

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall**  
24 January 2023

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**162 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Bradshaw, Dyson, Fowler, Rivero and Sagar.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Heyworth and Walsh.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was resolved that Cllr Bradshaw would chair the meeting.

**163 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None declared.

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

**165 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None.

**166 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:  
13 December 2022 and the Finance Meeting held on 10 January 2023.**

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

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

**168 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:** Update deferred.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Update deferred.

**169 CLERK'S REPORT:**

a) Access to Council meetings

**Resolved** to note the verbal update.

b) Proposed meeting date change from 28.02.23 to 21.02.23

**Resolved** to propose the February meeting date change to 27.02.23.

**170 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: £40.03

iii) CBRE Annual subscription £36.00

iv) Calderdale Council – Grounds maintenance 2022 £4506.98

v) Cartridge People – 1 x print cartridge £46.90

vi) Old Town PO Ltd – 34 Christmas hampers £856.96

**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

d) **To agree the budget and precept for the 2023-24 financial year**

It was noted that the Parish Council had no alternative than to increase the precept due to the fact that Calderdale Council had removed the annual borough supplement of £1009 and the council tax reduction grant of £1010, totalling £2019.

It was further noted that the agreed precept increase would provide an additional £1679 funds which, taking into account the removal of the £2019 grant funding, still left the council £340 per year worse off.

**Resolved that:**

- i) the precept for 2023-24 per household be increased by 10%. This would mean that, based on the Calderdale Council tax base figure of 569.81, for a band D household the figure would increase from £29.52 to £32.41 per year. For a Band A household, the figure would increase from £19.68 to £21.61 per year. Making the overall precept figure £18,468.
- ii) that a total budget of £27,159 be allocated for 2023-24 and that the budget shortfall of £6318 be accounted for from council reserves.

**171 Correspondence:**

- a) YLCA – website login details update

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

- b) South Pennine Branch Meeting.

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

**172 PLANNING:**

- a) **New Applications:** None

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

- c) **To note the decisions made by Calderdale:** Noted

- d) **Ground works at Acre Mill**

**Resolved:** to contact Calderdale Planning flagging this issue due to it being an ex-  
asbestos site and local residents raising concerns. This item be added to the next  
meeting agenda.

- e) **Building construction at Bedlam Farm**

**Resolved:** to re contact Calderdale in relation to this issue.

**173 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

- a) Dislodged wall at corner of Ackroyd Lane and Keighley Road

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

**174 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES**

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

**Resolved:** to receive the response letter.

- b) Offer of Wadsworth Community Centre Allotment plot.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Sagar be sent a digital copy of the Community Centre deeds plan  
and that Wadsworth Community Association be asked to provide further details in  
relation to the ownership of the allotment plot.

**175 PLAYGROUNDS:**

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

- b) **Old Town Green and Pecket Well play areas repairs and painting**

**Resolved** that:

- i) D Southwell's quote at a cost of £820 including materials be approved and  
that the works be carried out post the playground repair works, and once  
public liability insurance evidence has been provided.

- ii) Pennine Playgrounds carryout the play equipment repairs at Pecket Well and  
Old Town Green to 2 x roundabouts (£3740.30), the slide (£378.50) and  
Climbing frame (price tbc) as per 08.12.22 quote. And that the site set up and  
welfare fee be re-negotiated.

iii) J Peterken's quote to a maximum of £400 be accepted for the removal of the trim trail at Pecket Well play area.

c) **Proposed pitch levelling update**

**Resolved** that: the outline information and example works schedule be noted and that the Parish Council wait until they hear back from the group requesting the changes to the pitch, before taking this any further.

**176 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

a) Smeekin Hill War Memorial maintenance works update

Deferred

b) Bob Dean quote for maintenance works – various

**Resolved** that: the quote for £272 for the concrete fencing repair works at Old Town Green and the quote for waterproofing the back of the noticeboards at £25 per noticeboard be approved.

**177 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

a) Rural Bus Services

It was noted that Calderdale Local Transport Forum had raised the issue of rural buses being cut in Stainland, contrary to Calderdale Council's Climate Action Plan which clearly states that Calderdale will fund/support buses to rural areas. A watching brief was agreed in relation to Wadsworth Parish's bus network.

b) Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Coordinator

It was noted that a new Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Coordinator had been appointed at Hebden Royd Town Council.

c) South Pennine Branch Meeting agenda item

**Resolved:** to ask what other Councils are doing about the Climate Emergency.

**178 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

a) Old Town Primary School Governors Meeting

Cllr Fowler attended. Funding was discussed and school numbers. It was reported that the intake for the 2023-24 school year had increased to 15 pupils.

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

27 February 2023 – to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm

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