

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council held at 7.30 pm at Hebden
Bridge Town Hall on Tuesday 23 November 2021**

- 76 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Bradshaw, Dyson, Fowler, Heyworth, Rivero, Sagar and Walsh.
Apologies for Absence: None
- 77 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None declared.
- 78 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE AGENDA:** That agenda item 19 - Potential Village Defibrillator Update - be resolved at the end of Public Discussion Time.
- 79 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** A local resident attended the meeting in order to discuss the potential donation of funding for a defibrillator for Pecket Well.
Resolved that:
- i) the resident be formally thanked.
 - ii) Cllr MW check if the Wadsworth Community Centre defibrillator is wired to the mains.
 - iii) Cllr JK talk to the new landlord of the village pub to ascertain whether the defibrillator could be located on an external wall.
- 80 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**
26 October 2021
Resolved: that the above minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.
- 81 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:** Cllr Fowler be thanked for reading the poem at the Pecket Well memorial service.
- 82 LOCAL PLANS:**
- a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan update**
It was reported that nothing more would happen until mid-2022.
 - b) **Neighbourhood Plan**
It was reported that therefore nothing more could progress until mid-2022.
Resolved: to receive the above reports.
- 83 CLERK'S REPORT**
- a) **Hebden Bridge Town Hall**
Building procedures and induction. The Clerk provided a brief introduction to the new arrangements for evening meetings at the Town Hall.
 - b) **Risk Assessments**
It was reported that work on the site-specific risk assessments had begun.
Resolved: to receive the report.
- 84 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
- a) **Items for payment: NOVEMBER**
 - i) Salaries/PAYE £551.63
 - ii) Allowance and reimbursement:
 - computer allowance £20.00
 - home working allowance £17.33
 - Zoom (October) £11.99
 - travel £02.70
 - Total £52.02
 - iii) Printer paper x 2 - charge card purchase £9.98
 - iv) Stamps - charge card purchase £12.24
 - v) Fleur de Lys – memorial wreathes and cross £45.00

vi) Chairman's allowance £350.00

b) **Financial reporting:**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)

ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)

Resolved: that the above payments be approved and financial reports received.

c) **Grants:** No applications received.

Resolved: that the amended application for Light Up the Valley funding be chased.

d) **Internal Audit 2021-22**

Resolved: that Liz North be appointed as the council's internal auditor for the financial year 2021-22.

85 CORRESPONDENCE:

Calderdale Council: Parking charges response

Resolved that Calderdale be asked:

i) Where the changes to parking consultation was advertised.

ii) How many times the above was advertised.

iii) The reason for the decision.

Additional correspondence after agenda issue: None received.

86 PLANNING:

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

2) Applications received after Agenda Issue: None

3) Other Planning Issues:

a) The issue of the increasing number of Air B&B within the valley was discussed and noted.

87 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) Leaking water at Old Town Green.

It was noted that this issue had been reported twice.

Resolved: to contact the utility company again.

b) Widdop Road winter maintenance and maintenance works.

Resolved: to write to Calderdale to report the empty grit bins and drainage issues currently causing water to run across the highway.

c) Tyres on roadside above Pecket Well.

Resolved: to report this issue to Calderdale.

d) Old Town Mill Lane

It was reported that Calderdale had carried out some repairs to Old Town Mill Lane

88 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

a) Carr Head 2 Garages

Resolved that:

i) the policy be amended so that residents can have the maximum of:
2 parking Spaces OR 1 parking space and 1 garage OR 2 garages and/or
2 allotments.

ii) That an amended notice be placed for the vacant garage plots stating that the new cost of £130 which is for the garage plot and that the existing garage on the plot becomes the responsibility of the tenant.

- iii) If after advertising for 3 months there were still vacant garages, parking spaces or allotments that the vacant plots be let on an annual basis.

89 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) Decision re painting of Old Town play equipment

Resolved: that a further quote be sought.

- b) Pecket Well access gate

Resolved: that the gate remain unpadlocked.

- c) Bi-weekly inspections

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

90 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

- a) **Pecket Well Memorial Garden** Tree with ash die-back

Resolved: that Cllr SB provide contact details for a further contractor and that a third quote be sought.

- b) **Carr Head Pond**

Resolved: that the Environment Group reduce the depth of the pond and then hand the pond back to the Council.

- c) **Carr Head Tree Management**

It was reported that upon investigation no felling license was required for the Carr Head tree management.

Resolved: that the money saved (£400) be used to pay for two workers to work for two days on the site, and that a more accurate quote for the remaining works be provided at that point.

91 CLIMATE CRISIS – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

- a) Outcome of COP 26

Resolved that:

- i) a draft open letter expressing the Council's concern and disappointment regarding the outcome of COP26 be prepared and circulated to Cllrs.
- ii) the letter be brought to the next meeting for approval.

92 CONFIRMATION OF 2022 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Resolved: that the meeting dates be approved.

93 BROADBAND IN CRIMSWORTH UPDATE

Resolved: that Cllr JK prepare a draft letter to be sent to Openreach regarding this on-going issue.

94 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS UPDATE

Resolved: that the post office, as the only shop within the Parish, be asked to put together the hampers and that the theme be local produce. And that Cllr JK liaise with the post office re the above.

95 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- a) **Safer Cleaner Greener** Cllr JK reported that the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting had been cancelled at short notice.

- b) **Old Town School Governors** Cllrs JK and AF attended the Old Town School Governors meeting and that the school was coming up to an Ofsted inspection.

- c) **Old Town School** Cllr MW reported that she had spoken to the Headteacher and that the children would be singing carols outside the Moorfield bungalows this year.

d) **Wadsworth Walking Market** it was reported that the Walking Market had been a huge success and that the Council wished to thank all involved with its organisation.

96 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING (Hebden Bridge Town Hall 14.12.21) & **APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE**

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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