

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
13 December 2022

142 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Bradshaw and Walsh.

143 MEMBERS INTERESTS: None declared.

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

145 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None.

**146 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
22 November 2022.**

Resolved: that the above minutes be approved as a true and accurate record with the following correction: Min 139 should say 25 November not December.

147 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: None

148 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:** Nothing to report.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report.

149 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Finance meeting to set level of 2023-24 precept update

Resolved: to note the update and if possible, book the Greenwood Room for this meeting.

b) Government email update

Resolved: that Hebden Royd Town Council be contacted regarding this issue and provide further details to Cllr Dyson.

c) Public access to Council meetings

Resolved: that Hebden Royd Town Council be contacted regarding this issue.

150 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE	£627.47
ii) Allowance and reimbursement:	
- computer allowance	£20.00
- home working allowance	£17.33
- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£40.03</u>
iii) Post Office – 40 x 2 nd class stamps – charge card payment	£27.20
iv) Post Office – Printing paper – charge card payment	£6.90
v) Wadsworth Environment Group insurance refund	£157.00
vi) Fleur De Lys – memorial wreath and cross	£40.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

b) **Financial reporting**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)

ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)

iii) VAT Return (quarterly)

Resolved: to receive the financial reports

c) Grants: None

151 Correspondence:

a) The Countryside Society – annual membership £36

Resolved: to pay the membership fee.

152 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:** None

b) **Applications received after publication of the agenda:**

i) **22/01024/CON** Conversion of dilapidated garage to form dwelling. The Coach House Boston Hill Old Town HX7 8SS

Resolved: that an observation be made that the conversion did not appear to be in keeping with the existing buildings. And that no elevations were provided in order to compare the height of the conversion to the surrounding original buildings.

c) **Other**

i) **22/01066/FUL** Construction of dwelling (Revised Scheme to 20/00312/FUL) 5 Ayre View Parrock Lane Old Town Hebden Bridge HX7 8SX **PENDING**

It was noted that a variation had been submitted which included changes to the access to the site.

Resolved: that the following comment be made: that the Parish Council is concerned about the potential loss of planting and that any changes to access to the site should only take place if the land in question is owned by the landowner.

ii) Construction of new dwelling at Bedlam Farm, Pecket Well

Resolved: that a further letter be sent to Calderdale, that the local MP is contacted and that the three Ward Cllrs are invited to the January meeting to discuss this issue.

153 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) Broken wall at corner of Ackroyd Lane and Keighley Road

Resolved: to contact Calderdale regarding this issue.

154 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

a) Bollards placed in front of garage at Carr Head 2

Resolved: that a letter be sent to the tenant stating that alterations to the land surrounding the garage are not permitted without prior written consent and that the tenant would be charged for the removal of the bollards if the tenancy is terminated by either party.

155 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) Bi-weekly inspections.

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

b) Proposed pitch levelling update

Resolved that: this be added to the agenda of the January meeting.

c) Repair and painting works quote

Resolved that:

i) Cllr Kimber contact a local painter and decorator re the painting of Old Town Play Area equipment

ii) Cllr Dyson look at the practicalities of Parish Council Members and volunteers removing the wooden trim trail at Pecket Well.

iii) the funding be discussed at the January Finance meeting.

156 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) Carr Head Woodland maintenance grant application update.

Resolved: to note the Calderdale Landowner Grant Scheme application was successful to the value of £4985. That Cllr Bradshaw be thanked for his continued work in securing grant funding for the site.

b) Smeekin Hill maintenance works

Resolved: that this be added to the January agenda

c) Old Town Green on-going issues with replacement gas pipe at land drain.

Resolved: that a confirmation email be sent to Northern Gas regarding this on-going issue, including acknowledgement that the gas main will be laid at the correct depth, once the works are complete and the surrounding land increased to the correct level.

d) Vandalism of the community telephone box at Pecket Well Memorial gardens

Resolved that:

- i) Cllr Kimber check the time of the incident.
- ii) Cllr Kimber talk to a local resident about repairs.
- iii) the Environment Group be informed that once the extent of the repairs and a way forward is established the Parish Council will fund the works.

157 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Cllrs were invited to contribute information and ideas in relation to this agenda item.

158 NEW MODEL COUNCILLOR - OFFICER PROTOCOL FOR ADOPTION

Resolved: that the protocol be adopted with the removal of the first paragraph under the Correspondence section on page 8.

159 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS UPDATE

It was reported that the hampers would be collected for distribution on Friday 16 December.

160 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) The Impact of Airbnb on Local Housing

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Kimber and Dyson. It was reported that alternative forms of Airbnb, run on a corporative basis, with money being put back into the community were discussed.

161 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

January 10 Finance & Budget meeting
January 24 Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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