



# WARMSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th. October 2024  
at 7pm at Warmsworth Stapleton Road Centre.**

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs J. Craggs & C Pattison

**Members Absent:** None

The reasons for apologies were accepted

There was one member of the public in attendance and Cllr Bernard laird was welcomed to his first official Council meeting.

**24/140 To receive Disclosures of Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

There were no disclosures of Interest

**24/141 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded.**

Items 9k & 19 were identified, but not used

**24/142 Public Participation Session**

The Member of the public was attending as an observer and had no issues to raise.

**24/143 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th. September 2024 be signed as a correct record.**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th. September 2024 are accepted as a true record.

**24/144**

**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 – Holiday Inn is liaising with DMBC trees team – quote obtained by Holiday Inn Contractors was unrealistic. The trees expert at Doncaster Council has, as of yet to be back in touch to make any kind of suggestion. Cllr Cole agreed to contact the officer concerned on this issue – see update – **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 – being sought from a supplier and a policy also being drafted – **ONGOING**
- g. Damage to playing fields sustained during Gala Event – The Gala Committee have offered £125 of the shortfall in funding as a “gesture of goodwill” This was not well received by some Councillors, as at no point was an apology issued for the damage and there was no proactivity on reporting the damage to the Council. However, the gesture was accepted to enable repair and ability to move on. 50 percent of the damage will be paid for by the funfair owners. The Clerk has been done; the Clerk is awaiting the bill from Rotherham MBC to enable recharge - **ONGOING**
- h. Blocked culverts – KGF – Cllr Pattison has arranged for a meeting with Doncaster Council but is away on holiday and the Clerk cannot attend – Chair attended but was let down – another meeting to be arranged – **ONGOING**

**24/145 To Resolve that Doncaster Council, need to resurface some roads in a poor state in Warmsworth – Low Road West, Quaker Lane and Badsworth Road .**

It was reported that most of the side roads in Warmsworth were in a shocking state – Cllr Cole agreed to take the matter back to Doncaster Council and obtain assurances that the poor condition of the roads would be addressed. Darrington and the road parallel to Sheffield Road were also mentioned.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Cole is requested to take the issue to Doncaster Council and attempt to resolve the matter.

**24/146 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 had been trimmed to an extent but Cllr. Bennett had secured the services of a gardener to deal with the rest and would send his details to the Clerk.



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b. Playing Fields / Environment

Cllr Pattison was not present but had sent a report for circulation:

1. Pleased to report the obsolete single fence panel at the Mill Lane junction has been removed and ground maintenance plan to reseed the damaged areas of verge.
  2. Due to other demands Rob has not had time to reinstate the KGF signs but hoping to reinstate asap.
  3. Dave to meet with Chris Elliott, Doncaster Council Grounds Engineer regarding the KGF culvert in need of maintenance? Cllr Maxey already updated the Council.
  4. The holiday Inn is still waiting for a response from the DMBC tree team regarding advice on how to deal with the root problem on the KGF public path  
The Holiday Inn manager is having problems engaging a contractor to do the work as they will not commit without advice from DMBC how deal with the protected tree, root problem.
  5. The Gala Day damage to the KGF has now been rectified and awaiting for the gala committee to organise payment with the fair ground company.
  6. A Remembrance day banner 10ft x 2ft is to displayed on the Festival Garden purchased by the WEG.
  7. Signs for the 20mph on the Warmsworth side roads is in the process of being implemented. Traffic calming to help with speeding on the lower part of Lords Head Lane will be installed in the coming weeks.
  8. Residents on the Halt have been experiencing problems with lorries trying to cut the traffic queues on Edlington Lane by driving up the Halt, realising their mistake and then having difficulty reversing back down to the junction. The Halt Tenants & Residents association requested a **NO THROUGH** road sign and highways have agreed to install a sign at the Halt junction Edlington Lane.
  9. WEG to organise a site meeting with Doncaster Council officers to discuss what other work is required to meet the criteria to achieve GREEN FLAG status for the Quarry Park.  
  
