



# WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th. November  
2024 at 7pm at Warmsworth Stapleton Road Centre.**

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

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Mr A. Bosmans

**Apologies:** None

**Members Absent:** Cllrs C Lacey

There was one member of the public in attendance

**24/158 To receive Disclosures of Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

There were no disclosures of Interest

**24/159 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded.**

Items 9k & 19 were identified, but not used

**24/160 Public Participation Session**

The Member of the public was attending and asked to introduce Councillors to a scheme which he is planning by the river Don on the Warmsworth side. He indicated that this would be a kind of "wild camping site" for young people and there would be various safeguards in place including the hosting of young people and siting away from the flooding wherever possible.

There would also be some facilities set aside for angling.

Councillors asked various questions including safeguards, flooding mitigation, and crucially, access at the bottom of the hairpin bend, and what would the site offer.

In principle there was no objection to the development, but the gentleman was urged to liaise with the Don Gorge Group, perhaps working in co-operation with them to safeguard the riverside and walkways around it.

It was agreed to await further developments and the gentleman thanked Councillors for affording him the opportunity to outline his plans. Planning permission would have to be sought, and the Parish Council would be kept informed as the proposal was within the parish boundaries.

  
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**24/161 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th. October 2024 be signed as a correct record.**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th. October 2024 are accepted as a true record.

**24/162**

**Unresolved Items from Previous Minutes / Clerk's Update**

- a. Doncaster Highways are investigating the most effective calming measure for Lords Head Lane. Highways will be contacting the parish council once there has been a decision made on the best calming equipment and when it will be installed. We are yet to receive any confirmation on any changes from Doncaster Council. The speed limit on the Lane is to be reduced after consultation to 40mph – **ONGOING**
- b. Root problem from Holiday Inn Trees – Cllr Pattison will update – now looking like further progress will not be until early New Year– **ONGOING**
- c. Signage and Dog Fouling – Signs have been received and were now awaiting positioning on the King George Field and on the Allotments – of two installed, one was now missing and another damaged beyond repair. It was agreed to order two replacements for these – not ordered yet - **ONGOING**
- d. 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 – there has recently been a significant increase in local incidents especially attempted theft / Burglary and property damage, police activity has been spotted, but mainly at the wrong times for the type of “unlawful activities” - **ONGOING**
- e. Smokers discarded Tabs – it was mentioned that these get everywhere – the Clerk will order a new box for discarded tabs and designate an approved smoking area. Rob’s summer workload is now much lighter so the item will be ordered – **ONGOING**
- f. Signage and barrier for non-patrons at the Hub – on hold at present as there is not the problem that there was but it is being monitored – **ONGOING**
- g. Damage to playing fields sustained during Gala Event - The repair has been made. Warmsworth PC have been invoiced, the invoice paid, and the Gala Committee have been sent an invoice for their part of the deal and the Fairgrounds agreed amount with a view to the Gala Committee claiming the money from the fair and banking the payment for themselves having already paid Warmsworth – This has been received - **COMPLETED**
- h. Blocked culverts – KGF – Cllr Pattison A further meeting with Doncaster Council is to be arranged – **ONGOING**
- i. Doncaster Council “ordering” tree outside Hub to be trimmed back – Cllr Maxey has been dealing with this one – awaiting a reply from the Assets Team at Doncaster Council - **ONGOING**

**24/163 To Hear Reports on the work of External Bodies**

- a. **Allotments – Cllrs. Bennett / Beech / Maxey**

It was reported that the trees hanging over from Cherry Garth would be trimmed – Cllr Bennett had given the Clerk a contact number. Cllr Bennett and the Chair are to arrange a site visit.



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The Clerk had received a complaint from the new estate adjoining the allotments about Bee droppings causing damage allegedly from the bees kept on the allotments – The Clerk would clarify rules on beekeeping with the Bee Keeping Association, the Allotments Association and talk to the beekeepers on the allotments.

b. Playing Fields / Environment

Cllr Pattison had been away for a few days and stated that there was little to report this month.

