

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.30pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 17 December 2024

130 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: None

131 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: See item 140a)i)

b) **Cllr vacancies:**

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

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

Resolved: to take item 11d) i) **23/06010/EIA** Scoping opinion - Walshaw wind farm as part of Public Discussion Time.

133 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

Two parishioners and one Calderdale resident attended the meeting to discuss the Calderdale Windfarm proposal. The attendees asked several questions including questions regarding Wadsworth Parish Council's proposed residents' survey.

It was explained that the survey was not in conjunction with or to help the developers but was to be carried out by the Parish Council in order to ascertain the views of the parishioners in order to inform any input the Parish Council had, if under the new planning framework they were still named as a statutory consultee, if and when the planning application was submitted.

It was also suggested that questions on tourism and heritage be included in the survey.

Resolved to:

- i) check that 16- to 18-year-olds could be included in the survey.
- ii) check the time frame, for this type of project, for consultees and the public to give their opinion, once the planning application had been submitted.
- iii) check if Wadsworth and the surrounding parishes would be statutory consultees.
- iv) if the above was not clear or not the case to write to the local MP.
- v) Cllr Kimber to talk to Parishioner 1 regarding help with the survey.
- vi) keep a watching brief on the progress and outcome of the Scout Moor windfarm proposal/planning application.
- vii) note the detail of the survey questions would not be discussed at this meeting.

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

26 November Council Meeting

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

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

136 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

- i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Climate Action Plan update email 17.12.24
 - ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: It was reported that another thermal imaging camera had been acquired.
 - b) **Neighbourhood Plan:** On-hold due to temporary lower staffing levels at Hebden Royd Town Council.
- Resolved:** to receive the updates.

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

138 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£721.50
ii)	Employer national insurance	£0.00
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Old Town P/O - 30 x £10 vouchers - CC	£300.00
v)	Oxfam – 4 packs Xmas cards - CC	£8.50
vi)	Amazon – HP 8122e Printer/Scanner inc. VAT - CC	£72.99
vii)	Cllr Kimber–Robinhood Inn - Remembrance Sunday tea and coffee	£21.70

After agenda issue: None

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:** None

139 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Parishioner 2:** Relating to Calderdale Windfarm

Resolved: that no response was required as the parishioner had attended Public Discussion Time and all questions had been answered.

b) **Parishioner 3:** Relating to Calderdale Windfarm

Resolved: to respond to the resident explaining that this area was not within the council's remit.

140 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **24/00636/OUT** One dwelling (Outline). Land Adjacent 51 Keighley Road, Hebden Bridge, Calderdale.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest, and did not take part in the discussion or decision as a member of his family was in the process of buying a house in the immediate vicinity.

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds that cars would have to reverse in or out of the proposed parking space which is just after/before the blind bend on the busy Keighley Road.

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

Note: This was discussed as part of item 133 Public Discussion Time.

ii) **2300960FUL** Far Nook Height Road Renovation and conversion

Resolved: to re-check the status of the application.

141 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) **Calderdale proposed increase in Hebden Bridge parking charges.**

Resolved: that Cllr Heyworth's email from Ward Cllr Courtney be distributed to Cllrs.

b) **New sink/pothole Old Town Mill Lane**

Resolved: that: the maintenance responsibilities of the road be checked, Calderdale Highways recontacted and, as appropriate, a strongly worded email be sent requesting that Calderdale update their database regarding this matter.

c) **Hurst Road sewage issue update**

Resolved: to thank Cllr Salt for his work on this. That Yorkshire Water be re-contacted if no response is received by mid-January.

e) **Cock Hill roadworks**

It was noted that no roadworks had started and that the signs kept blowing down.

Resolved: to request an update.

f) **Moorfield fencing**

It was reported that there was no update.

g) Blocked drain in field at back of cottages at Duck Hill

Resolved: that Cllr Walsh provide contact details for Calderdale Environmental Health to the parishioner.

142 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Overdue invoices**

It was reported that all invoices had now been paid bar one allotment invoice.

143 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Drainage issue Pecket Well recreation area**

Resolved: that this be placed under a watching brief and a photo be taken by Cllrs/residents next time it is wet.

144 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**

Resolved that:

i) the parish council take over the annual insurance and bill the community association.

ii) the community association be responsible for the trees.

iii) the community association and the solicitor be informed.

b) **Wadsworth Trog 25.02.25**

Resolved: that:

- i) the application for use of Old Town Green be approved.
- ii) the group be reminded to park considerately in the village
- iii) the track entrance at the top of the green be left accessible/not blocked by vehicles.

145 CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS UPDATE

It was noted that the Christmas cards and vouchers had been distributed.

146 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) Calderdale run - Town Parish Liaison Group

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting were inaccurate and did not include the significant contribution Wadsworth Parish Council had made to the meeting.

Resolved: to contact Calderdale regarding this issue.

b) Moorfield residents

It was reported that Moorfield residents were delighted with the Christmas tree and that Cllr Heyworth be thanked for the tree lights.

147 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Finance meeting: 14.01.25 Greenwood Room

Advance apologies: None

Full Parish Council January meeting: 28.01.25 Terrace Room

Advance apologies: None

It was noted that the Parish Council meetings would start at 7.00pm from January 2025

Resolved: to let the Town Hall know and distribute the meeting dates to Cllrs.

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