

**Minutes of the August Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge  
Town Hall 23 August 2022**

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**62 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Heyworth and Walsh.

**63 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None declared.

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

**65 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

**66 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:  
26 July 2022.**

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

**67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:** None

**68 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan - consultation.**

It was agreed that, as there was so much information to read, this item be deferred to the September meeting.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan.**

As previously reported the next meeting will be held after the completion of the Local Plan consultation.

**69 CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Noticeboards**

It was agreed that Cllr Dyson would carry out minor repair works to the noticeboards, in relation to drainage.

**Government email addresses**

It was reported that the new local government email addresses were now in place and would be rolled out in the autumn.

**70 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£561.17
ii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.00
	- home working allowance	£17.33
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	£40.03
iii)	Registered delivery – garage key	£7.85
iv)	Open Space Society annual membership	£45.00
v)	YLCA - grant application training 28.03.22 x 2 Cllrs	£60.00
vi)	Wadsworth Environment Group	£200.00
vii)	Pennine Playgrounds – 2022-23 Inspections	£1296.00

**Resolved:** to approve the above payments.

b) **Financial reporting**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly): August

ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly): Quarter 1

iii) VAT Return (quarterly)

**Resolved:** to receive the financial reports

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

- 71 Correspondence:**  
a) Calderdale Council: Parish Council's grants budget cut.  
**Resolved:** that the information reluctantly be received.
- After agenda issue:  
b) Better Buses for West Yorkshire: Concerns in relation to current and future bus service  
**Resolved:** to write to the Yorkshire Mayor using the suggested template emphasising the satisfaction with and importance of the continued local bus service to the parish top communities.
- 72 PLANNING:**  
a) **New Applications:** None received at publication of agenda.  
b) Applications received after publication of the agenda: None.  
c) Far Nook: it was reported that further clean-up works had taken place at Far Nook.
- 73 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**  
a) Proposed Clearway at Haworth Old Road  
It was reported that there were now no objections to the proposed plans.  
b) Proposed location of Vehicle Activated Speed Sign at Pecket Well  
**Resolved:** to receive the correspondence.  
c) Vegetation overgrowth at Ackroyd Lane  
**Resolved:** that this be re-reported.  
d) Accidents on Keighley Road  
**Resolved:** to ask Oxenhope Village Council if they have been carrying out any monitoring, and if they think there have been more accidents since the improvement works.  
e) Fallen wall at Sandy Gate and vegetation growing over road  
**Resolved:** that this be reported.  
f) Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs – Consultation on Deer Management Strategy  
A discussion took place in relation to this issue, no conclusion was reached.
- 74 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES**  
Nothing to report.
- 75 PLAYGROUNDS:**  
a) **Bi-weekly inspections.**  
**Resolved** that: Cllrs Fowler and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
- 76 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**  
a) Smeekin Hill centenary 2023  
**Resolved** that:  
i) Cllr Fowler carryout research in order to produce a press release and historic photo in good time for the September 2023 Centenary.  
ii) That a ceremony take place at 11am at the site on Remembrance Day 2023.  
b) Wadsworth Parish Council: Application Form – Use of Parish Council Land  
**Resolved** that:  
i) this be deferred to the September meeting so that Cllr Sagar can carry out further research.

ii) That disabled access and first aid facilities be added to the form.

c) Old Town Green – leaning Eucalyptus tree.

**Resolved** that: Cllr Heyworth investigate a solution to this issue.

d) Pecket Well Memorial Gdns – Wadsworth Environment Group works

**Resolved** that: the Environment Group be thanked for their work and that the following works be approved: bulb planting, a log pile for wildlife, a bee hotel for mansion bees (it was noted that they were solitary and did not sting), the general tidying and looking after of the garden, especially in relation to the November service.

e) Carr Head – Current tree works

It was reported that these works were now complete and that an invoice had been submitted.

**Resolved** that in line with the approved quote the invoice be paid.

f) Carr Head - Natural Flood Management grant scheme for pollarding more mature trees.

**Resolved** that: Cllr Bradshaw apply for the grant in order to obtain funding to pollard the larger trees, so as to keep the ground stable, protecting the existing capping of the tip.

## **77 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

a) **Calderdale Council Climate Action Plan consultation**

**Resolved** to write to Calderdale to question the three-and-a-half-year delay in completion of the plan.

b) **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Kimber speak to Old Town Primary School and that the information be passed on to the school.

c) **Wadsworth Community Association suggestion to make Wadsworth the greenest parish in England**

**Resolved:** to applaud the suggestion and that further research be carried out in relation to how this could be monitored and achieved.

**78 Civility and Respect Pledge - To pass a resolution to sign up to the civility and respect pledge.**

**Resolved** to sign up to the civility and respect pledge.

## **79 Pecket Well community defibrillator update**

**Resolved** to:

- i) receive the update regarding the donation of a defibrillator to be housed externally at the Robin Hood pub, Pecket Well.
- ii) that the device be maintained by the Parish Council once installed and set up.
- iii) that the donor be thanked for their generosity, research and liaison work.
- iv) That the donor be asked if they would like their name/company name to be made public.
- v) That the installer be thanked for their work.
- vi) That the pub be thanked for agreeing to the siting of the device on their premises.

## **80 STAFFING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Resolved:** that the Staffing Committee recommendations be approved.

## **81 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

None

## **82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE**

27 September 2022 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm

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