

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
19 September 2023

73 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: None

74 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

a) **Members interests:** None declared

b) **Chair's chain update**

Resolved to:

i) contact the insurance company to report that the chain had been found.

ii) request cost of adding it back on to the insurance policy.

iii) to contact the resident to thank them for locating the chain.

c) **Meeting dates 2024**

Resolved: to approve the meeting dates for 2024

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

76 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

77 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 22 August 2023

Resolved: that the above minutes be approved as a true and accurate record with the following correction: it was Cllr Fowler that was asked to seek advice from a local lawyer re the Wadsworth Community Centre lease renewal, not Cllr Kimber.

78 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) Cllr Kimber reported that the resident is in the process of locating the agreement with Calderdale in relation to maintenance of Old Town Mill Lane.

b) Cllr Kimber reported that it had been reported that the parking situation at Haworth Old Rd had improved this summer and that Calderdale have agreed to keep an eye on the parking situation at Pecket Bar.

79 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was reported that the next meeting would take place on 16 October.

Resolved that: the information be received.

b) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan update**

It was reported that the next formal CAP meeting would take place on 4 Oct 6-8pm with the aim to finalise the plan, ready for the launch at end of Oct.

Resolved that: the information be received.

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

81 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) Wadsworth Environment Group - insurance £157.00

iv) John Lord and Sons Ltd – painting of goal posts £180.00

b) **Financial reporting**

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

Resolved to: approve the payments, including Wadsworth Environment Group's annual insurance at £157, and to receive the financial reports.

c) **Local Community Grants:** None received.

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

Resolved that:

- i) higher savings rate bank accounts with the council's existing bank be looked at and that the information be brought to the next council meeting.
- ii) the National Savings account statement be brought to the next meeting.

82 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team: Civic Guest Evening 31.10.23

Resolved that: Cllr Kimber attend and that the venue be confirmed.

b) Mayor of Calderdale: Reception invite

Resolved that: the invitation be declined.

c) Modern Day Slavery Exhibition Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 27 October

Resolved to: note the information and that Cllrs attend.

83 **PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:** None received at agenda issue.

b) **Applications received after publication of the agenda:**

- i) **23/00511/HSE** Single storey side extension including replacing flat roof with pitched and removal of part of boundary wall to provide parking area Ibbotroyd Barn Walker Lane Old Town HX7 8SJ **PENDING**

Resolved to: make no comment.

c) **Other:**

- i) 1901247FUL Lawful Development Certificate.

Resolved to:

- note the certificate.
- write to the three ward Cllrs expressing concerns over poor performance of Calderdale Council Planning and Development Control over the last few years.
- request that one of the Ward Cllrs attend a Wadsworth Parish Council meeting to discuss.

- ii) 2000321FUL Multi-purpose equestrian and agricultural building and extension of agricultural track.

Resolved to: note the correspondence from Calderdale.

84 **ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT MATTERS:**

a) Drainage issue at Keighley Rd, below Crimsworth Lane

Resolved to: receive the update and note that Calderdale had been in contacting regarding the on-going situation.

b) Overhanging trees at Sandy Gate

Resolved that: Cllr Heyworth provide the photos and that the issue be re-reported.

c) Speeding traffic through Old Town

Resolved to: note that this was reported at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and that Calderdale have advised that this is an on-going problem throughout the

borough and that Calderdale are doing what they can with the limited resources available.

d) Vehicle Activated Sign

Resolved to: receive the update.

85 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) Access to allotments at Pecket Bar update.

Resolved that: Cllr Fowler was to meet the resident on 20.09.23

b) Key for garage at Pecket Well 2 GS3

Resolved that:

i) a price be sought for a new garage door lock and key and that Hebden Royd Town Council be billed for this if they cannot locate the key that they voluntarily took into their care.

ii) the prospective tenant be informed.

86 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) Anti-social behaviour at Pecket Well recreation ground

Resolved that:

i) Cllr Bradshaw check the access and that Jim Peterkin be asked to take a look at trimming or layering the shrubs and trees at the sides of the access path to the site.

ii) the local resident be updated.

87 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Centre lease renewal update**

Resolved that: as this was not the local lawyer's specialism a local solicitor be engaged to check the lease.

b) **Carr Head Woodland works grant update**

Resolved that: the assigned contractor would be carrying out two days work on the site.

c) **Smeekin Hill 100-year centenary commemoration service update**

Resolved that: the tea and coffee arrangements be confirmed.

d) Mowing of Memorial Garden

Resolved that:

i) the mowing of the Garden was carried out at the same time as the mowing of the recreation ground and that the contractors were not tied to exact days and times in terms of carrying out this work.

ii) that the resident be updated.

88 UNUSED POTENTIAL AMENITY LAND AT OLD MILL RIDGE

Resolved that: Cllr Heyworth let the local resident know that the land in question belonged to the receivers of Britannia Homes, when the company went into receivership. That the council could provide a copy of the land register for the site but did not have any further information.

89 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) Hebden Bridge Old People's Welfare Group. Cllr Fowler

Resolved to: receive the update.

b) Calderdale Safer Cleaner Greener 11.09.23 Cllr Kimber: Updates covered under existing agenda items.

c) Wadsworth Community Association AGM 15.09.23 Cllr Walsh
It was reported that the meeting was well attended. It was further reported that work had started on improving the toilets.
Resolved to: receive the update.

90 FUTURE OUTSIDE MEETING DATES

- a) Calder Ward, Forum Hebden Bridge Town Hall - Wednesday 18 October
- b) Town Parish Council Annual Conference – Saturday 7 October

91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

24.10.2023

The meeting closed at 21.30 pm

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