

WENTWORTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly held in the Mechanics Institute, Wentworth on Monday
the 17th March 2025 commenced at 7.30pm.**

01/25	Councillor Mr B. McNamara (Chairman) Councillor Mr S Peace (Deputy Chairman) Councillors Mrs V Sykes, Mrs C Shaw, Mr J Knight, Mr T Hill, Mr D Booth, Mr P Martin. Councillors: Ms C Hawley, Mr P Martin.	
02/25	Other than an amendment to Minute 06/24, The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on the 13 th March 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Shaw, Seconded by Cllr Booth.	
03/25	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Chair of the Parish Councils Report. The Chair ran through his report.</p> <p>The Parish Council have achieved 78 achievements since Jan 2024 to March 2025, a list of all the achievements can be found on the Parish Councils Web page .</p> <p>A discussion took place concerning the placing of the notice in the Noticeboard, also the wording on agenda that residents needed to contact the Parish Council if they wished to speak.</p> <p>The meeting were saddened to note that Peter Williams had passed away following the accident.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that something should be done to improve road safety.</p> <p>The meeting noted the positive news that a 20 mile per hour limit would be implemented in Harley, as well as traffic calming table tops. It was hoped that consideration might be given to extending the scheme.</p> <p>RHS flower show discussions have taken place in which several groups attended the meeting to discuss the traffic plans for the RHS show. The meeting was held in the Estate Office concerning traffic calming measures that were being temporarily put in place for RHS Wentworth, and the possibility of a traffic report being produced for the village after the event.</p> <p>A resident reported that she parked her vehicles on the road outside her house and two vehicles had been replaced due to damage sustained.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter be sent to RMBC, both the Wentworth Residents Association and the Parish Council should push together for a meeting with RMBC.</p> <p>The WRA reported on the work that had been undertaken on the footpath, which they felt was substandard.</p>	

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The War Memorial was discussed. Harley Ward were thanked for their assistance. It was noted that there had also been Wentworth Councillors present at the event. It was agreed that the outer area was in need of a clean. Major work had been undertaken 9 years previously to re-set the flags and refurbish it.

The meeting went on to discuss the request by the WRA for funding for a defibrillator.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the reasons why the Parish Council had refused the latest funding request.

Following extensive discussions concerning whether the solar panel would work, the reasons for the refusal, the new grant funding application process and the concern that the bank statements submitted weren't clear. The meeting also discussed the purpose of the Williston's Gift, the amount of income that had been spent in the last twelve months, how the application had been dealt with when it was transferred over from the Parish Council to the Williston's Gift Trustees.

The Wentworth Residents Association said that it was now the case that it wasn't just the Parish Council and the WRA involved and there were now other people affected.

Following further extensive discussion, the Chair agreed that the WRA should print a blank form off, bring it back to the Parish Council along with an up to date bank statement. The WRA felt that many Charities would struggle to complete the application form. It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to revise the form to provide an option for a request to be submitted to either the Parish Council or Williston's Gift.

Defibrillator - A parishioner raised the question about there being two Defibs that the PC had bought previously, one at Harley and one at Lea Brook Lane, this was incorrect. The Defib at Harley was purchased by monies raised by the Mission Rooms, funding was also from other sources, for the Red phone box and the electrical work.

The one at Lea Brook Lane does not exist as the previous Parish Councillor acquired a Defib from another source and not from the PC, also that there wasn't a suitable location to position the Defib, therefore, there is no Defib at this location.

All present agreed that there was a need to work together for the benefit of the community.

The community Skips have been ordered for the morning of the 5th April and that the posters advertising the skips have been displayed on the notice boards. Copies of the posters have also been sent to the WVCA & WRA.

The meeting reported on the progress of the sports pavilion. It was back in

	<p>the hands of the Estate as a temporary measure. Funding was being explored through an amenity trust. The Insurers had paid out and drawings had been produced with the same footprint. It was noted that the cracks were being explored. Cracks in the concrete flooring had been investigated by a structural engineer and no further action is required.</p> <p>A parishioner raised the issues re the condition of the war memorial was discussed i.e. lead work and [1] general condition of it. The chairman informed attendees at the meeting that the war memorial now belongs to the FWE.</p>	
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The Meeting was declared closed at 21.05pm

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