

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council held at 7.30 pm  
on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 – meeting held remotely**

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**173 MEMBERS PRESENT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Dyson, Fowler, Heyworth, Bradshaw, Rivero, Sagar and Walsh.

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**174 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

**175 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE AGENDA:** None

**176 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

**177 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**

a) Parish Council 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

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

It was reported that a number of residents and the representative from the National Trust all contacted the Council to say thank you for facilitating the meeting that updated the public on the Trust's woodland management plans at Hardcastle Crags.

**179 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION AND NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

It was reported that Kate Drury had resigned from the Council due to other commitments.

**Resolved to:**

- i) thank the ex-councillor for her service to the Council.
- ii) that the election of a new vice chair be added to the next agenda.

**180 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan update**

There was no progress to report.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan**

It was reported that the consultation period had started and that everyone was encouraged to take part in either the short or long questionnaire via the following link:  
[www.hebdenhilltopplan.co.uk](http://www.hebdenhilltopplan.co.uk)

**Resolved:** to receive the above reports and for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation poster with link be circulated.

**181 CLERK'S REPORT**

It was reported that acknowledgement responses had been received in relation to:  
Widdop Road winter gritting  
Erosion of bank at Aberdeen Dam.  
An update was provided regarding the Council's benches.  
The Council then took part in a short YLCA questionnaire regarding the future ability to hold remote and hybrid meetings.

**182 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**1) Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE Jan	£540.80
ii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.00
	- home working allowance	£17.33
	- Zoom January	£11.99
	- Travel	£02.70
	Total	<u>£52.02</u>
iii)	Pennine Playgrounds – Pecket Well repairs (incl. VAT)	£1008.00

**Resolved** that: the above payments be approved.

**2) Grants:** None received.

**3) Internal Auditor 2020-21**

**Resolved:** that Rachel Pearson be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2020-21 financial yearend.

**183 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Blackshaw Head Parish Council:                      Cycling on footpaths next steps.

**Resolved:** that the Council would like to stay involved with Cllrs Kimber and Dyson to attend future meetings.

**184 PLANNING:**

**1) New Applications:** None received at time of agenda issue.

**2) Applications received after Agenda Issue:** None received.

**3) Other Planning Issues**

It was reported that the works to rebuild the wall at Pecket Well Mill were now under way.

**Resolved:**

i) that the non-compliance re width of track referred to the Keelam Farm application not Old Town Slack Farm and that this be clarified as appropriate with Calderdale Council. Keelham Farm application number:

20/00321/FUL Multi-purpose equestrian and agricultural building and extension of agricultural track. Land at coordinates 401011 427779 Height Road Mytholmroyd Hebden Bridge Calderdale.

ii) to establish why application 20/00312/FUL at Ayre View was refused.

iii) that Calderdale Council Planning be contacted in relation to the missing application for a new house between 38 and 44 Keighley Road, Pecket Well, to formally request an investigation as to why this planning application was not on the planning system.

**185 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

a) Lane Ends

A discussion took place in relation to the clearing of the verge opposite the Hare and Hounds Pub plus the new decking at the back of the pub on the adjacent field.

- b) Haworth Old Road  
It was reported that at the Chapel the culvert had undermined the road and that there were also a number of new pot holes on the road.  
**Resolved:** that Calderdale be contacted regarding these issues.
- c) Wainsgate Close  
It was reported that the leak at the Close had now been fixed.
- d) Green Waste Lorries  
It was reported that lorries were carrying green waste from Heptonstall to Holroyds Farm above Ackroyd Lane.
- e) Hedge Cutting at Carr Head bus stop, Keighley Road, Pecket Well  
**Resolved:** that the J Peterken quote for hedge cutting priced at £200 be agreed and the works carried out as soon as practically possible.

#### 186 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

- a) Garages update  
A brief garage update was provided.

#### 187 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) Play area improvements: Pecket Well update.  
It was reported that the playground maintenance and repair works at Pecket Well was now complete.
- b) Decision - replacement play equipment Old Town Green.

**Resolved** that the maintenance and repair works as per Pennine Playgrounds quote be carried out at Old Town Green including the removal of the stationary horse and replacement with two springies, the removal of the trim trail and replacement with the equivalent in blue/grey powder coated steel at a total cost of £8654.70 plus VAT

- c) Bi-weekly inspections.

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

#### 188 CARR HEAD UPDATE

- a) Tree Management  
It was reported that a quote had been received for the tree management works and that a second quote was being obtained. It was acknowledged that there would be an initial expense of up to £13,000 over the first three years, with an on-going cost of approximately £2000 a year for ongoing maintenance works.

- b) Site Fencing  
It was reported that a contractor had inspected the fencing and that the Council was in the process of obtaining quotes for the replacement of the fencing surrounding the top of the site.

**Resolved** that:

- i) the quotes be chased.
- ii) the item be added to the next agenda.
- iii) grant funding be explored including from the following sources:  
Calderdale Community Foundation  
Woodland Trust

National Flood Management Scheme

**189 WADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**  
**Resolved** that this item be placed on the next agenda and that the Clerk check what actions were required.

**190 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY POLICY**  
**Resolved:** that the Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy be adopted.

**191 WADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S LIABILITIES**  
It was confirmed that the planters at the end of Crimsworth Lane and above Lane Ends next to the Nook were installed, maintained and insured by the Environment Group.

**Resolved** that the Clerk work with Cllr Sagar in order to compile a Risk Register.

**192 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

a) Appointment of representatives.

**Resolved:** that the following representatives be appointed:

Cllr Sagar: Upper Calder Valley Ward Forum.  
None agreed: YLCA South Pennine Branch.  
None agreed: Heptonstall Exhibition and Richard Naylor Charities.  
Cllr Walsh: Wadsworth Community Association.  
Cllr Fowler: Hebden Bridge Old Peoples Welfare Group.  
Cllr Kimber: Safer Cleaner Greener.

It was reported that the re-instated Parish Councils and National Trust meeting would be an open meeting which all Cllrs could attend.

b) Reports from representatives: None

**194 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE**

Parish Council: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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