

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
27 June 2023

19 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Dyson (Meeting Chair), Bradshaw, Fowler, Rivero and Walsh.

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

20 PROCEDUAL MATTERS

a) **Members interests:** None declared.

b) **General Power of Competence:**

Resolved that:

- i) the council confirmed that the number of councillors elected at the last election exceeded two thirds (rounded up) of the total number of seats of the council.
- ii) that the clerk held CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration).
- iii) therefore, the council confirmed its eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.
- iv) the Council further confirmed that eligibility would be reconfirmed at every annual council meeting after ordinary elections (every 4 years).

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

22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 16 May 2023

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

24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) **Min 6 Old Peoples Welfare Committee**

Resolved: to check that the correspondence had been sent to the correct committee member.

b) **Annual Meeting of the Parish update**

It was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish 26.06.23, held in combination with a talk and supper at the community centre, had been a great success. 48 people attended. Residents were interested in the parish council's activities and had not been aware of how many community assets the council owned and managed including Carr Head with its history and on-going management as an asbestos tip.

25 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:** Deferred till next meeting.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Deferred till next meeting.

c) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan update**

Resolved: that the update be received.

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

27 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

- i) Salaries/PAYE including back pay £662.57
- ii) Allowance and reimbursement:
 - computer allowance £20.83
 - home working allowance £18.58

- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii) SLCC annual membership	£139.00
iv) Jim Peterkin – Carr Head woodland management	£325.00
v) Greg Sculthorpe – Internal Auditor	£120.00
vi) YLCA – Annual membership 2023-24	£456.00
vi) Pennine Playgrounds – maintenance works balance	£3,008.28

b) Financial reporting

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

Resolved:

- i) to approve the payments and receive the financial reports.
- ii) to investigate higher interest savings account options and ethical banking options.

c) Local Community Grants: to consider:

- i) CROWS: Annual grant request for £500 to help improve footpaths within the parish

Resolved: to approve the grant for £500

- ii) Midgehole Defibrillator £300
Agenda correction, it was noted the grant application was for a defibrillator at Midgehole not Pecket Well.

Resolved to:

- i) approve the grant application for the installation of the defibrillator and that the council pay the cost of installation up to £300 plus VAT.
- ii) note the parish would now have defibrillators at Midgehole (at the toilets next to Hardcastle Crags main car park), Pecket Well (outside the Robinhood Inn) and Old Town (outside the community centre).
- iii) check insurance arrangements for both the parish council owned defibrillators.
- iv) Cllr Dyson to check if there was a defibrillator located at the Pack Horse pub at Widdop.

d) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022-23

Resolved to:

- i) To note the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2022-23 included as part of the AGAR 2022-23.
- ii) To approve Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 for Wadsworth Parish Council.
- iii) To approve Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2022-23 for Wadsworth Parish Council.

28 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Calderdale Council: Community Ownership Fund

Resolved to: receive the information and forward the email to Cllrs.

29 PLANNING:

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

c) **Other:**

i) **2101270FUL** Far Nook house and barn – access during works

It was noted that the temporary access appeared to be in line with the planning application.

ii) **20-00321FUL** Multi-purpose equestrian and agricultural building - groundworks at incorrect location (above Nook Lane)

It was reported that Calderdale had been informed.

30 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) **Maintenance of footpath to Smeekin Hill**

Resolved to:

- i) hold 100-year memorial service at 2pm Saturday 23 September 2023.
- ii) let CROWS know in good time so that they can carry out any works to the footpath.
- iii) arrange for a short remembrance speech to take place at the memorial and then tea and biscuits at the pub.
- iv) invite the community centre, bowling club, cricket club and Women's Institute.
- v) produce a press release.
- vi) confirm at the July meeting.

b) **Tyre dumping on Keighley Rd**

Resolved: to contact Calderdale about this on-going issue.

c) **Local resident - Speed camera at Pecket Well**

Resolved to:

- i) receive the information and note that the resident was talking about a speed camera whereas it is a vehicle activated sign that is to be installed.
- ii) check the current status of the vehicle activated sign.

d) **Continued parking problems at Haworth Old Road**

Resolved to:

- i) request repeat signage along the road.
- ii) that the traffic wardens rotation could reflect the weather in relation to Haworth Old Road.
- iii) ask Calderdale to make sure the traffic wardens know that the land at Grain Water Bridge is not included within the residents only parking zone.

d) **Parking on yellow lines at Pecket Bar**

Resolved that: Cllr Dyson check the state of the double yellow lines and take photos and that this be reported to Calderdale as appropriate.

31 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Access to allotments at Pecket Bar**

Resolved to: check the access to the allotments at Pecket Bar.

32 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Pennine Play Annual playgrounds inspections package quote**

Resolved to: accept the Pennine Play inspection package at a cost of £1150.20 for 20223-24 and to let Cllrs know the exact increase.

c) **Painting of Old Town Playground**

Resolved to: let the agreed contractor know that the playground is now ready for painting.

33 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) Access at Old Town Green

Resolved to:

- i) thank the Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum for the correspondence.
- ii) that all Cllrs have a look at the current and possible future access to the Green.
- iii) That at this stage the Council did not feel that it could become involved in the issue of access to the Post Office as this would be a matter between Calderdale Council and the Post Office, though it was noted that the Parish Council raised this issue when commenting on the conversion plans.

b) Carr Head tree works update

Resolved to: accept J Peterken's estimate for further works up to a value of £550 for both the lower and upper sections of work, subject to approval of the work by Cllr Bradshaw.

34 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) YLCA South Pennine Branch meeting

Attended by Cllr Rivero

b) Old Town School Governors

Attended by Cllr Fowler

c) Wadsworth Community Association

Attended by Cllr Walsh

Resolved: to receive the report regarding the lease renewal and the proposed refurbishment works and that both items be put on the next meeting agenda.

35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

25.07.2023

The meeting closed at 21.25 pm

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