

WENTWORTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held in the Mechanics Institute, Wentworth on Thursday
30th April, 2026 6.30pm

01/26	Present Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Mr S Peace (Vice Chairman) Councillors Mrs V Sykes, Mr J Knight, Mr T Hill, Mr D Booth.	
02/26	Apologies Councillors Mrs C Shaw, Mr P Martin, Mrs J Annetts	
03/26	The Chairman chaired the meeting and he welcomed those present and confirmed copies of the agenda and last year's Minutes were available.	
04/26	Members of the Public No members of the public attended the assembly meeting.	
05/26	The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on the 17 th March were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Knight, Seconded by Cllr Hill.	
06/26	Annual Report by Chairman of Wentworth Parish Council The Chair reported that the past year from April 2025 to March 2026 has seen a number of initiatives progressed by the Council. As is often the case, the Parish Council is bound with rules and procedures that can make progress frustratingly slow, but it tries to move forward where it can. The Chair listed a number of achievements in which the Parish Council had undertaken over the past year, in which there were 62. The Pavilion at Wentworth has now been completed after being refurbished and in use. The Parish Council would like to thank the Wentworth Charity's for their contributions in making the refurbishment of the pavilion a success. (We still have to complete the externals of the pavilion) Traffic is still an issue, Cllr Pearce holds a regular subcommittee with a group from the other organisations in the village, including RMBC, local businesses and the Estates.	
07/26	Issues raised by Residents of the Parish. No residents of the Parish attended the meeting.	
08/26	Administration The Parish Council now have a new looking web site, wentworthparishcouncil.gov.uk and that each Councillor including the Clerk have now a .gov email address following on from last year's AGAR audit recommendations. In March this year our Clerk resigned her position due to her being accepted to university, we have therefore advertised the Clerks position but to no avail, therefore, we will be re advertising the position in May 2026. Over the past year, the Parish Council has implemented online banking which is not as straightforward as you might think. The Parish Council has also initiated a programme of training for councillors in regards to Safeguarding which has been undertaken. The Parish Council	

	have many policies and procedures in place which are regularly reviewed and updated, last reviewed May 2026 all of which are on the web site.	
09/26	Planning Applications The Parish Council reviews every planning application within the Parish. The Parish Council supports them where we feel it advisable, but it objects where it thinks best and are legally able to do so.	
10/26	Any other business The Chair thanked all the Parish Councillors including our volunteer Clerk and RFO for their work over the past months since the Clerk resigned. Without the Parish Councillors, and Brough Councillors, including other groups in the parish, Wentworth & Harley would be a much poorer and sadder place to live.	

The Meeting was declared closed at 21.05pm

Signed as a true record *Brendan J McNamara* CMIOSH MIIRSM

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