

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 26 November 2024

112 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Fowler and McKelvey

113 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:**

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

c) **Calderdale Parishes Charter** – Town and Parish Councils' consultation

The charter was discussed and concerns raised that contrary to the charter Calderdale was not consulting the parish on key issues.

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

115 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

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22 October Council Meeting

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

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

118 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: None received

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: Next meeting 27.11.24 Climate Change – The Big Picture

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** On hold.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

119 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) **Provisional meeting dates for 2025**

Resolved: to agree the proposed dates and contact Hebden Bridge Town Hall to confirm.

b) **New printer**

Resolved: to purchase a new printer. Cllr Heyworth provide suggestions and potential deals.

120 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

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ii) Employer national insurance £17.57

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Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
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v) PKF – External auditor invoice	£252.00
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After agenda issue:

ix) J Peterkin – Broken branch removal PW Mem. Gdns	£100.00
x) J Peterkin – Vegetation removal Smeekin Hill War Mem.	£85.00

Resolved: to approve the above payments.

b) Financial reporting

- i) Bank reconciliations (monthly)
- ii) To agree/notes bank transfers
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c) **Grants:** None

d) NALC Pay scales 2024-25

To check and approve the 2024-25 NALC agreed pay scale.

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a) **Calderdale Council:** Publication of the revised register of electors

Resolved: to request an updated copy of the register.

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a) **New Applications:** None

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

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

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129 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE: 17 December 2024
 Advance apologies: None

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