

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council**  
7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 23 July 2024

**39 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

In attendance: Cllrs Heyworth (Vice-Chair), Fowler, McKelvey and Walsh  
**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Kimber (Chair) and Bradshaw

**40 PROCEDURAL MATTERS:**

Cllr Heyworth talked about the very sad and unexpected accidental death of Cllr Dyson. Cllr Dyson joined Wadsworth Parish Council in 2019 and was always a hardworking and diligent member of the council, particularly paying attention to planning issues, including the robust council response to the proposed windfarm. Cllr Dyson also provided valuable information in relation to finances, parking, utilities and other local issues. He will be sorely missed.  
**Resolved** that: a card be sent from the parish council.

a) **Members Interests** - to remind members of the need to declare any interests they might have in relation to items on this agenda: None

b) **Cllr vacancies:** Currently two vacancies. Contact wparish@hotmail.com to apply. Jonathan Salt attended the meeting and introduced himself as a prospective Cllr. Mr Salt provided a brief update of his life and work in the valley and answered questions from Cllrs.

**Resolved** that: Mr Salt be appointed as a Cllr and that the appropriate paperwork, including meeting dates be provided.

c) **On-going email issues**

It was reported that there were still on-going issues with migrating to the new council email addresses.

**Resolved** that: a maximum of two more hours be spent trying to resolve the issue and that if not resolved further professional support be sought up to a value of £100.

**41 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA:** None.

**42 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None.

**43 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**  
25 June Council Meeting

**Resolved:** to approve the above minutes as a true and accurate record.

**44 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:**

All covered under existing agenda items.

**45 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: No Calderdale Council update provided.

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that the next meeting would take place on 31 July and that an update would be provided at the August parish council meeting.

**Resolved:** to receive the updates.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan**: No update

**46 CLERK'S REPORT:** All covered under existing agenda items.

**47 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£694.20
ii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii)	Information Commissioners Office annual fee (reduced from £40 to £35 for paying by direct debit)	£35.00

**Resolved:** to approve the above payments.

**b) Financial reporting**

- i) Bank reconciliations (monthly) association
- ii) To agree/note bank transfers
- iii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)
- iv) VAT Return (quarterly)

**Resolved:** to receive the financial reports

c) **Grants:** No applications received.

**48 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Hebden Royd Town Council: Civic Service invite Saturday 12.10.24

**Resolved** to: receive the correspondence.

**49 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **24/00615/HSE** Merging of 2-3 and 1 New Delight with new internal connecting doors, removal of staircase and new external door and window opening to gable end to match existing. 1, 2-3 New Delight, Keighley Rd HX7 8RE

**Resolved** that:

- i) the parish council regrets the loss of dwelling that would result if the planning application is passed.
- ii) the details of the applicant be provided to Cllrs.

b) **Applications received after agenda issue:** None

c) **Decisions made by Calderdale Council:**

**Resolved:** to note the decisions.

d) **Other planning matters:**

- i) **23/06010/EIA** Scoping opinion. Wind farm proposal. Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale: No update.

ii) **Construction work at Pecket House**, Pecket Well

**Resolved:** to note Calderdale's response.

iii) **Shawcroft extension** update

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

iv) **23/00960/FUL** Renovation and conversion. Far Nook, Height Road

**Resolved:** to note that the new access is included in the permitted planning application.

v) **22/01164/HSE** Garage rebuild. Martin Mill Cottage Walker Lane

**Resolved:** to note that the plans for the rebuild did include an upstairs area.

**50 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

a) **Wainsgate Lane blocked drain** – Calderdale Highways response.

**Resolved:** to note the update from Calderdale.

b) **First Bus** – Consultation on changes to bus services 590, 591 and 592.

**Resolved:** to query the First Bus consultation comment stating that Cllrs were positive about the proposals, as this was clearly not the case.

c) **Northern Gas** – signage at Boston Hill complaint response.

**Resolved:** to note that this was discussed at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting, including the fact that it is not acceptable to close roads on a Friday when the work is not scheduled till the Monday.

d) **Broken wall** opposite Old Town School.

**Resolved:** to report this to Calderdale Highways.

e) **Fencing and footpath issues** at Moorfield, Old Town

**Resolved:** to report this to Together Housing, including broken slabs at the back of the bungalows.

f) **Broken panel at bus shelter** on Billy Lane

**Resolved that:** this be re-reported to Metro.

g) **Repainting of speed bumps** at Old Town

**Resolved that:**

i) Cllr Walsh provide photos.

iii) this be reported to Calderdale Highways.

h) **Speeding at Old Town and Pecket Well**

**Resolved that:** Cllrs consider appropriate sites for speed guns and provide the information to Cllr Walsh.

**51 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:** No update.

**52 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

**Resolved that:** Cllrs Fowler and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.

b) **Pecket Well play area history update**

An update was provided on the history of the play area. The play area site was chosen and the equipment purchased by the council. The council also oversaw the construction process. A parish council fund raising committee was set up to raise further funds for the project. Plans were made for an official opening of the play area in August 1980.

**Resolved to:** obtain a quote for drainage improvements to the bottom of the access path to the play area.

**53 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

**Resolved that:** the solicitor be asked to clarify:

i) section 1 re open market rent.

ii) that the lease covers the whole site.

iii) including the maintenance of the boundaries and trees.

iv) the insurance section.

b) **Noticeboard and bench quotes**

**Resolved:** to accept J Peterken's quote of £60 to secure the cork backboards to both noticeboards.

c) **Grass cutting issues** at Old Town Green

**Resolved to:**

i) receive the update

ii) and when Calderdale responds, or they do not respond by August meeting, request a copy of the current contract.

iii) earmark the 2023-24 funds.

d) **Wainsgate Chapel request for Midgehole noticeboard**

**Resolved that:**

- i) Cllr Heyworth report back to Wainsgate Chapel
- ii) in principle the chapel could have the Midgehole noticeboard but that it would need to be removed by themselves, and at the Chapel's expense, with removal and transport details provided to the council and agreed in advance.
- iii) that the noticeboard could not be placed on Wadsworth Parish Council land.

**54 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

**a) Calderdale Safer Cleaner Greener**

Cllrs Kimber and Heyworth attended this meeting. It was reported that although a large part of this meeting related to highways, a Calderdale Highways representative did not attend.

**55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE: 27 August 2024**

Advance apologies: Cllrs Heyworth and Walsh.

**Resolved** that: the room booking for the meeting be checked.

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