

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
25 October 2022

102 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Fowler and Sagar.

103 MEMBERS INTERESTS: None declared.

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

105 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

**106 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
27 September 2022.**

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

107 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

It was reported that further action had been taken in relation to min 94e) Dumped rubbish at Heights Road.

108 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan**

It was noted that the plan was still out for consultation.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan**

It was noted that the above consultation stage needed to be completed before the Neighbourhood Plan can be progressed.

109 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Parish Council meeting dates 2023

Resolved: to agree the proposed meeting dates for 2023

A discussion took place regarding whether the Annual Meeting of the Parish could be combined with a Wadsworth Community Association event.

Resolved: that Cllr Walsh to investigate.

Note: this meeting needs to take place between 1 March and 1 June each year.

b) Remembrance Sunday 13 Nov

Resolved that:

i) A press release be produced.

ii) A local florist be asked to make a biodegradable wreath and cross.

iii) Cllr Fowler to read an appropriate poem.

110 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Additional items for payment: September**

i) PKF/Littlejohn External Audit £240.00

ii) Zena Wiggins – website hosting £72.00

b) **Items for payment: October**

i) Salaries/PAYE £584.13

ii) Allowance and reimbursement:

- computer allowance £20.00

- home working allowance £17.33

- Travel £2.70

Total: £40.03

iii) Vital tax – digital VAT software annual fee - charge card payment £24.00

After Agenda issue:

- iv) Chairman's allowance 2022-23 £350.00
- v) Bob Dean – make and install memorial bench £290.00

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 at time of agenda issue.

111 Correspondence: All covered under existing agenda items.

112 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **22/00626/HSE** Dormer extension to rear elevation 31 Keighley Road Hebden Bridge HX7 8QN

Resolved: to support the application.

b) **Applications received after publication of the agenda:** None

c) **Other**

- i) **Barker Cote Farm** – extension

It was noted that Calderdale had been back in touch regarding this issue and that further details had been provided.

- ii) **Bedlam Farm** - new roof

It was noted that Calderdale had been back in touch regarding this issue and further details had been provided. It was further noted that a letter had been received from a local resident noting that no planning permission for the development could be found.

Resolved: to write an urgent letter, including additional photos, to the Head of Planning regarding this issue.

- iii) **22/00369/FUL** Glen Farrow biomass boiler. Far Shawcroft Farm Akroyd Lane Pecket Well HX7 8TE **PENDING**

Resolved: to re-look at this application in light of current work being carried out at the premises.

113 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

- a) Clearway at Haworth Old Road update

Resolved: to re-check exactly where you can park (or not) on Haworth Old Road.

- b) Overgrown trees at Billy Lane, Old Town.

Resolved: that Cllr Heyworth provide a detailed photo and location photo so this can be reported to Calderdale.

- c) Tree touching powerline at Pecket Bar

Resolved: that Cllr Heyworth provide a detailed photo so that this can be reported to Northern Power Grid.

114 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

- a) Potential uncultivated plot update

Resolved: that the tenant be given six months to put the allotment in order or unfortunately the allotment would then be passed on to the next resident on the waiting list.

- b) Parking spaces check update

It was noted that all parking spaces and garages are now let and that three late payment letters to tenants had been sent.

c) Garage in disrepair

Resolved: that Cllr Walsh take a photo so that a letter can be sent to the tenant.

115 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections.**

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

a) Levelling of pitch proposal update

It was reported that a quote of £600 for a topographical survey had been received

Resolved that:

- i) in principle Wadsworth Parish Council supports this project.
- ii) contact be made with Wadsworth Community Centre Activity Sub Section Committee to discuss how this proposal could be progressed.
- iii) Cllr Bradshaw obtain a rough estimate for the works from a local contractor.
- iv) The Clerk speak to a landscape architect in order to provide a rough overview of the full process.
- v) Cllrs Bradshaw and Walsh be thanked for his work in relation to this.

116 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) Old Town Green – depth of gas main

Resolved that: it should be reported that the council is not happy with the current depth of the gas main and that the work should be redone with the gas pipe re-positioned under the land drain.

b) Pecket Bar benches and noticeboards repair quote

Resolved that: the Bob Dean quote for £335 for above repair works be accepted.

c) Memorial plaque for long standing Cllr

Potential locations for this plaque were discussed.

d) Carr Head further tree management works grant application.

It was reported that a decision regarding the grant would be made in November.

e) Broken concrete boundary railings at Old Town Green

Resolved that: a quote for a replacement section of railings (in wood) be sought.

117 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

a) National Association of Local Councils - Climate Change

Resolved that: the council had carried out a number of the NALC recommendations but more work could be done particularly in relation to the following:

‘Protect important open spaces and carbon sinks and consider creating a community orchard and/or wildflower meadow and/or allotments’

by increasing biodiversity at Old Town Green, Pecket Well recreation ground and potentially Smeekin Hill.

118 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

It was reported that the defibrillator was now installed outside the Robin Hood Pub in Pecket Well.

Resolved that:

- i) for administrative purposes the contact email addresses be the Clerk, current Chair and Vice Chair in order to be set up as nominated guardians.
- ii) a check sheet be produced and kept in the cabinet.

- iii) weekly checks be carried out on a rota basis by Cllrs Kimber, Dyson and Rivero

119 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS UPDATE

Resolved that:

- i) Christmas hampers will be provided to local parishioners aged 80 plus.
- ii) the Post Office be asked to produce the hampers at the cost of £25 per single and £35 per double hamper.
- iii) the current residents' list be provided to the clerk for updating.
- iv) Cllrs establish whether there are any new residents to be added to the list.

120 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- a) Town & Parish Council Annual Conference – Calderdale Climate Emergency Plan

Cllrs Kimber, Fowler, Heyworth and Sagar attended and provided consultation comments. **NOTE:** that the plan is still open for consultation to all residents.

- b) Wadsworth Environment Group

- c) **Resolved** that: the group (including Cllr Walsh) be thanked for their splendid work at Pecket Well Memorial Gardens.

120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

22 November 2022 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.37 pm

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