

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
25 July 2023

36 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bradshaw

37 PROCEDUAL MATTERS

a) **Members interests:**

Cllr Kimber declared an interest in relation to item 11a)ii) as the application was in relation to his property. The Cllr left the room for the duration of the discussion and did not take part in the vote.

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

39 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

40 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 27 June 2023

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

41 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: None

42 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Calderdale Council Local Plan:** It was reported that the plan was now complete and in force. It was further reported that an additional supporting advisory document: Place Making & Design Code, was currently out for consultation.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was reported that the next meeting would take place on 26.07.23

c) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan update**

i) Calderdale Newsletter June edition (emailed 28.06.23)

ii) YLCA: Carbon Literacy Training

iii) Retrofit Workshop: 16 September Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Resolved that: the above information be received.

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

44 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE £639.17

ii) Allowance and reimbursement:

- computer allowance £20.83

- home working allowance £18.58

- Travel £2.70

Total: £42.11

iii) Print Bureau – meeting packs printing

iv) Post office – 1st class stamps £13.45

v) Post Office – printing paper and stationary £19.60

vi) CROWS local footpath maintenance grant £500.00

vii) CMBC – election expenses £115.14

After agenda issue:

viii) Bob Dean – fence and bench repairs £597.00

ix) Pennine Play - Annual inspection contract £1380.24

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) **Local Community Grants:** to consider: None.

d) **Consideration of higher interest and ethical savings bank accounts.**

Resolved to:

- i) To look at higher interest options within current bank account (Virgin money) and savings account (NSI).
- ii) To investigate interest rates at Starling Bank and Nationwide Building Society.

45 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Hebden Royd Town Council – Civic service invite

Resolved to: receive and reply to the invitation.

46 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **23/00485/OUT** Detached dwelling (Outline- Access) land off Midgehole Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX7 7AL

Resolved to: object to the application due to the following reasons:

- i) concerns were raised in relation to additional vehicles using the access track.
- ii) that as the next-door garage had been converted into an airB&B there were already additional cars using and needing to park on the track.
- iii) concern that additional cars would partially block the track that is part of the main walking route from Hebden Bridge to Hardcastle Crags.
- iv) In addition, on the plan the steps linking Lee Mill Road to Midgehole Rd were referred to as a private thorough fair which is not the case as the steps are part of a public right of way.

- v) **23/00529/HSE** Installation of 20 solar panels mounted to ground in garden at Lower Crimsworth Cottage Crimsworth Lane Pecket Well HX7 8RB

Resolved to: make no comment on the application.

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

c) **Other:**

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

Resolved to: resend the correspondence to Calderdale planning and copy in the Ward Cllrs. In addition to state the concern that buildings are appearing that have not applied for planning permission and/or are not in the correct location.

47 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) **Proposed closure of Hebden Bridge train station ticket office.**

Resolved to: object to the closure of the ticket office and the short period of consultation (via ticketoffice.northern@transportfocus.org.uk). To raise the issue of access for people with disabilities and people who do not have bank cards and therefore want to pay with cash.

b) **Dislodged marker stone at Pecket Bar**

Resolved to: report this to Calderdale Highways.

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

Resolved to: re-write to Calderdale (parking.gateway@calderdale.gov.uk and Members Highways) regarding this issue including photos.

d) **Vehicle Activated Sign at Pecket Well**

Resolved to: rewrite to Calderdale expressing exasperation in relation to the timescale of over two years with no resolution.

e) **Speeding on Keighley Moor**

Resolved to: contact Calderdale regarding this issue. That Cllr Kimber provide the officers contact details.

48 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

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

Resolved that:

- i) Cllr Dyson check out the access within the site and along the top wall at Ackroyd Lane including providing additional photos.
- ii) to be added to August agenda.
- iii) Cllr Fowler to contact the resident concerned.

b) **Electricity supply to garages at Carr Head**

Resolved to:

- i) update the lease to account for the electricity supply at Carr Head garage site 12.
- ii) contact the tenant at Carr Head garage site 8.

49 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Painting of equipment at Old Town Green**

It was noted that the delay was likely to be due to the inclement weather.

50 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Centre**

i) **Toilets refurbishment**

Resolved that: unfortunately, the Council could not provide a grant or apply for funding unless the newly refurbished toilets met current specification requirements.

ii) **Renewal of lease**

Resolved that:

- i) in principle the lease could be renewed for 30 years at a similar peppercorn rent.
- ii) that the lease be looked at at the August meeting.

b) **Defibrillators:**

- i) Insurance – public liability and damage, total for both £56

Resolved to: approve the payment.

- ii) Department of Health & Social Care – Defibrillator registration

Resolved to: note that Pecket Well defibrillator was already registered and to provide the documentation to the contact for the Midgehole defibrillator.

c) **Smeekin Hill 100 year memorial service.**

Resolved to: confirm the following:

- i) that the 100 year memorial service take place at 2pm Saturday 23 Sept 2023.
- ii) To let CROWS know in good time so that they can have carried out anyworks to the footpath.
- iii) that there will be a short remembrance speech at the memorial and then tea and biscuits at the pub.

iv) that the community centre, cricket club and women's institute be invited.

v) that a press release be produced.

d) Access to Old Town Green

Resolved that: Cllrs have a further look at current access to the green and that the item be added to August agenda.

e) Repair of fence, benches and noticeboards update

Resolved to: receive the update.

f) Women's Institute planter at Pecket Well Memorial Gardens

Resolved to: thank the Women's Institute.

51 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) Cllr Kimber: Calderdale Safer Cleaner Green

It was reported that the on-going issues relating to the delay in installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign at Pecket Well and speeding on the moor were discussed.

c) Cllr Fowler: Town Parish Liaison Group

It was reported that the potential closure of Hebden Bridge Ticket office was raised at the meeting by all councils.

d) Cllr Walsh: Wadsworth Community Centre Board Meeting

It was reported that the board were frustrated with on going issues regarding funding and procurement in relation to upgrading the centre's toilets.

Resolved to: receive the above reports.

52 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

22.08.2023

The meeting closed at 21.35 pm

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