

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

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**195 MEMBERS PRESENT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**196 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

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

**198 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

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

Parish Council 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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

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

None reported.

**201 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

**Resolved:** to wait till the May Annual meeting to elect the Vice-Chair.

**202 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan update**

It was reported that Calderdale Council were in the middle of the revised consultation process with the first stage complete and the second stage starting in April.

a) **Neighbourhood Plan**

It was reported that the plan was in the middle of the first phase of consultation of the draft plan, and that two of the three public consultation sessions had now taken place.

**Resolved:** to receive the above reports.

**NOTE:** Everyone is encouraged to take part in either the short or long questionnaire via the following link: [www.hebdenhilltopplan.co.uk](http://www.hebdenhilltopplan.co.uk)

Or any question can be emailed to: [consult@hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:consult@hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**202 CLERK'S REPORT**

a) An update was provided in relation to a request for a memorial bench.

b) An update was provided in relation to the flood store.

**Resolved:** that the storage capacity of the flood store be checked and that Calderdale be contacted to see if they would provide the sand bags.

c) An update was provided in relation to the website.

**203 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**1) Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£540.80
ii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.00
	- home working allowance	£17.33
	- Zoom	£11.99
	- Travel	£02.70
	- Stamps 24 2 <sup>nd</sup> class	£15.60
	Total	<u>£67.62</u>
iii)	Fleur de Lys - flowers for memorial	£15.00
iv)	YLCA Flying Start training x 2	£96.00

**Post agenda issue:**

v) Jim Peterken - hedge trimming works £200.00

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

2) **Grants:** None received.

3) **Banking and payment Arrangements**

**Resolved** that the Council apply for a charge card for Council purchases.

**204 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Resident: State of Old Town Mill Lane during the mill conversion works.

**Resolved:** that this issue be raised with the developers, J Clay & Son, and the utility network operator, Northern Power Grid.

**205 PLANNING:**

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

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

3) **Other Planning Issues:**

**17/00438/FUL Land Between 36 and 43 Keighley Road, Pecket Well**

It was reported that the property only had one parking space rather than the two spaces and turning area listed as part of the planning conditions.

**Resolved:** that this be brought to the attention of Calderdale Planning Enforcement.

**206 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

a) **Fly Tipping along Keighley Road**

It was reported that a lot of tyres had been fly-tipped along the Keighley Road on the night of the 22.03.21. During the meeting, news was received that Calderdale had removed all the tyres.

**Resolved:** to write to Calderdale in order to thank them for their quick response.

b) **Potential reduced opening times at Calderdale's recycling centres**

It was reported that a Cllr had heard that Calderdale were considering reducing the opening hours at their recycling centres. Concerns were raised that this would cause more fly tipping in the area.

**Resolved:** to write to Calderdale in order to clarify the situation.

c) **Parking at Pecket Well**

A discussion took place in relation to the lack of parking at Pecket Well which is exacerbated by the lack of and/or very narrow pavements.

It was noted that the council currently had one vacant parking space which was available to rent by anyone living in the village.

**Resolved:** to write to Calderdale about the above concerns.

**207 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES**

It was reported that there was allotment waste and carpet tiles blocking the main path at Carr head Allotments.

**Resolved** to write to the Carr Head Allotment holders about this issue.

**208 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) Play area improvements: Old Town update.

It was reported that the playground maintenance and repair works, at Old Town would be taking place after the Easter holidays.

**Resolved** that a press release be produced and distributed.

b) Access to Pecket Well Playground.

It was reported that it had come to the Council's attention that there was currently no disabled access to Pecket Well playground. The Parish Council's playgrounds are maintained by Calderdale and a repeated request had been made to receive a key to the access gate so that this issue could be resolved. This has now been escalated to a higher level by the Parish Council. A longer-term solution is also being sought which will involve landscaping works to create permanent disabled access.

**Resolved to note** that the Parish Council are deeply concerned by this issue and are pursuing a quick resolution.

c) Roundabout at Pecket Well

It was reported that the roundabout at Pecket Well was not working properly.

**Resolved** that this issue be raised with the playground inspectors.

d) Bi-weekly inspections.

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

e) Wadsworth Bowling Green

It was reported that children were using the bowling green as a play area, possibly due to the lack of open facilities during Covid. The Community Centre was aware of the situation.

**Resolved** that Cllr Kimber speak to the school in relation to this.

**209 CARR HEAD UPDATE - Tree Management**

It was reported that Cllr Bradshaw had been working with Calderdale in relation to trying to secure Natural Flood Management Grant Scheme funding for the site and that there was also the possibility of applying for Treescape grant funding.

**Resolved** to thank Cllr Bradshaw for his continued work in relation to this.

**210 WADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**Resolved** to support this Climate Emergency and Ecology Bill and to carry out the following actions:

to Inform the local media of this decision.

to write to the local MP asking him to support the bill.

to write to the CEE Bill Alliance expressing the Council's support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

**211 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

a) Off to a Flying Start training.

Cllr Sagar and Heyworth provided a brief update on the Off to a Flying Start training that they attended.

**Resolved** that i) the Cllrs send around the paperwork and that the Council apply for a .gov.uk domain name email address to be used by it's staff and Cllrs.

b) Cleaner Safer Greener meeting

Cllr Kimber reported that the speeding issue in Pecket Well had been reported and that an update in relation to the no traffic zone area at Haworth Old Road had been requested.

c) Cycling on Footpaths meetings

Cllr Kimber reported that the meetings had been constructive with a carrot and stick approach. The public land owners including the National Trust, Yorkshire Water and the owners of Savile Estate will be asked to incorporate off road cycle routes. At the same time the possibility of chicanes made from stone walling be looked at to discourage the use of inappropriate routes.

d) Old Town School Governors meeting

Cllrs Kimber and Fowler attended this meeting and reported that no OFSTED inspection would be taking place at the school before September 2021.

e) Wadsworth Community Association.

Cllr Walsh reported that the association is looking to upgrade the disabled and standard toilets and are obtaining quotes for the work.

**Resolved** that the Council, as owners of the Community Centre, be kept informed of progress and that further discussions take place before any works are carried out.

## 212 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

Parish Meeting – the annual meeting of the Parish: 7.00pm 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Parish Council meeting: to begin at the rise of the Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

It was noted that under current Corona virus legislation the power to hold remote meetings would be removed from the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Resolved** to write to the local MP to object to the removal of this power at this stage of the pandemic.

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm

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