King George Field:

1. Awaiting February date for a stakeholder meeting
2. Cricket club still awaiting instalment contract for the purchase of the mower and awaiting grass cutting payment. Also, renewal of both football and cricket club contracts.



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3. DMBC removed offending tree and cut back branches of the tree obscuring the lamppost light adjacent to the KGF entrance gate. Residents who complained have now been updated.
  4. Once agreed I will contact the local stonemason Mr Steve Dodd's to confirm a date for the stone wall adjacent to the old entrance to be repaired in the new financial year. This can go-ahead.
  5. Signage for disability gate, and entrance gate still not ordered have been waiting 6 Months.
  6. Still awaiting application of vandal paint for the CCTV pole
  7. Have spoken with Grass Contractor regarding the removal of fallen leaves from the paths and he has confirmed that it is in his contract to clear the leaves from around entrance gates and the main pathway.
  8. Contractor also mentioned the cutting of the football pitches in the main season clubs usually cut weekly but we are only paying for every 2 weeks in the season. I explained that any extra cutting required would have to be arranged with the Football Club as it would be up to them to pay for the additional cuts.
- b. Cricket Club – AGM reported to be on 31<sup>st</sup> January and also understood to be some upset between some social and cricket club members.
  - c. Football Club – There was still a need to establish a new lease of KGF by Lions and to discuss recompense for grass cutting plus a solution to the fence paint guarantee. The Clerk and the Chair would arrange this between themselves and resolve by the end of January.
  - d. PCJCC – No Meeting
  - e. PROW – Nothing to report other than a good job was being done on the steps down through the hairpin
  - f. DTUG – Nothing to report.
  - g. Don Gorge – Functioning quite well with some new volunteers – AGM scheduled for April 2023 – Don Gorge #Group needs some stone for a project – Cllr Bennett given the contact at the Quarry.
  - h. Quarry Liaison – The one hedge that was cut by Rotherham MBC has been settled by Sibelco direct – there needs to be a further dialogue over including the cutting of the hedge on the boundary of the Allotments.
  - i. Accounts Inspection – the next inspection will be scheduled for early April 2023.
  - j. HR Issues –No issues
  - k. Gala Committee – The Chair still has had no contact with the Committee and would seek further advice on this.
  - l. YLCA South Yorkshire Branch – Next meeting scheduled for February – Clerk will send details.

**23/009 To Discuss forming a form of Community Management / Group to obtain Funding independent of the Council for the Stapleton Road Centre.**

This was further deferred to a future Meeting.

**23/010 To Discuss Environmental / Climate Change Issues**

There was nothing further at present to discuss about this. Cllr J Auty was considering purchase of Environmentally friendly products for the new centre.





### 23/011 To Look at a new Media Policy

There are several examples of this, and the Clerk would investigate a draft – this was deferred until the next meeting.

### 23/012 To Discuss and Receive Correspondence

- a. Community First Yorkshire – Newsletters – Various
- b. NALC – Newsletters
- c. Fields in Trust – Update Newsletter
- d. YALC – White Rose Update
- e. Northern Gas Networks – Update
- f. SLCC – Newsletters
- g. Cllr R Reid – Various DMBC Information
- h. Cllr R Reid – forms for application of grant for Chairs
- i. SYPTE – Increase in fares with TM Travel
- j. SYPTE - £2 Maximum Bus Fare
- k. SYPTE – Increase in Travelmaster and card travel fares in January 2023
- l. SYPTE – Increase in Stagecoach Supertram fares in 2023.
- m. DMBC – Funding Opportunities
- n. YALC – Training programme to March
- o. Well Doncaster – Winter Warm Community Spaces
- p. DMBC – Temporary Traffic Restrictions – Burst water main – Low Road West over Christmas period.
- q. National Powergrid – What to do in an emergency (Festive Period in mind)
- r. DMBC – Useful Contacts
- s. DMBC – Richard Lewis – report on actions in Warmsworth & Edlington
- t. Edlington & Warmsworth Talks – Magazine
- u. PCJCC – 20's Plenty Presentation
- v. Play Inspection Company – Annual Inspection Report
- w. DMBC – Policy on attachment of fittings to Street Property (Christmas Decorations mainly) in 2023
- x. Alzheimer's Society – New pre-diagnostic tests in Doncaster
- y. DMBC – Precept Setting Tool and Instructions

These were all noted. The Clerk would send all Councillors a copy of the Report on the Inspection of the Play equipment on the King George Field – Cllr Pattison requested a paper copy to inspect in detail, which the Clerk agreed to do.


### 23/013 Members Items

There were no items.

### 23/014 To Discuss Financial Matters

- a) To approve Orders for Payment: **APPENDIX 1**  
The Clerk had not identified as yet which items needed to be paid but would send the schedule to all and the Chair would witness how the payments were made – other Councillors are to be invited to do the same to enable transparency.
- b) To approve Budgets and Bank Reconciliation – to end December 2022 – **APPENDIX 2 & 3** – as Attached to Agenda

**RESOLVED:** The payments, Budget & Bank Reconciliation to end of December 2022 be approved and signed as a true Record.



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- c) The Clerk updated Councillors on the leak – this had now been plugged and work was going on between the Clerk, the Contractors, the water supplier, and Yorkshire Water to come to a suitable settlement. Costs for repair were around £5k and the cost of the lost water for which a credit was also sought. Everflow were still dealing with this and negotiating with Severn Trent and Yorkshire Water
- d) To Approve the 2023 – 2024 Parish Council Budget – **APPENDIX 4**

The Clerk produced the schedule for the Financial Year 2023 – 2024 which (based on the forecast up to financial Year end, would mean some serious analysis and discussion over any projects for next year.

There was some debate over the Budget, but it was recognised that the Budget had to be challenging.

**RESOLVED:** The Budget for 2023 – 2024 is established as presented by the Clerk

- e) To Set the Parish Council Precept for 2023 – 2024 – **APPENDIX 5**

The Clerk indicated a number of scenarios based upon a model established for reporting the Precept, by Doncaster MBC. There was some comparison between the current rate of inflation (around 11%0 and the projected increase in the precept – between 3 and 5%. The debate steered towards a very modest increase in the precept and recognised that Warmsworth Parish Council was undertaking some useful projects in the Parish and had never asked the Council taxpayers for significant increases in the past.

The agreed precept was from £44.45 to £46.09 annually for Band D payers (3.69%) – Most Householders in Warmsworth would pay less than this.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Precept would increase to £46.09 annually for Band D Council Taxpayers

### **23/015 To Consider Resolutions Notified by Members**

None were notified.

### **23/016 To Consider Planning Matters**

22/02422/FUL - 9 Grosvenor Crescent Warmsworth Doncaster DN4 9NJ new garage & utility room after demolition of previous

22/02412/FUL - Formation of dropped kerb and laying of tarmac/concrete area (being resubmission of application 22/01646/FUL refused on 23.09.2022) - Bridge Acre Broomhouse Lane Balby Doncaster

22/02223/FUL - Erection of a single storey rear extension. (NEW PLANS RECEIVED) - 9 Hyland Crescent Warmsworth Doncaster DN4 9JS.

22/02807/TEL - Installation of telecommunications 5G telecoms H3G 18m street pole and additional equipment cabinets - Telecommunication Mast Grosvenor Terrace Warmsworth Doncaster

No significant Observations were made.

### **23/017 To Confirm the date of the Next meeting.**

Confirmed as **7.00 pm on 13th February 2023 (Monday) in the Stapleton Centre.**

### **23/018 To Move that Press and Public are Excluded.**

This was not invoked as there was no confidential business.



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