

92 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: None

93 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

a) **Members interests:** None declared

94 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA:

Resolved: to take the following items at the end of Public Discussion Time:

Agenda item 11

Planning:

a) **New Applications:**

i) 23/06010/EIA Scoping opinion. Wind farm proposal. Walshaw Moor Estate
Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale

d) **Other**

i) Planning application for Shawcroft Hill passed in 1998

95 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: 15 residents attended the meeting to ask questions and make comments in relation to item 11a) and one resident in relation to item 11d)i).

96 Planning:

a) **New Applications:**

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It was noted that all 15 residents that attended Public Discussion Time, in relation to this item, opposed the wind farm application. Residents expressed a range of views including concerns regarding the lack of detail in relation to the detrimental affect on the peat bog, the impact of temporary construction roads, the very large number of construction lorries and other site vehicles using narrow and curved local roads, the noise pollution, that the proposal contradicted the local plan, that residents' bore hole water supplies would be negatively impacted, the increased flood risk due to excavation and compacting of the peat bog.

Cllrs also expressed a variety of opinions and concerns in relation to the proposal including that not enough time had been given by Calderdale to comment in detail in relation to the scoping opinion.

Resolved that:

- i) Cllr Dyson put together a detailed response based on the residents' and Cllrs' research and opinions, including citing other consultee information.
- ii) this response be circulated to all Parish Cllrs.
- iii) the agreed final response be provided to the clerk by Friday 27 Oct and that it be submitted on that day to Calderdale via the usual consultee planning portal.
- iv) a suggested date for all the local councils to meet to form a forum in relation to this issue be 9 November 2023 or as near to this date as possible, and to note that Heptonstall Parish Council had offered to host this meeting.
- v) that a meeting with the consultants and a public meeting to follow.

a) **Other:**

i) Planning application for Shawcroft Hill passed in 1998.

Resolved that: the issue be investigated further and as appropriate reported to Calderdale Planning.

97 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 19 September 2023

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

98 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) Smeeikin Hill War memorial 100-year commemorations

It was reported that the service at the memorial was well attended and that everyone continued to the Robin Hood for tea and coffee afterwards.

99 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was reported that a difficult decision had been made by the Neighbourhood Plan group to no longer continue with the plan due to ongoing and long standing issues in relation to Calderdale imposing restrictions on the document.

Resolved that: the information be received and that the parish council supported the decision.

b) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan update**

It was reported that there would be a Public Meeting at 2pm 26.11.23 at the Orange Box in Halifax.

Resolved that: the information be received.

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

101 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:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii)	Post Office – stamps and paper – charge card	£50.70
iv)	Zena Wiggins – website hosting	£72.00
v)	Cllr Kimber – Smeeikin Hill Service teas and coffees	£36.45

b) **Financial reporting**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)

ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)

iii) VAT Return (quarterly)

Resolved to: approve the payments and reports, and in relation to the budget monitoring to check the breakdown of the £380 admin, stationery and stamps quarter 2 figure.

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

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

Resolved that:

i) Cllr Dyson carry out some further research in relation to the Redwood Bank savings account and that a proposal be brought to the November meeting.

102 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Wainsgate Chapel Committee – discussion over potential closure of graveyard

Resolved to: receive the correspondence.

103 PLANNING:

b) **New Applications:**

- i) 23/06010/EIA Scoping opinion. Wind farm proposal. Walshaw Moor Estate
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NOTE: Discussed under item 96

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

d) **Decisions made by Calderdale**

Resolved to: note the information.

e) **Other:**

- i) Planning application for Shawcroft Hill passed in 1998.

NOTE: Discussed under item 96

- ii) Various agricultural approvals.

Resolved to: note the correspondence from Calderdale

- iii) Ward Cllr(s) response to Calderdale Planning and Development Control reported issues.

Resolved to: check when a Ward Cllr would be attending a Wadsworth Parish Council meeting.

104 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT MATTERS:

- a) Drainage issue at Keighley Rd, below Crimsworth Lane

Resolved: that the update be received

105 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

- a) Access to allotments at Pecket Bar update.

Resolved that: a quote for improving the access at the wall at Ackroyd lane and improving the path to the far allotment be sought.

b) Garages:

- i) site 3 Carr Head 2 - keys update.

Resolved to:

- i) note that Hebden Royd Town Council had been notified.
- ii) that the lock smith be engaged.

- ii) site 11 Carr Head 1 - update

Resolved to: note that the garage had now been let.

106 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

107 COUNCIL ASSETS AND LAND MATTERS

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

Resolved that: a second quote for legal works by a local solicitor be sought.

- b) **J Peterken - Carr Head maintenance works quote**

Resolved that: the quote be approved.

- c) **Wadsworth Environment group financial update Oct 2023**

Resolved that: the update be received.

- j) **Access to Old Town Green**

Resolved that: a member of the Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum be approached to check out the access to the Green at the corner of Walker Lane.

k) Carr Head Tree Works

Resolved that: Cllr Bradshaw forward the latest contractor invoice to the clerk for payment.

108 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved that:

i) the service take place at 2pm Sunday 12 November at the Memorial Garden in Pecket Well.

ii) a local florist produce one wreath and one cross.

iii) Cllr Kimber collect the items on Saturday 11 Nov.

iv) Cllr Kimber place the cross at Smeekin Hill.

109 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

Resolved that: a notice be put in the noticeboards asking residents to get in touch.

110 POWER OUTAGES AT WADSWORTH - NORTHERN POWERGRID RESPONSE

Resolved that:

i) Cllrs Heyworth and Fowler put together the contents of a letter to Northern Power Grid and provide the information to the clerk.

ii) the letter be sent to Northern Power Grid and a copy placed on the Old Town noticeboard.

111 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS

a) Wadsworth Environment Group

It was reported that the group had carried out a litter pick which included dragging three large tyres up the bank on to the road at the Crimsworth bus turning circle. It was further reported that two tyres remained at the road side and should be reported to Calderdale for removal.

Resolved to: thank the group for their work and report the tyres to Calderdale.

b) Calder Valley Ward Forum

It was reported that public electric car charging stations were discussed.

112 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

21.11.2023

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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