

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council**  
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 28 January 2025

**148 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Heyworth

**149 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:

**Cllr Fowler declared a pecuniary interest** in the proposed 2025-26 budget in relation to the Christmas vouchers. The Cllr wanted to make it clear that he would not be accepting a Christmas voucher.

b) **Cllr vacancies:**

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

c) **2025 Meeting dates** – proposed change.

**Resolved:** that the meeting dates not be changed.

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

**151 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

**152 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**

a) **26 November 2024** Council Meeting

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

b) **14 January 2025** Finance meeting

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

**153 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:**

a) **Government email addresses**

**Resolved:** that

i) Cllr Kimber to provide the contact details of the Calderdale contact who helped Old Town School set up their new emails.

ii) Hebden Royd and Heptonstall Councils be contacted re who they used to sort their new emails

iii) the matter be progressed.

**154 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan:** No update.

ii) **Greening Wadsworth Initiative:** It was reported that the 15 January meeting about insulation had been a great success.

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

**Resolved:** to receive the updates.

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

**156 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>
iii)	HB Post Office – stationery, and registered post (CC)	£21.75
iv)	Fleur de Lys – memorial wreaths 2023 and 2024	£80.00
v)	Vital Code Ltd – VAT software licence 2025 (CC)	£24.00
vi)	HB Post Office - Stationery and condolences card (CC)	£6.80

**Payment received 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

d) **To agree budget and precept for 2025-26 financial year** and inform Calderdale Council re Precept figure.

**Resolved that:**

- i) the precept for 2025-26 per household be increased by 5%. This would mean that, based on the Calderdale Council tax base figure of 586.08, for a band D household the figure would increase from £35.59 to £36.40 per year. For a band A household, the figure would increase from £23.73 to £24.26 per year. Making the overall precept figure £21,331.
- ii) Parking and garage plots rents be put up by 2.6% as per consumer price index (up till December 2024) as following:
  - Parking spaces from £67.60 to £69.36 plus VAT
  - Garage plots from £112.66 to £115.59 plus VAT
- iii) Draft proposal that allotments and garden plots be increased from £26 to £27 (zero VAT) but further research to be carried out before confirmation.
- vi) a total budget of £25,574 be allocated for 2025-26 and that the budget shortfall of £350 be accounted for from council reserves.
- iv) that Calderdale Council be informed.

**e) Calderdale Council budget consultation 2025-26 to 2027-28**

It was reported that Cllr Heyworth would be attending the consultation meeting.

**157 CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Local residents:** Christmas vouchers thank you

**Resolved:** to receive the correspondence.

b) **Local resident:** Inclusion concerns  
**Resolved:** to note the correspondence.

**158 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:**  
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 - Proposed survey questions and update.  
It was reported that the developers had now stated that consultation would not start before April.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Kimber arrange a meeting with a local resident, Cllr Bradshaw and Cllr Salt to decide on the Parish Council's residents questionnaire questions.

ii) **Planning Reform Working Paper** – Development and Nature Recovery

**Resolved:** that Cllrs should respond individually.

iii) **Community Infrastructure Levy**

**Resolved:** that Cllrs look at the documentation and provide comments to the clerk by the 7 February.

iv) **Shawcroft Hill** - extension update.

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

**159 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:**

a) **Collapsed wall near the bus turning area at Billy Lane**

**Resolved:** that no repairs could be carried out by the parish council as it was not a parish council owned wall.

b) **Roadworks at Cock Hill, Keighley Road - Calderdale update, and queries**

**Resolved:** to write to Calderdale Highways suggesting that Calderdale time their culvert repair works with Bradford Council's period of road closure to repair a culvert on their side of the authority boarder.

c) **Hurst Road sewage issue** – Yorkshire Water response

**Resolved:** that Cllr Salt prepare a draft response to be sent on behalf of the council.

d) **Old Town Mill Lane** – Calderdale email

**Resolved:** to circulate the relevant Calderdale correspondence and to add this item to the February agenda.

e) **Bridleway modifications - Calderdale Leisure and culture map**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Salt contact PROWS regarding this issue.

e) **Footpaths 56, 57 and 58**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Salt report on the current condition of the paths.

f) **TLC Bus Service acknowledgement and thank you**

**Resolved:** to thank the bus drivers for their efforts to get to work so that the bus service could continue whilst the A646 was closed.

g) **Wainsgate Lane culvert**

**Resolved:** that Cllr Fowler forwarded the resident's message so that it can be passed to Calderdale Highways.

**160 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:**

- a) **Lost Garage Key**  
**Resolved:** to receive the update.
- 161 PLAYGROUNDS:**  
a) **Bi-weekly inspections**  
**Resolved:** that Cllrs Heyworth and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
- 162 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**  
a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**  
**Resolved** to receive the update and progress the signing of the lease.  
b) **Old Town Green fencing**  
**Resolved:** to let the contractor know that the posts from the bottom of the Green could be used.
- 164 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:**  
a) **Calderdale response:** Town and Parish Council Liaison Group mins 22/10/2024  
**Resolved:** to receive the update.  
b) **Town and Parish Council Annual Conference** date: 04.10.25 10.30-12.30  
**Resolved:** to receive the information.  
c) **Old Town School Governors meeting**  
Cllr Fowler reported that the school became an academy in January 2025  
d) **Safer Cleaner Greener**  
Cllr Kimber reported that the post for the vehicle activated speeding sign, at the start of Pecket Well, was now in place.
- 165 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:**  
**Parish Council February meeting:** 25.02.25  
Advance apologies: Cllrs Bradshaw and Heyworth

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