

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 25 June 2024

21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

In attendance: Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Heyworth, McKelvey and Walsh

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Bradshaw, Dyson and Fowler

22 PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

a) **Members Interests** - to remind members of the need to declare any interests they might have in relation to items on this agenda.

b) **Cllr vacancies:** Currently two vacancies. Contact info@wadsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk to apply.

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

Resolved: to discuss item 10b) as part of Public Discussion Time.

24 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

Two members of the public attended the meeting in order to discuss the council's decision to remove the play equipment at Pecket Well (as it becomes unsustainable/in need of repair) as part of regrettable cost cutting decisions. The residents provided an important history of the play area, current usage, drainage issues, overgrown grass and trees, and new younger families in the village.

Resolved that:

- i) the 1978 minutes be checked in relation to the origins of the play area.
- ii) Cllr Bradshaw be asked to provide an update in relation to the height and maintenance of the trees above the playground.
- iii) the drainage issue(s) be monitored.
- iv) the number of families with children in the village be researched.
- v) Calderdale be contacted in relation to the grass cutting (see min 35b).

25 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

28 May 2024 Annual Council Meeting

Resolved: to approve the above minutes as a true and accurate record.

26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

It was noted that at the previous month's Meeting of the Parish, a resident had asked if members of the community could raise money for specific events/resources.

Resolved to: check that this had been added to the meeting minutes.

27 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Climate Emergency Update June 2024 email

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that Our Car had provided a presentation including the fact that they were disbanding due to the impossibility of getting insurance for the community car scheme.

The Free access bus, which takes residents to Halifax and Todmorden supermarkets was also highlighted.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** No update

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

29 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE	£694.20
ii) Allowance and reimbursement:	
- computer allowance	£20.83
- home working allowance	£18.58

- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii) Zurich Insurance 2024-25 (paid as per Min.1j)i)	£436.12
iv) Anne Newsome Books (Old Town Primary School)	£100.00
v) J Peterken – Carr Head tree work	£150.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

b) Financial reporting

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

Resolved: to receive the financial reports

c) **Grants:** No applications received.

30 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Lord Foster’s parliamentary researcher:** Safety of lithium batteries

Resolved that: the proposed parliamentary bill be backed by the council.

b) **Local resident:** Future of Pecket Well play area

This item was discussed as per minute 24.

31 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 planning matters:**

- i) **23/06010/EIA** Scoping opinion. Wind farm proposal. Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale: No update
- ii) **23/01057/HSE** Lower Crimsworth Farm 2 story extension – Planning Appeal: Noted
- iii) **21/01270/FUL** New access to the highway, turning and parking to provide access to Far Nook house and barn.

Resolved: to check the status of this application.

iv) it was reported that an application had been submitted for three glamping pods but that the council had not yet officially received the details.

32 ROAD AND FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) **Change of road name** at track at side of Old Town Mill – Calderdale response.

Resolved to: speak to the developer about the original road name.

b) **Gasworks at Boston Hill**

It was reported that the works were now complete, but the road was waiting to be resurfaced.

It was noted that the road diversion signage had been inadequate during the works.

Resolved that: Cllr Heyworth provide the appropriate contact details to lodge a complaint.

c) **Flooding at ditch on Wainsgate Lane**

Resolved that: Cllr Heyworth take pictures of the issue and it be re-reported copying in the Ward Cllrs as appropriate.

33 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES

34 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections.**

- Resolved** that: Cllrs Fowler and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
- 35 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**
- a) **Repairs to bench** and noticeboards.
Resolved that the update be received.
- a) **Grass cutting** issues and Pecket Well recreation ground and Old Town Green
Resolved that Calderdale be contacted, and a discussion take place re the regularity of grass cutting and the extent of the un-mowed areas.
- 36 LAND FOR SALE BELOW OLD TOWN:**
It was reported that the community bid had been unsuccessful.
- 37 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS**
- a) **Wadsworth Community Association**
Cllr Walsh provided an update on the 6 July Culture Day plans.
- 38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE: 23 July 2024**
Advance apologies: Cllr Kimber

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