

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council**  
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 25 March 2025

**183 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Walsh.

**184 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:**

i) **Cllr resignation**

**Resolved to:**

- note Cllr Bradshaw's resignation.
- formally thank Mr Stuart Bradshaw for his work and technical expertise, particularly in relation to woodland management at Carr Head.
- ask Mr Bradshaw if he would be willing to continue to carryout Carr Head's annual inspection.
- note that there are currently two vacancies. Contact wparish@hotmail.com to apply.

c) **Meeting of the Parish** – confirmation of date and time

**Resolved:** to note that the Meeting of the Parish would take place on 28 March at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm) at Wadsworth Community centre. Clerk to send meeting notes to Chair.

d) **Chair and Vice Chair** - 2025-26 procedure

**Resolved:** to note the procedure.

**185 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA:**

**Resolved:** to take item 11d)i) Wind farm proposal as part of Public Discussion Time.

**186 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:**

Two residents attended the meeting.

Resident 1 provided detailed information regarding the planning reform legislation currently going through parliament, carbon calculator information, and the potential implications of this in relation to the proposed windfarm.

**Resolved:** to invite the Calder Valley MP to the April council meeting, in person or via zoom to discuss the above issues.

Cllr Kimber reported that he had now heard back from the developers and that there was no update, other than the fact that they still planned to go ahead with the application in the spring, and that there would be more information at the end of May.

Cllr Kimber then explained that the parish council would be carrying out two surveys to gauge the parishioners' opinion, with the first survey taking place in the next few weeks.

Resident 2 requested further details of the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

**187 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:**

a) **25 February 2025** Council Meeting

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

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

a) **Government email addresses**

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

**189 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) **Calderdale Climate Action Plan:** None.

ii) **Greening Wadsworth Initiative:** Deferred until April meeting.

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

**Resolved:** to receive the updates.

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

**191 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE	£721.50
ii) Allowance and reimbursement:	
- computer allowance	£20.83
- home working allowance	£18.58
- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iii) WCA – Tree maintenance grant	£540.00
iv) Chair's allowance	£30.00

**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)

v) **Savings account interest rate change**

**Resolved:** to receive the financial reports

c) **Grants:** None

**192 CORRESPONDENCE:** All covered under existing agenda items.

**193 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:**

i) **25/00165/HSE** Installation of black, non-reflective solar panels to house rear roof slope and garage roof. 3 Boston Hill Cottages Boston Hill Old Town HX7 8SS

**Resolved** that: the application be supported.

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.

**Note:** This item was discussed under Min 186 ii)

- ii) **Alleged unauthorised change of use of outbuilding to Wellness Centre -**  
open to public.

**Resolved:** to note the update.

- iii) **Progressing closer working with surrounding parishes** with a view to having a coordinated voice in respect of responding to issues such as proposals by Calderdale Council, Developers, Roadworks, affecting our wider area.

**Resolved:** to note that such a group already existed with this remit, based on the former Neighbourhood Plan forum. Further Cllr Kimber talk to Hebden Royd Town Council to ask if they would be happy to administrate this group.

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

- a) **Water issue at Wadsworth Community Centre grounds**

**Resolved:** to defer this issue to the April meeting.

- b) **Vehicular Activated Sign at Pecket Well** - Calderdale Highways response

**Resolved:** to note the update and inform the resident. Further Cllr Kimber to check with Calderdale Highways re update on top of the village sign location.

- c) **Pecket Well bus stop litter bin removal** – Calderdale update

**Resolved:** to note the update.

- d) **Calderdale traffic management work schedule** – format.

**Resolved:** to note the information.

- e) **Pending implementation of increases in on street parking charges -**  
Hebden Bridge

**Resolved:** to note the update.

- f) **Update from Together Housing regarding repairs or replacement of the dilapidated perimeter fence at Moorfield.**

**Resolved:** to note that no update had been received.

- g) **Old Town Mill Lane** - maintenance responsibilities

**Resolved:** to note the update and that Cllr Fowler contact Calderdale regarding this issue.

**195 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:** No issues reported.

**196 PLAYGROUNDS:**

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

- b) **Tri-annual inspections update**

**Resolved:** to note that the tri-annual inspections had not been carried out for some time, but that communication was ongoing with the play inspectors and that assurance had been given that the inspections would take place shortly.

- c) **Pecket Well resident – replacement basketball hoop.**

**Resolved:** that as previously agreed the basketball hoop would not be replaced, and that the resident be informed.

**197 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

- a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**

**Resolved** to note that the final version of the lease, and signing procedure, had still not been received from the solicitor despite numerous requests and the end of March deadline.

- b) **Bench and noticeboards update**

**Resolved** to note the update.

**198 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:**

- a) **Hebden Bridge Old Peoples Welfare Committee**

Cllr Fowler reported that a free event for Wadsworth residents would be taking place at Wadsworth Community Centre on the 27.04.25 between 11.00am and 15.00pm where stories would be shared and lunch provided.

**b) Safer Cleaner Greener**

Cllr Heyworth reported that there had been a number of car thefts in Pecket Well. It was further reported that the speed checks could not be carried out on Ackroyd Lane due to a lack of suitable parking spaces for the speed check vehicles, therefore this had been passed to the community speed check team to schedule handheld equipment speed checks.

An update was provided on the proposed four months of repair works at Cock Hill, Keighley Road.

**Resolved** to write to Keighley MP (cc Calder Valley MP) to push for a partial road closure with traffic lights, during the works.

**199 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:**

Parish Council March meeting: **22.04.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

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