

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall**  
12 December 2023

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**131 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Bradshaw.

**132 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

a) **Members interests:** None

**133 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA:**

**Resolved:** to take the following items as part of Public Discussion Time:

Agenda item 11d) i) **Other** i) **23/06010/EIA** Wind farm proposal: Scoping opinion.

Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge.

**134 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:**

a) A number of residents attended the meeting to ask questions and make comments in relation to agenda item 11d) **Other** i) **23/06010/EIA** Wind farm proposal: Scoping opinion. Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge.

A discussion took place and feedback was provided. It was also suggested that the wind farm opposition group speak to the consultants direct in order to express their concerns and ask any questions.

**135 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**

21 November 2023

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

**136 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:** None

**137 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report.

b) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan update:** It was noted that the action plan had been launched and that an email would be circulated. It was further noted that the plan set out the actions that needed to be taken by Calderdale before 2026.

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

**139 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) Vital Code – VAT return software	£24.00
iv) Chairman's allowance	£350.00

b) **Financial reporting**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)

ii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)

iii) VAT Return (quarterly)

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

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

d) **Consideration of current and on-going council reserves and responsibilities:**

A discussion took place and it was noted that the parish council's reserves were being depleted on a yearly basis due to the reduction of funds from Calderdale and the parish's on-going responsibilities particularly in relation to the play areas and Carr Head. It was further noted that although there was some grant funding available for capital schemes it was much more difficult to secure funding for on-going maintenance of assets.

**Resolved** that:

- i) appropriate funding sources be investigated.
- ii) Cllr Heyworth contact a local solicitor specialising in asbestos sites and claims.

**140 CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Calderdale Council: Flood consultation email 24.11.23

**Resolved** to note the email and that Cllrs complete the survey.

b) Hebden Royd Town Council: Mayor's Charity fund raising event.

**Resolved** to note the invitation.

c) Hebden Royd and District Swimming Pool Association: Invitation request

**Resolved** to invite representatives of the group to the January meeting.

**141 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:** None

b) **Applications received after agenda issue:** None

c) **Decisions made by Calderdale Council:**

**Resolved:** to note the decisions.

d) **Other:** None

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

a) Parking on yellow lines at Pecket Bar.

A brief discussion regarding this took place.

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

**Resolved:** to note that the new lock was now in place at Carr Head II garage 3

**144 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

**145 COUNCIL ASSETS AND LAND MATTERS**

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

**Resolved** that:

i) Wadsworth Community Association be contacted regarding their charitable status.

ii) DFG Solicitors in Hebden Bridge be asked to quote for the updating work required in relation to the new lease.

b) **Carr Head woodland management revised works plan proposal**

**Resolved** that:

i) the revised timetable be approved.

ii) the fence repair and gate installation did need to take place and be paid for entirely from the grant funding.

c) **Calder Valley Fell Runners – Wadsworth Trog**

**Resolved** that: the application for the use of the Green be approved.

**146 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023**

**Resolved** that: the update be received.

**147 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:**

- i) b) Cllr Kimber reported that he had attended the Combined Authority bus consultation meeting.
- ii) Cllr Fowler reported attendance at the Old Town Primary School Governors meeting and reported that the OFSTED inspection had now taken place.

**Resolved** to: receive the reports.

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

Finance meeting: 09.01.24

Full Council: 23.01.24

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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