

**220 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Fowler, Heyworth, Rivero and Walsh.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Dyson and Sagar.

**221 MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None declared.

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

**223 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:**

A local resident attended and asked the council if they would contribute towards a defibrillator to be positioned at the toilets at Hardcastle Craggs.

**Resolved to:**

- i) provide the grant application form to the resident.
- ii) carry forward the remaining unspent grant funding from 2022-23 to 2023-24 financial year.
- iii) that the council was happy to take on the future maintenance including all on-going costs once the item was installed.

**224 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:  
28 March 2023**

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

**225 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:**

a) It was noted that CROWS had agreed to look at improvements to the footpath leading to Smeekin Hill War Memorial

**226 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:**

It was noted that despite the consultants agreeing to produce a design strategy, based on public drop-in sessions, no progress had been made.

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

**227 CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Resolved to:** note the Annual Meeting date change from the 23 to 16 May in order to comply with election protocol.

**228 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) Post Office – 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps – charge card	£47.20
iv) Pennine Playgrounds – maintenance works deposit	£3,008.28

b) **Financial reporting**

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

**Resolved:** to approve the payments and receive the financial reports.

c) **Grants:**

- i) CROWS: Annual grant request £500

- It was noted that no application form had been received.
- ii) Wadsworth Walking Market (received after agenda issue)
- Resolved** that: the grant could not be authorised for the following reasons:
- the Council cannot pay individuals, only organisations.
  - it is good practice that the set-up expenses are taken from the money raised not from a third-party organisation.

**229 CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Calderdale Electoral Services: Declaration of result of poll uncontested.  
It was noted that Cllrs Bradshaw, Dyson, Fowler, Heyworth, Kimber, Rivero and Walsh were all elected uncontested.

It was further noted that there were now two casual vacancies.

**Resolved** to: write to Cllr Sagar to thank him for all his hard work whilst serving as a parish councillor.

b) Local resident: Proposed Midgehole defibrillator

Covered under item 223

c) Wadsworth Environment Group: General queries.

**Resolved** that:

- i) a planter could be placed and maintained by the Environment group at Pecket Well Memorial Garden.
- ii) to thank the group for their continued work in the parish.
- iii) memorial plaques for individuals could not be placed in the Memorial Garden.

**230 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:** None

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

c) **Other:**

i) Far Nook Farm

**Resolved** to: check the planning application in relation to access to the site and resend the information to Cllrs.

**231 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:**

a) Highways response to March meeting queries.

**Resolved:** to check the correspondence and as appropriate clarify that the water was running down the road from Stray Leaves bungalow to Walker Lane at the top of Sandy gate

b) Vehicular activated road sign at Pecket Well

**Resolved** that: Cllr Kimber request a progress report at the next Safer Greener meeting.

**232 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:**

**Resolved** that:

- i) a letter be sent to the garage that has connected a power supply without the consent of the council.
- ii) further investigation and further letter be sent in relation to unauthorised parking at the Carr head 1 site.

**233 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) Pecket Well and Old Town Green maintenance works

It was noted that the works would now commence on the 4 May.

**234 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

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

**Resolved** to: complete the timescales update grant form.

b) Water leaks at Old Town Green

**Resolved** to: chase Northern Gas Network in relation to both outstanding issues.

**235 CLIMATE EMERGENCY – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

a) Calderdale Council Cabinet Climate Change Working Party: Zero Carbon Council Pensions & Investments.

**Resolved** to: receive the update.

**236 COUNCIL ELECTIONS UPDATE**

Covered under item 229a)

**237 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

a) Meeting of the Parish in combination with Wadsworth Community Association –

**Resolved** that:

i) WCA be thanked for organising the above meeting

ii) To confirm that the 2023 Meeting of the Parish would take place at the community centre at 7.30 on the 26 May and would include a talk on bee friendly pollination and a light supper. All welcome.

iii) the Clerk supply the appropriate financial documentation for the meeting.

iv) Cllr Walsh be thanked for her work in relation to this.

b) Old Peoples Welfare Committee – attended by Cllr Fowler

It was noted that the committee was changing to a new format and the parish council had been asked to suggest proposals for approximately £800 of funds.

**Resolved** that: the funding be used for the 2023 Christmas Parcels and that Cllr Fowler pass this information back to the committee.

c) Wadsworth Community Association

Cllr Walsh reported that there were continued concerns over vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the bowling green. It was reported that the committee were looking into installing CCTV.

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

Annual Meeting 16 May 7.30pm Council Chamber, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Meeting of the Parish 26 May 7.30pm Wadsworth Community Centre

The meeting closed at 21.40 pm

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