Still after all the work implemented we are not at the standard required even though the tennis court has been upgraded; we have decent play areas. open green space and a dell in the centre of the park. According to the criteria there is still work to be done which will be labour intensive!
  10. The cricket committee have requested permission to install a container to store their wooden seating which is attracting youth activity on an evening. The Chair asked Councillors if they were willing to allow for the Cricket Club to site an extra container for storage outside their pavilion – this was agreed subject to the container being appropriately painted.
- c. Cricket Club – There was nothing to report. Other than item 10 above.
- d. Football Club – The work on the damaged part of the field has been done and the Clerk is awaiting the bill.
- e. PCJCC – Cllr Maxey had attended and gave a brief report
- f. PROW – a meeting was due and the agenda sent to Cllr Pattison.



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- g. DTUG – Nothing to report
- h. Don Gorge – There had not been a meeting.
- i. Quarry Liaison – Nothing to report
- j. Accounts Inspection – To be arranged between the Internal and External Audit. Cllrs Beech and Lacey would do this on an agreed date.
- k. HR Issues – Councillors would be updated at the end of the meeting where Press and Public Exclusion would be agreed.
- l. Gala Committee – The Clerk was awaiting the bill for the repair of the turf on the King George Field and would arrange for an invoice to be sent to the Gala on receipt.
- m. YLCA South Yorkshire Branch – Cllr Lacey had agreed to attend this – the meeting was virtual and the Clerk would send her details of how to join.
- n. Events Committee – Two events planned – for Halloween on 26<sup>th</sup> October and for Christmas on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Cllrs Beech and Craggs were working hard to achieve two successful events and pleaded to all Councillors and Parish Council Staff for assistance.

**24/147 To discuss the use of Croner's Advice Service for a radical overhaul of Health & Safety Statements / Policy / Risk Register / Risk Assessments**

Councillors were told that Croner's who had been engaged as Warmsworth Parish Council HR Advisors, had done a similar Health and Safety Assessment and concluded that there were some aspects of the Parish Council's Policies needed revision and this would also include an annual review. The charge was similar to the HR cover which had been more than useful, so it was agreed to have the review done and use Croner as a resource for Health and Safety and Risk assessments.

**RESOLVED** : Croner's would be engaged as Health and Safety / Risk Assessment Advisors for the Parish Council.

**24/148 To Discuss items arising from the Stapleton Road Implementation Committee**

Another meeting needs to be scheduled, because of several other things happening at present and the Clerk being on vacation, planning a new meeting had been delayed.

**24/149 To Discuss Environmental / Climate**

There were no items to discuss at this meeting.

**24/150 To Discuss the possibility of holding a Warmsworth Feast in 2025 – Cllrs Beech / Bennett**

Cllrs Beech and Bennett were enthusiastic about this as it revives an old tradition in Warmsworth which had been spotted in an old directory on Doncaster from the 1930's. Various Doncaster villages held different events on different dates and Warmsworth was on or around St. Peter's Day (29<sup>th</sup> June).

Councillors agreed to allow Cllrs Bennett and Beech investigate the feasibility of this being revived in 2025.

**RESOLVED** : Councillors could investigate the viability of reviving an annual "Warmsworth Feast" around the date of St Peter's Day.



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#### **24/151 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 – Stop Smoking support
- i. DMBC – Local Nature Reserve Strategy
- j. I & A Building Services – Bill for KGF Wall

Correspondence was noted

#### **24/152 Members Items**

No items were notified

#### **24/153 To Discuss Financial Matters**

- a) To approve Orders for Payment – October 2024 - **APPENDIX 1**  
There were no queries about the payments, and they were noted.

- b) Budgets and Bank Reconciliation – September 2024 – **APPENDIX 2 & 3**

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

- c) Update on External Audit – it was confirmed that PKF Littlejohn had returned the audit as completed and signed off with no issues at all – this was very well received.

#### **24/154 To Consider Resolutions Notified by Members**

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

#### **24/155 To Consider Planning Matters**

**24/01818/FUL-** Erection of single and two storey extensions to rear, formation of rooms in roof space including installation of dormer windows and erection of detached gym/playroom to rear. 127 Sheffield Road Warmsworth Doncaster DN4 9QX – Most of this development was to the rear of the large garden – there were no observations

#### **24/156 To Confirm the date of the Next meeting.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00 pm – Warmsworth Community Hub, Stapleton Road

#### **24/157 To Move that Press and Public are Excluded.**

This was not necessary.



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