

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 25 February 2025

166 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Bradshaw and Heyworth.

167 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 one vacancy. Contact wparish@hotmail.com to apply.

c) **Meeting of the Parish** – confirmation of date and time

Resolved: that the Meeting of the Parish will take place on 28 March at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm) at Wadsworth Community centre

168 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA: None

169 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

A resident attended the meeting and raised the following concerns:

a) **Positioning of Vehicular Activation Sign (VAS) at Pecket Well**

It was explained that the sign would be mounted on a pole and would include a solar panel. The resident was concerned that they had been given no notice by Calderdale and there had not been a yellow planning notice.

Resolved to:

contact Calderdale to express the resident's concerns and check if consultation/a planning notice was required, further, to update the resident.

b) **Removal of litter bin at the bus stop at Pecket Well**

Resolved: to recontact Calderdale, copying in the Head of Neighbourhoods, and mentioning the proximity to Calderdale Way, and to update the resident.

c) **Replacement basketball net at Pecket Well recreation ground**

Resolved: to supply the cost of basketball replacement to the resident.

d) **Lower allotment wall at Pecket Bar**

It was explained that in the future the allotments at Pecket Bar would not be relet.

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

a) **28 January 2025** Council Meeting

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

171 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) **Government email addresses**

Resolved: that computer consultants P3 Computers be engaged at their standard rate, up to an initial cost of £250. Further that the previous consultant be informed.

172 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan:** Annual review - email 30.01.25 (03.02.25)

ii) **Greening Wadsworth Initiative:** It was reported that the next meeting was taking place on Wednesday 12 March.

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

Resolved: to receive the updates.

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

174 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Items for payment:

i) Salaries/PAYE	£721.50
ii) Allowance and reimbursement:	
- computer allowance	£20.83
- home working allowance	£18.58
- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii) Chairs allowance	£30.00

Payment received after agenda issue: None

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)
- v) **Savings account interest rate change**

Resolved: to receive the financial reports

c) Grants:

- i) **Wadsworth Community Association** – request for £540 for tree maintenance

Resolved that: £540 be granted and the group be informed.

175 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Local resident: Inclusion concerns.

Resolved: that this issue had already been discussed, and it was agreed, as per previous meeting, not to respond further relating to this issue.

176 PLANNING:

a) New Applications:

- i) **25/00073/HSE** New porch, balcony and internal alterations - 3 Sunny Royd Keighley Road Hebden Bridge HX7 8QL

Resolved: to make the following comment: Regarding the balcony, concerns were raised that as the terrace overlooks Hardcastle Crags and the Calderdale Way the proposed balcony would not be in keeping with the rest of the terrace.

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 - Proposed survey questions and update.

It was reported that that the draft questions for the questionnaire were nearly ready.

Resolved that:

- the questionnaire should be ready in time for potential launch at the Meeting of the Parish on the 28 March.
- Cllr Kimber to contact the developers if have not heard back by end of February.
- A5 flyers be printed with a QR code and web address link. Some paper copies of the survey also be produced to be collected from the post office and/or community centre.

- ii) **Sauna at Parrock, Parrock Lane, Old Town**
Resolved: to contact Calderdale to ask if change of use was required.
- iii) **DEFRA – Land Use Consultation**
Resolved: that Cllr Salt produce a draft response to be brought to the March meeting (consultation deadline 25 April)

177 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

- a) **Proposed Keighley Road closure** - Calderdale Highways response
Resolved: to note that Calderdale would be working with Bradford Council to coordinate the two sets of works. Further this be raised by Cllr Heyworth at the next Safer, Cleaner, Greener meeting.
- b) **Old Town Mill Lane** - Maintenance responsibilities update
Resolved: that Cllr Fowler speak to Calderdale regarding the history of this issue. Further that the clerk provides the correspondence to date to the Cllr.
- c) **Water issue at Wadsworth Community Centre grounds**
Resolved: to defer the issue to the next meeting.

178 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

- a) **Review of Allotment rents**
Resolved: to put up the allotment rents from £26 to £30 per annum.

179 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**
Resolved: that Cllrs Heyworth and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
- b) **Date and cost of last play area repairs:** 2023-24 £6016.56
Resolved: to note the information.
- c) **Goalpost maintenance at Old Town Green**
Resolved: to check who is responsible for the maintenance of the goal posts and as appropriate raise this with the playground inspectors.

180 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

- a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**
Resolved to chase the final version of the lease as a matter of urgency (to be signed at the Wadsworth Community Association committee meeting on the 5 March).
- b) **Moles at Old Town Green**
Resolved that no action be taken.

181 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

- a) **West Yorkshire Combined Transport Authority**
Cllr Kimber reported that the authority would own the infrastructure including buses but would be franchising the routes/bus drivers.

182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council March meeting: **25.03.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
Meeting of the Parish: **28.03.25** 7.00pm Wadsworth Community Centre

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