

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall**  
27 September 2022

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It was reported with sadness that long standing ex Cllr David Bell had died early this month. It was agreed that, in consultation with his family, a memorial plaque would be placed on one of the council's moorland benches.

**83 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Bradshaw, Dyson, Heyworth, Fowler, Rivero, Sagar and Walsh.  
**Apologies for Absence:** None

**84 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None declared.

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

**86 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

**87 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:  
23 August 2022.**

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

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

**89 LOCAL PLANS:**

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

It was reported that the consultation period had begun and all registered residents and organisations be encouraged to take part via the following link:  
[Calderdale Council - Local Plan Modifications \(objective.co.uk\)](http://Calderdale Council - Local Plan Modifications (objective.co.uk))

b) **Neighbourhood Plan.**

It was reported that an emergency meeting had been called to discuss the proposed consultation response to the Local Plan in relation to 'rural exception sites'

**Resolved:**

- to support the Town and Hilltop Parishes' Neighbourhood Plan Committee agreed written response in relation to this issue.
- Cllr Kimber to let the committee know that Wadsworth had resolved to approve the written response.
- that the Parish Council raise concerns in its consultation response that rented affordable housing should not subsequently be sold on/sublet or used as Airbnbs.
- that Cllr Dyson provide some technical information in relation to the above concerns.

**90 CLERK'S REPORT:** All covered under existing agenda items.

**91 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **Additional Items for payment: August**

i)	Matt Taylor – Carr Head tree works (inc VAT)	£7200.00
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b) **Items for payment: September**

i)	Salaries/PAYE/back pay – see spreadsheet	£698.93
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ii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
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	- computer allowance	£20.00
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	- home working allowance	£17.33
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	- Travel	£2.70
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	Total:	£40.03
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**Resolved:** to approve the above payments.

c) **Financial reporting**

- i) Bank reconciliations (monthly):
- ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly):
- iii) VAT Return (quarterly)

**Resolved:** to receive the financial reports

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

e) **External Audit.** It was reported that the external audit was now complete and that no issues were raised.

**92 Correspondence:**

a) Civility & Respect certificate - for signing.

**Resolved:** to sign the document.

**After agenda issue:** All covered under existing agenda items.

**93 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:** None received at publication of agenda.

b) Applications received after publication of the agenda:

i) **22/00955/HSE** Two storey gable end extension - Carrs Farm Rowland Lane  
Dodd Naze Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 8TN

**Resolved:** that the council does not object to the extension in principle but does object to the materials which were felt to be out of keeping with the surrounding area.

ii) **17/00087/FUL** Land West of The Old Co Op Hall Walker Lane Old Town  
Hebden Bridge – house location amendment.

**Resolved:** to note the variation.

iii) **22/00768/LBC** Rebuilding existing barn using the original materials Nook  
Height Road Mytholmroyd Hebden Bridge Calderdale

**Resolved that:**

- the Council had no objection to the proposals though concerns were raised regarding a nearby open water course.
- Cllr Heyworth provide clarification on the water course issue
- It was also noted that the address was incorrect on the application.

c) Other Planning Issues:

i) Bedlam Farm

It was noted that building works were taking place at Bedlam farm and that there was no evidence of a planning application having been submitted.

**Resolved that:** Cllr Kimber investigate this further.

**94 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

a) Proposed Clearway at Haworth Old Road update

**Resolved** to note that:

- that this was now a parking permit scheme.
- that the scheme came into force on 26.09.2022 and that signs had been erected at both ends of the road.
- clarification be sought as to whether vehicles could still park off the highway.

b) Accidents on Keighley Road update

It was reported that the accident figures provided by Calderdale were correct but only covered the road up to the Bradford Borough Council border. Furthermore, Calderdale would contact Bradford Council to request the accident figures for that stretch of the road.

c) Proposed location of Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Pecket Well

**Resolved:** that the council approved of the new sign location and confirmed that the location site belonged to Pecket Well Mill.

d) Further tyre dumping on Keighley Road

**Resolved:** that this be reported to Calderdale.

e) Dumped rubbish on Heights Road

**Resolved:**

- that Cllr Kimber take a photo of the dumped rubbish including the addressed letter.
- that this be reported to the Oldham medical centre named on the letter envelope and to Calderdale.

## 95 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

a) Allotment Plots

A discussion took place regarding a potential uncultivated existing plot at the edge of the allotments.

**Resolved** that this be checked on site and against the allotment plans.

b) Car Parking Spaces

**Resolved** that an administrative check be carried out.

## 96 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections.**

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

b) Old Town Playground Painting

**Resolved** that: this be chased and as necessary a further quote obtained.

c) Proposal to level football pitch at Old Town Green

A discussion took place in relation to youth provision in the area and the possibility of one of the local football teams applying for funding to level the football pitch.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Bradshaw look at previous research in relation to this and provide an idea of the cost of a land survey.

## 97 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) Application form for use of council land

**Resolved** that:

- with the agreed additions the application form be approved.
- Cllr Sagar be thanked for his work in relation to this.

b) Carr Head - Natural Flood Management grant scheme

**Resolved** that Cllr Bradshaw be thanked for preparing and submitting the grant application for approximately £10,000 for further tree and maintenance works on the site.

c) Old Town Green – drainage issue

**Resolved** to:

- thank Cllr Heyworth for his work in relation to this.
- to note that Northern Gas Network have now provided an updated gas utilities plan.
- to request clarification of the required depth of a gas pipe in such a setting.

**98 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

a) Calder Council's three-and-a-half-year delay in producing a Climate Action Plan. **Resolved** that the response be noted.

b) Town and Parish Council Annual Conference - Tackling the Climate Emergency Together

**Resolved** that it was noted that the whole event was about tackling climate change and that all Cllrs should attend this important event if they can.

**99 ANY OTHER MATTERS – to be noted but not resolved: None**

**100 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

a) Wadsworth Environment Group

Cllr Walsh reported that the group thanked the council for passing on the £200 Northern Gas Networks cheque for bulb planting and that the group were currently focusing on Pecket Well Memorial Garden in preparation for Remembrance Sunday

b) Old Town Primary School Governors meeting

Cllr Fowler noted that the school had received a very positive Ofsted report. The school had raised concerns over increasing energy and staffing costs. Furthermore, the number of pupils was still falling due to the declining birth rate in the area.

c) Wadsworth Community Association

Cllr Walsh reported that the community centre had secured a two-year fixed rate utilities deal and so would be opening its doors as a Warm Centre for two days each week, where residents could keep warm and use the wifi.

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

25 October 2022 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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