

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 24 September 2024

73 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

In attendance: Cllr Kimber (Chair), Bradshaw, Fowler, Heyworth, McKelvey, Salt and Walsh.

Apologies for absence: None

74 PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

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.

One resident attended the meeting in order to help decide whether to become a Parish Cllr.

Resolved: to take this item at the end of the meeting.

75 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA: Agenda item 2b) Min. 74b) to be discussed at end of meeting.

76 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

77 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

27 August Council Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

78 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: All covered under existing agenda items.

79 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: No update

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that a talk on foraging took place on the 18.09.24. It was further reported that the triangular piece of land at Ibbotroyd had been bought by a local resident and was going to be used for trees, shrubs and community fruit trees.

It was also reported that the thermal imaging project, whereby local residents could request a free home thermal imaging survey revealing under insulated areas, would begin again in November.

iii) Climate Action Pledge update email 10.09.24

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Still on-hold due to temporary lower staffing levels at Hebden Royd Town Council.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

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

81 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) Cartridge People – Print labels (CC)	£13.83
iii) Wadsworth Enviro Group grant for insurance	£157.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

- b) **Financial reporting**
i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)
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.

82 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation** (response deadline 30.09.24)

Resolved that:

- i) the parish council was concerned about the impact on local residents in relation to low income margins in upland areas, particularly with the winter fuel allowance having been removed.
ii) the clerk complete the survey based on the lowest reduction of the grant to residents.

b) **Yorkshire Water: Woodlands consultation** (response deadline 30.09.24)

Resolved: to note the correspondence and that in the Wadsworth area maintenance is to continue as normal.

c) **Hebden Bridge & District Old People's Welfare Committee:** Aging Well Together Event 12-4.00pm 10.10.24 St Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd

Resolved: to note the correspondence

83 PLANNING:

- a) **New Applications:** None
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:

It was reported that the Consultants were waiting for the results of the national consultation on Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system that closed 24.09.24

Further it was reported that the consultants would like to meet with the Parish Councils' group as soon as there is anything to report, and that it was hoped that this would be in November.

Cllrs provided a further update.

Resolved:

- Cllr Kimber speak to a local resident about help with a survey that will inform the council in relation to their consultation response when/if there is a planning application.
- All Cllrs to consider the way forward with survey.
- A decision re the timescale of survey to be agreed after November update meeting with consultants.
- Cllr Heyworth to email to Cllrs the document showing Calderdale's preferred areas for windfarms.

ii) **22/00955/HSE** Carrs Farm, Rowlands Lane, extension update

Resolved: to note the plans and the parish council's original response.

iii) **Pecket House, Pecket Well** - Construction work update

Resolved: to note that no update had been received.

i) **Bedlham Farm, Keighley Road** - Construction work update

Resolved to:

- note that no update had been received.
- note Ward Cllr Courtney's response.
- compile a list of outstanding planning, road and maintenance issues where no Calderdale response had been received and provide this to the Ward Cllr.
- ask the Ward Cllr to attend the next meeting.

84 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) **Litter bin removal** at bus stop Pecket Bar

Resolved: to note that this had been passed to Green Spaces and Street Scenes and that no further update had been received. Further to add this to the Ward Cllr list.

b) **Skip on Keighley Road** at Pecket Well

Resolved: to note that this had been reported to Calderdale Highways and the skip company had been told to move the skip.

c) **Blocked drain at Wainsgate Lane**

Resolved: to note that no update had been received and to add this to the Ward Cllr list.

d) **Repair of Moorfield fencing**

Resolved: to note that no update had been received and to chase this.

e) **Painting of speed bumps in Old Town**

Resolved: to note the painting of the white lines but not the speed bumps and to chase the latter. To further note the newly painted white lines were already worn out in places.

f) **Removal of parking at Fallingroyd on A646**

Resolved: that Cllr Kimber provide draft information for a letter to Calderdale, to be sent after the joint parishes letter had been sent.

g) **Continued fly-tipping in the parish**

Resolved: to write a Freedom of Information Request regarding the increase in fly-tipping in the area over the past four years.

i) **Rebuilding of stone wall opposite Old Town School**

Resolved: to note that no update had been received and to add this to the Ward Cllr list.

85 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

86 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Access to Pecket Well recreation area update**

Resolved: to recontact Pennine Play regarding the quote for new basketball nets and once received look for possible funding.

c) **Painting of Old Town Green play equipment**

Resolved: that Cllr Kimber recontact the agreed painter.

87 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**

Resolved to recontact the solicitor for an update.

b) **Overgrown vegetation** at bottom edge of Old Town Green

Resolved to re contact Green Spaces and Street Scenes maintenance team and cc Ward Cllr Courtney

d) **Broken tree branch at Pecket Well Memorial Gdn**

Resolved that Mr Peterkin be contacted for a quote.

88 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved that:

- i) the service take place at 2pm Sunday 10 November at the Memorial Garden in Pecket Well.
- ii) Cllr Fowler to read a poem
- iii) Tea and coffee be provided at the Robin Hood Inn.
- iv) a local florist produce one wreath and one cross.
- v) Cllr Kimber collect the items on Saturday 9 Nov.
- vi) Cllr Kimber place the cross at Smeekin Hill.
- vii) a press release be sent to the Hebden Bridge Times and the HebWeb.

89 SALE OF OLD TOWN POST OFFICE

Resolved: that the update be received.

90 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) Safer Cleaner Greener

Cllr Kimber reported that once again no officers from Highways or Green Spaces and Street Scenes were present.

b) Wadsworth Community Association

Cllr Walsh reported that as part of the AGM there was a talk by a local resident on the Antarctic

c) Old Town School Governors Meeting

Cllr Fowler reported that the school was continuing to thrive

Resolved: that Clerk check the date of the Combined Parish Councils meeting

91 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Resolved: that Jean Delahoy become a Wadsworth Parish Cllr, to be ratified at the 22.10.24 meeting, and that the relevant paperwork be provided.

92 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE: 22 October 2024

Advance apologies: Cllr McKelvey

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