

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council 7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall
26 March 2024

183 MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bradshaw

184 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

a) **Members interests:** None

b) **Cllr vacancies** update:

Resolved: to appoint Liz McKelvey as a Wadsworth Parish Cllr and that the appropriate paperwork be issued.

c) **Meeting of the Parish:** to agree the meeting date.

It was noted that the meeting would take place at 7pm on Friday 3 May at Wadsworth Community Centre as part of the Food for Thought event and that Wadsworth's Chair would open the meeting and provide a brief update on the Council's activities including taking questions.

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

None

186 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None.

187 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

a) 27 February 2024 Full Council Meeting

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

188 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: None

189 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Neighbourhood Plan:**

It was reported that the decision had been taken by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to formally withdraw from the Neighbourhood Planning process due to on-going and irresolvable issues with Calderdale Council which had impeded progress over a long period.

b) **Climate Action Plans:**

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: March 2024 email update

ii) Greening Wadsworth:

It was reported that 40 houses had now been surveyed for heat loss via the thermal camera. That a gardening group had been established who were working on the triangular plot below the community centre, to turn it into a community vegetable garden. And that several other projects were being considered.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

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

191 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE £682.50

ii) Allowance and reimbursement:

- computer allowance £20.83

- home working allowance £18.58

- Travel £2.70

Total: £42.11

iii) Matt Taylor – Carr Head tree works (inc VAT) £4800.00

iv) Post Office – stationery various £14.50

v) Microsoft 365 annual subscription (inc VAT) £39.99

vi) OT Post Office – Christmas hampers (inc VAT) £876.36

b) **Financial reporting**

- i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)
- ii) To agree bank transfers
- iii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)
- iv) VAT Return (quarterly)

Resolved to: approve the payments and receive the reports.

- v) Appointment of Internal Auditor

Resolved to: appoint Fi Kellett as the internal auditor for 2023-24 financial year end.

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

192 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

193 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:**

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

It was reported that the Council had had contact with the consultants and that they were still considering their response to Calderdale Council's post-scoping report requirements.

Resolved to: receive the update.

194 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT MATTERS:

- a) Calderdale correspondence: stile in field below Old Town Mill.

Resolved: to note the correspondence.

- b) Broken glass substitute panel at Old Town bus shelter.

Resolved: to receive the update.

- c) Blocked drain at Wainsgate Lane

It was noted that this had been reported.

Resolved: to re-report this issue.

- d) Proposed speeding sign at Pecket Well

Frustration was expressed at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting re Calderdale's continued lack of progress in relation to this. In response a Calderdale Officer is to meet Cllrs Kimber and Dyson at Pecket Well to help progress this.

- e) Increase in speeding vehicles on Ackroyd Lane

It was noted that a number of residents were concerned about the increase in speeding vehicles.

195 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

- a) Hebden Royd Town Council: missing garage key update.

Resolved: that the Chair recontact Hebden Royd mayor regarding this issue.

- b) Pecket Bar Allotments update

It was reported that the long-standing allotment holder had been informed that the Pecket Bar Allotments would not be re-let after they had handed back their tenancy and that the remaining tenant would be added to the top of the allotment waiting list.

196 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

197 COUNCIL ASSETS AND LAND MATTERS

a) Wadsworth Community Centre lease renewal update

Resolved to:

- i) receive the draft lease.
- ii) email the lease to all Cllrs.
- iii) Cllr Walsh to take the draft lease to Wadsworth Community Association Committee.
- iv) Cllr Walsh to check the status of the relationship between the Bowling Green Committee and the Community Association.
- v) check the boundaries etc to ascertain exactly what is included in the current lease.
- vi) review the insurance arrangements.
- vii) update the solicitor.

b) Noticeboard repairs

Resolved to: request a quote for minor noticeboard repairs at Old Town and Pecket Well.

198 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) Cllr Fowler attended the Hebden Bridge & District Old Peoples Welfare Committee and reported that the committee were planning an over 70's social at Wadsworth Community Centre. It was agreed that this could be advertised on the Council's noticeboards.

b) Old Town School Governors meeting
An update was provided.

Resolved to: receive the reports.

It was further noted, that sadly, a number of previous Cllrs had now passed and/or were unwell.

199 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE

Full Council: 23.04.24

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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