**Wray with Botton Parish Council**

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**Monday 14th July 2025, 7pm. Meeting Room, Village Institute**

**MINUTES**

Meeting commenced 19:00

Present – Cllr Cheshire, Cllr Wright, Cllr Walkden, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Cummins, Cath Halstead, Abbie Harrison (Clerk)

**26/38 – Apologies for absence –** Cllr James Staveley

**26/39 - Declarations of interests and dispensations –** Cllr Wright is on the Village Institute committee.

**26/40 – To approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9th June, 2025 and Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 23rd June, 2025 –** ordinary meeting, Monday 9th June approved. Cllrs had not received minutes for Monday 23rd June (published on website), to be sent out by Clerk and approved at next meeting.

**26/41 – To co-opt to the Council – two vacancies –** no applicants

**26/42 - Council Admin –** AGAR form submitted 28th June. Wray Play funds of £984 which had not been received to the Parish Council bank account have been located and paid in to bank account.

Santander bank account is introducing a new charge of £4.99/month. Cllr Cheshire to contact Santander again to see if account can be closed.

Virgin Bank account – cheque for £10,000 written from Santander and to be paid in to Virgin bank account by Cllr Wright.

**26/43 Finances:**

**Expenses:** Lengthsman’s wages £605.00

C. Halstead £503.98

Clerk’s wages - £356.08 (£51.60 to HMRC)

**Income:** £250 rent for Rushbutts.

All approved.

**26/44 Wray Village Institute –** Harrison Drury Solicitors instructed to act on Parish Council’s behalf. Clerk sent list of Councillors questions through.

Cllrs considered a 999 year lease – the building would be owned by the Village Institute Committee, land owned by the Parish Council.

Cllrs considered a freehold transfer – all ownership and legalities transferred to the Village Institute Committee.

Cllrs considered worst case scenarios of trying to ensure that the Institute building remains as a community asset for the village.

**Proposal:** Clerk to request our solicitors review the CIO constitution to ensure that it does assure the continuation of the asset, either building or monetary value, to the benefit of the community. Cllrs will then be able to make a decision as to whether a freehold sale or 999 year lease is appropriate.

**26/45 Banking –** Council to agree amount to transfer to Virgin from Santander. £10,000 approved.

**26/46 Neighbourhood Plan –** no matters arising

**26/47 Planning Applications –** none received

**26/48 PROWs: Main St – Home Farm, DMMO 804-763 –** Appeals process is ongoing.

**Wennington Rd DMMO 804-620** – Appeals process is ongoing.

Clerk to continue with application for land registry for land between Main Street and School Field – ongoing. Clerk to consult with Hannah Synman before submitting the form.

**26/49 Blooming Wray** Council to consider the benches Emma O’Kane has sent through for their consideration –**deferred.**

Two apple trees were damaged by wind. New tree ties have been ordered to prevent more damage.

**26/50 Village Greens –** Council to select picnic table to order for Flood Garden – **deferred.**

Update on benches around the Mosaic area on Flood Gardens – **deferred. Clerk to email Cllr Staveley and request an update ready for the next meeting.**

Tree on flood gardens – lengthsman cleared tree away from road and pavement. Council to decide how to deal with rest of fallen tree.

Tree round Spout – large tree has fallen over the footpath, reported by member of public and County Council have closed the footpath but no indication of when they will be out to deal with the tree and reopen the path.

Tree on land at Bridge House End – Clerk to contact landowner to ask to sort the two trees on this rented land as they are possibly becoming a safety issue.

Clerk to request new “Slow Down, Save Lives” banners as both have been taken.

Due to poor weather conditions, the lengthsman is catching up with the jobs around the village. The top end of the Flood Gardens is being left for the pollinators this year as it does not cut and maintain well over the summer months.

**26/51 - Speed calming measures for the village**

**SPIDS** – New location proposals for SPIDs sent to LCC for assessment following feedback from the consultation process. Approved sites still under consideration.

New sites have been received from LCC but depend on landowner’s permission as to whether they can be used. Landowners to be approached to ask whether they would be agreeable in principle to a SPID pole in the two new locations before these sites are made public. If landowners agree, next steps would be to have the sites formally assessed by LCC and share the locations with Parish residents.

**26/52 - AOB from last meeting:**

Post box for Village Institute – Cath Halstead located one for £11.30 - **Proposal:** to be installed at the Village Institute by C. Halstead – **approved.**

Poo bag dispensers and signs – to consider replacing the signs around the village – signs need cleaning and re-painting - **Approved**

Consider selling Parish car park spaces on Main Street, Smithy Brow, to raise funds for future projects. Clerk has checked the Land Registry and Parish Council hold the title. **Proposal:** Clerk to publicise this on the website. Cllr Walkden to add to the Wrayly Mail update for September issue. The intention is to use proceeds from the sale to support village facilities.

**26/37 - Date and time of next meeting –** Monday 15th September, 2025

Meeting closed at 20.32