

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 22 October 2024

93 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

In attendance: Cllr Kimber (Chair), Bradshaw, Delahoy, Fowler, Heyworth, Salt and Walsh.

Apologies for absence: Cllr McKelvey

94 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: None

b) **Cllr vacancies:**

To ratify Jean Delahoy as a Wadsworth Parish Cllr

Resolved: to appoint Jean Delahoy as a Wadsworth Parish Cllr

Currently one vacancy. Contact wparish@hotmail.com to apply.

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

96 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

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

26 September Council Meeting

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

98 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: All covered under existing agenda items.

99 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Climate Emergency Update October 2024 (11.10.24)

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that the thermal imaging project recommences again in November and that 500 leaflets advertising the project have been distributed. 50 residences have been surveyed so far with the aim to survey 300.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** On-hold due to temporary lower staffing levels at Hebden Royd Town Council.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

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

101 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: £42.11

iii) J Peterken – noticeboard maintenance £55.00

iv) Post Office – 40 x 2nd class stamps CC £34.00

After agenda issue:

v) Zenna Wiggin – website hosting Oct 24 – Sept 25 £120.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

b) **Financial reporting**

i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)

- ii) To agree/note bank transfers
- iii) Budget monitoring (quarterly)
- iv) VAT Return (quarterly)

Resolved: to receive the financial reports

c) **Grants:**

i) **Old Town Post Office – WCA Community application**

A representative from Wadsworth Community Centre attended the meeting to request a £500 grant for upfront costs to set up a community benefit society and carry out a business valuation, in order to try and purchase or lease the post office (which is currently for sale).

Resolved: to award the grant of £500, using the remaining £93 from the Grants budget and £407 from the Events budget (as the planned Windfarm consultation event will not now take place until the 2024-25 financial year).

102 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Calderdale Ward Cllr** - response re outstanding issues

Resolved: to receive the correspondence

b) **Local Resident:** Noise during green waste processing at Far Shawcroft Farm.

Resolved: to note that this issue had been resolved and update the resident.

103 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 - Update and questions for residents survey

Resolved: that:

- Cllrs consider what survey questions should be asked and that suggested overall topics should include: construction, peat bog and climate change.
- a letter be sent to the local MP expressing concern that the local community voice be heard as part of the decision-making process.
- Cllr Kimber supply the previously used parish and town councils' email list to the clerk.
- Clerk to check WPC Cllr details on email list are correct and to remove ex-Cllrs.
- an invite be sent when the developer's consultants have confirmed a meeting date.
- Wadsworth Community Centre be checked (on-line) for availability and that the Town Hall be a possible second choice venue.

104 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) **Hebden Royd resident email** - traffic on Sandy Gate

Resolved: to suggest the resident write to Calderdale Highways requesting an 'unsuitable for heavy vehicles' sign.

b) **Drainage issues at Hurst Rd** (Cllr Salt)

Resolved: to report this to Calderdale Highways.

c) **Litter bin removal** at bus stop at Pecket Bar update

Resolved: to receive the update.

- j) **Fallen wall on Billy Lane** update
Resolved: to receive the update.
- k) **Old Town speed bumps and line markings** painting update
Resolved: to receive the update.
- l) **Calderdale response:** Fly-tipping in Wadsworth
Resolved: to receive the update noting that although fly-tipping had gone up in the borough as a whole according to the freedom of information request it had gone down in Wadsworth. To further note this had been queried.
- m) **Wainsgate Lane** blocked drain update
Resolved: to receive the update.
- n) **Calderdale Council** – notification of works update
Resolved: to receive the update.
- o) **Roadworks on Keighley Road at Cock Hill**
A discussion took place re the temporary traffic lights at Cock Hill and the delay in the roadworks needed to resolve the subsidence issue.
- p) **Height Road** potholes and blocked roadside drainage channels (Cllr Heyworth)
Resolved: to report this to Calderdale Highways.
- q) **Vehicle Activated Sign update at Pecket Well**
Resolved: to note that the locations had been agreed and the works scheduled.

105 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

Resolved: to note that invoice reminder notices had been sent to five residents.

106 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

Pecket Well recreation area – access and ballcourt equipment update

Resolved: to note that Pennine Play (Wadsworth and Calderdale's play area maintenance company) were being taken over by a new company who would provide updated details, contract and basketball nets quote.

107 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**

Resolved to note that no update had been received.

108 FINAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved to: note the final arrangements.

109 CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS PROCEDURE

Resolved: that 30 x £10 vouchers be purchased from Old Town Post Office and that appropriate Christmas cards, and stamps be purchased and brought to the November council meeting for Cllr Kimber to sign and post.

110 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) Place Making and Design Code meeting

Cllr Kimber attended

b) Wadsworth Environment Group

Cllr Walsh reported that a litter pic had been carried out, but that Calderdale had not yet picked up the waste up. And that Pecket Well Memorial Garden would be tidied on 30 October.

It was noted that there was a lose branch high in the tree in the memorial garden but that it was too high to reach.

Resolved: that Cllr Walsh let the clerk know if the litter is still not collected.

111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE: 26 November 2024
Advance apologies: Cllr Fowler.

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