

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
28 March 2023

201 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Dyson and Fowler.

202 MEMBERS INTERESTS: None declared.

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

204 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None.

**205 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
27 February 2023**

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

206 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) Min 191a) Potential site for the 20mph VAS.

It was reported that Cllr Kimber attended a recent Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and stated that the alternative 30mph location was preferred.

Resolved: to reply to CALDERDALE COUNCIL confirming that the council prefer the 30mph option.

207 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:**

It was reported that Calderdale Council had approved the Local Plan. This meant that the Neighbourhood Plan could now progress.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:**

It was noted that a Placemaking CALDERDALE COUNCIL meeting invite had been received and that the consultants would produce a design strategy following public drop-in sessions.

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

209 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) Wadsworth Environment group – Pecket Well tel. box repair £74.04

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:**

It was noted that the CROWS grant would be discussed at the next meeting, once all paperwork had been received.

210 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Flood Wardens: Pecket Well Flood store

Resolved: to thank Cllr Bradshaw for his work in relation to this.

- b) Local resident: Dog Fouling in Pecket Well

Resolved: to thank the resident for their observations, to note the various suggestions, to note that the council would buy more signs to help deter this and to advise the resident that it is not appropriate to leave bags of collected dog poo in the vicinity.

211 PLANNING:

- a) **New Applications:** None
b) **Applications received after publication of the agenda:** None
c) **Other:** None

212 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

- a) 20mph Vehicle Activated Sign at Pecket Well

Discussed under item 206

- b) Old Town Green water leaks

It was noted that no repair works had taken place.

Resolved: to write to Northern Gas Networks as it was agreed that the repair would be carried out in March and to contact Yorkshire Water regarding the second leak.

- c) Repair works to Old Town Mill Lane

It was noted that the council had commented on recent planning applications that something needed to be done in relation to the unadopted state of the road given the future increase in traffic from the new housing units. It was further noted that the contractors had agreed to relay the stone setts (cobble) outside the Mill on completion of the works.

Resolved: that Calderdale Council be contacted in relation to the unadopted state of the road including its winter maintenance and future maintenance.

- d) Worn path leading to Smeekin Hill War Memorial.

It was noted that water was washing the path away.

Resolved: that Calderdale Council be contacted regarding this issue noting that the centenary event for the War Memorial is in the autumn of this year.

- e) Water running down Lane Ends Lane to Walker Lane (becoming ice in freezing conditions).

It was noted that Calderdale Council had inspected this but no further action was taken.

- f) Buses running erratically

Examples given included the school run in Pecket Well and early evening non-appearance during the 595 to 594 timetable change coming down the hill in Old Town. It was also noted that the 595 1810, 1840 and 1910 bus times were all showing in the timetable going back down the hill via Old Town, not via Keighley Road, as some had been doing.

Resolved that: Metro and Calderdale Council be contacted regarding the erratic service.

213 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES: None

214 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

215 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

- a) Carr Head woodland works grant offer/quote/costs/timescales

Resolved: that the Clerk agree with Matt Taylor the timetable of works in accordance with the grant conditions.

b) Jim Peterkin - £250 quote for removing trees on lower bank at Carr Head
Resolved: to approve the quote and that Cllr Bradshaw oversee the works.

216 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

a) Calderdale Council Climate Action Plan update
The update was received.

a) How to Address the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis Event 12 April
Resolved: to receive the information and encourage Cllrs to attend.

217 COUNCIL ELECTIONS UPDATE

It was noted that Wadsworth’s polling district ref was BE and that all paperwork needed to be completed and dropped off at the Halifax address by 4 April

218 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) Wadsworth Community Association: Cllr Walsh

It was noted that kids were damaging the bowling green. The Parish Council were asked to consider putting up a shelter on Old Town Green. It was pointed out that there was a shelter in the school playground for young people’s use. It was also reported that WCA were going to put up signs up to deter misuse of the bowling green.

It was further noted that:

Calder Community Cares would be dropping “Winter Health Check” bags off around Old Town on the 4-5 April.

A representative from HBDAF visited the centre on the 27 March regarding the layout of the disabled toilets.

The ceiling and lighting in the centre main hall had been replaced with better insulated ceiling tiles and more energy efficient LED lighting.

Resolved: Cllr Walsh/Clerk to check re the mowing contract for Old Town Green.

b) Defibrillator training at Robin Hood, Pecket Well

Resolved: that the defibrillator trainer be thanked.

219 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

25 April 2023

The meeting closed at 20.55 pm

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