

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council held at 7.30 pm at Hebden
Bridge Town Hall on Tuesday 26 October 2021**

- 51 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Dyson, Fowler, Heyworth, Rivero, Sagar and Walsh.
Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bradshaw
- 52 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** Cllr Heyworth re 61 1) as he is a neighbour.
- 53 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE AGENDA:** None
- 54 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None
- 55 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**
28 September 2021
Resolved: that the above minutes be approved as a true and accurate record with the following amendment 49 c) should read Wadsworth Community Centre not Mytholmroyd Community Centre.
- 56 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:**
That it was the playground company not the utilities company that left the bulk bags of hardcore at the top of Old Town Green.
- 57 LOCAL PLANS:**
a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan update**
No update to report.
b) **Neighbourhood Plan**
Next meeting scheduled for Monday 1 November
Resolved: to receive the above reports.
- 58 CLERK'S REPORT** - Covered under existing agenda items.
- 59 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
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| a) Items for payment: OCTOBER | |
| i) Salaries/PAYE | £551.63 |
| ii) Allowance and reimbursement: | |
| - computer allowance | £20.00 |
| - home working allowance | £17.33 |
| - travel | £02.70 |
| - stamps | £7.68 |
| - Total | <u>£47.71</u> |
- f) Financial reporting:**
i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)
ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)
- Resolved** that: the above payments and budget monitoring documents be approved and that the outstanding allotment, garage plot and parking space payments be chased.
- g) Grants:**
i) Hebden Royd Business Forum/Rotary Club – Light up the Valley - £500
Resolved: that in principle a grant of £250 could be awarded but that an amended application needed to be submitted first.

60 CORRESPONDENCE:

Calderdale Council: Recycling update email

Resolved: that the information be received and that the link for recycling updates be provided: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/waste/household-collections/collectiondayfinder.jsp>

Office of Craig Whittaker: Lumb Falls letter response

Resolved: that the information be received.

Additional correspondence after agenda issue:

Resident: Request for electric vehicle charge points at Old Town

Resolved: that Calderdale be contacted regarding their electric charging point strategy for rural areas and that the resident be informed.

61 PLANNING:

1) New Applications:

a) **21/00765/HSE** Single storey rear extension - 2 Coronation Terrace Old Town
Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 8SF

Resolved: to make no comment.

2) Applications received after Agenda Issue:

a) **21/01387/HSE** Creation of a balcony to the rear elevation of the property at 'lower ground' level (which is one story above the garden level), to include steps down to the garden for access direct to garden. Hollins View Midgehole Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7AA

Resolved: that the council had no objection to the balcony but requested clarification in relation to the conversion of the ground level space to a garden room not needing planning permission. It was also noted that a number of additional windows were being added to the back of the property.

3) Other Planning Issues:

i) **20/00321/FUL** Multi-purpose equestrian and agricultural building and extension of agricultural track Land Height Road **REFUSE**

Resolved: to ask Calderdale for an update regarding the issue of the track at Heights Road exceeding the width agreed in the previous planning application.

62 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) Evening parking charges in Hebden Bridge

Resolved: to write to Calderdale to express the Council's concerns regarding the introduction of parking charges from 6 to 8pm, particularly as there are fewer buses from the hilltops to Hebden Bridge in the evenings.

b) Replacement Calderdale Council Rights of Way Officer –Joint parishes letter

Resolved: that the joint parishes letter be sent to Calderdale.

63 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

Resolved: that a letter be sent to one of the garage tenants clarifying the situation.

64 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) Decision re painting of Old Town play equipment

Resolved: that a quote be requested.

b) Bi-weekly inspections.

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

65 CLIMATE CRISIS – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

a) 20 Things a Parish Council can do – Friends of the Earth suggestions

Resolved: that Cllrs consider the document and bring any recommendations back to the next meeting.

66 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL’S RISK MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT POLICY

Resolved that:

i) the policy be approved

ii) it be noted that this was a live document with additions and amendments to be made throughout the year as appropriate.

iii) to be reviewed annually (at the annual meeting)

iv) Cllr JK consult with Cllr SB re contracting the services of a consultant to provide a risk assessment for the Carr Head site.

67 BENCH REPAIRS UPDATE

Resolved: that the quote from Mr Dean at a cost of £184.24 (including the cost of repair to the bench at the far end of Haworth Old Road) be accepted.

68 GOVERNMENT DOMAIN EMAIL ADDRESSES UPDATE

Resolved: that the Council proceeds with the mailbox account option.

69 DECISION RE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A discussion took place regarding the Council’s power to provide Christmas hampers to individuals.

Resolved that:

i) Cllr Kimber obtain a quote per cost of a hamper from Wadsworth Post Office.

ii) Cllrs JK, AD, AF, MH and MW to help with the Christmas hampers as appropriate.

iii) That this be reviewed in the new year.

70 CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULT POLICY – Amended policy

Resolved: that the amended policy be adopted.

71 CARR HEAD TREE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Resolved: to note the delay to the outcome of the grant application.

72 PECKET WELL MEMORIAL GARDEN

a) Ash die-back tree removal quote

Resolved: that a further quote be obtained

b) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021

Resolved that:

i) the memorial service to take place at 2pm at Pecket Well Memorial Garden.

ii) Cllr Fowler to read an appropriate poem.

iii) Cllr Kimber to lay the wreath.

iv) unfortunately, no formal refreshments would be provided this year due to concerns over the spread of Covid 19.

v) a memorial cross to be placed at Smeekin Hill.

vi) to let the local press know.

73 OFFER OF DEFIBRILLATOR FOR PECKET WELL MEMORIAL GARDEN'S TELEPHONE BOX

It was reported that a couple of Pecket Well residents had kindly offered to purchase a defibrillator for the village.

Resolved that:

- i) to thank the residents for their kind offer.
- ii) in principle this was something the Council wished to support.
- iii) Cllrs JK and AD talk to the residents regarding requirements, types of equipment, power supply and potential locations.

74 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) Joint Parishes Mountain Biking meeting

Cllr JK and AD were in attendance.

b) Safer Cleaner Greener

Cllr JK was in attendance.

c) Calderdale Ward Forum

Cllr NS was in attendance

Wadsworth Environment Group AGM

Cllr MW reported that the group would no longer be maintaining the pond at the bottom of the allotments, at Carr Head, due to ongoing costs and commitments, and that a letter would be sent to the allotment holders at Carr Head asking if they would like to take on the maintenance of the pond.

Action: to check if pond is on Council land and if so to add to list of assets and the risk assessment policy

75 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING (23.11.21) & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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