Comments were made that fires had been started on the Res which had been reported to the police and the Warmsworth Environmental Group have taken delivery of two tubs acquired with grant money – these are yet to be located.

c. Cricket Club – There was nothing to report. Now out of season.

d. Football Club – The work on the damaged part of the field it was thought, had been well-received.

e. PCJCC – A meeting is planned to obtain views on the Sheffield City Region Mayor bus consultation.

f. PROW – Doncaster Council reported that one footpath had been de-registered in Warmsworth from Back Side Lane to High Road Warmsworth bordering the A1 (M) on the East side. It has become impossible to relocate because houses have been placed on the land.

g. DTUG – Currently a consultation by the City Region Mayor for South Yorkshire over bus services.

h. Don Gorge – There had not been a meeting. It was planned for the following week.

i. Quarry Liaison – Nothing to report

j. Accounts Inspection – Still to be arranged between the Internal and External Audit. A date was agreed but one councillor did not turn up.

k. HR Issues – Councillors were informed that the staff “problem” had been solved by the resignation of the individual.

l. Gala Committee – The invoice sent to the Committee for damage, was, the Clerk believed, registered as paid. The Chair had not been invited to any meetings if they were being held.

m. YLCA South Yorkshire Branch – No Report

n. Events Committee – The Halloween event went very well and was well- attended. The Chair revealed that they had received two complaints about the Remembrance Day event but was acting on this.

The Christmas event was scheduled for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 11.00 but a request was made for assistance on the Saturday prior to the event.

Cllrs Beech and Craggs both stated that events could be held in future, but it was getting far too much for just 2 councillors to do and more assistance was requested.

An event “The Warmsworth Feast” was planned though not confirmed for June / July and there was also the possibility of a celebration in May around celebrations for V E Day.

**24/164 To Discuss items arising from the Stapleton Road Implementation Committee.**

It was reported that there were some “vicious” rumours about the future of the Warmsworth Library, its closure and transfer of facilities to the Hub. Warmsworth parish Council Chair and Clerk had to dispel this



rumour and Doncaster Councillor Cole emphasised that it was unlikely that any decision over all the outlying libraries in Doncaster would be taken by the Mayor and Cabinet before June 2025.

At this stage (8.15pm) Cllrs Cole and Lenham asked to be excused.

#### **24/165 To Discuss Environmental / Climate**

There were no items to discuss at this meeting.

#### **24/166 To Discuss the possibility of holding a Warmsworth Feast in 2025 – Cllrs Beech / Bennett**

It was reported that this was still being considered and an update would be forthcoming in the new year.

#### **24/167 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 / Training bulletins
- e. SLCC – Newsletters
- f. YALC – Training programme
- g. PROW – Next Meeting & Agenda – DMBC
- h. Smoke Free Doncaster – More Stop Smoking support
- i. PAT Testing Invoice and Certification
- j. Hard Wire Invoice and certification
- k. DMBC – Temporary Traffic Order – Edlington Lane (Remembrance Day)
- l. DMBC – Temporary Closure – Broomhouse Lane – 1 week
- m. Allotment Society -AGM – 9<sup>th</sup> November – Leeds
- n. NALC – New Salary Scales 2024 – 2025 (Backdated to April 2024)

Correspondence was noted – The Clerk updated Councillors on the NALC wages increase which amounted to around 0.60p / hour extra for staff backdated to April 2024.

#### **24/168 Members Items**

No items were notified

#### **24/169 To Discuss Financial Matters**

- a) To approve Orders for Payment – November / December 2024 - **APPENDIX 1**  
There were no queries about the payments, and they were noted.
- b) Budgets and Bank Reconciliation – October 2024 – **APPENDIX 2 & 3**

**RESOLVED:** The payments, Budget & Bank Reconciliation to end of October 2024 be approved

#### **24/170 To Consider Resolutions Notified by Members**

To consider the Formation of a "Friends Group" for the King George Field – This was again deferred.

  
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**24/171 To Consider Planning Matters**

**24/01952/FUL** - External works including installation of new windows and doors, change of use of former working men's club to retail on ground floor - Graceholme Working Men's Club And Institute 132 Edlington Lane Warmsworth, Doncaster.

Councillors were pleased that the building was being developed and no significant observations to the contrary were made.

**24/172 To Confirm the date of the Next meeting.**

Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.00 pm – Warmsworth Community Hub, Stapleton Road  
There is not normally a meeting in December.

**24/173 To Move that Press and Public are Excluded.**

This was not necessary.



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