

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 22 April 2025

200 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Delahoy and Walsh.

201 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:**

Resolved to: receive the update.

c) **Government email addresses**

It was reported that the new government email addresses for the office were now up and running and that Cllrs would be receiving their new email addresses soon.

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

Resolved: None

203 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) **Pecket Well Play Area**

A resident attended the meeting to discuss fundraising for a new basketball hoop at the play area.

Resolved that:

- i) the resident could talk to local residents about fundraising for a new basketball hoop.
- ii) that it should be acknowledged that residents may prefer to fund raise for something other than the basketball hoop.
- iii) further that the parish council had agreed that at Pecket Well play area, as play equipment reached the end of its life it would be removed and therefore it would be inappropriate to fundraise for large scale improvements due to ongoing maintenance and liability in relation to the equipment itself, including ongoing deterioration of the basketball court surface and rebound fencing.

b) **Removal of litter bin at Pecket Well bus stop**

The resident also expressed concerns over the removal of the litter bin at the bus stop, which leaves Pecket Well with no public litter bin.

Resolved to recontact Calderdale Council regarding this issue.

204 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

a) **25 March 2025**

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

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

206 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: None.

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: None.

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

Resolved: to receive the updates.

207 CLERK'S REPORT:

Resolved: to receive the report.

208 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Items for payment:

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£721.50
ii)	Employer national insurance	£45.67
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Old Town Post office - stamps	£59.50
	- stationery (pens)	£4.00
v)	P3 Computer Services – Gov email addresses	£168.00
vi)	HB Post Office – stationery (envelopes)	£6.00
vii)	Print Bureau – survey residents letter printing	£58.00
viii)	YLCA subscription 2025-26	£496.00
ix)	Zurich – annual insurance	£436.12
x)	Mitchell Excavations Ltd – OT Green fence repairs	£960.00
xii)	Microsoft 365 – annual subscription	£104.99
xiii)	Solopress – survey letter additional printing	£38.52
iy)	Playworks – playground inspections 2025-26	£1440.00

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)

c) Grants: CROWS annual grant application £500

Resolved: to approve the grant of £500 and to thank the organisation for their work during 2024-25.

209 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Calderdale Council: Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

b) Calderdale Council: Town and Parish Council Annual Conference Saturday 04.10.25 10.30–12.30. Location tbc.

Resolved: to receive the correspondence

c) Josh Fenton-Glynn invite response

Resolved: to suggest a date during the parliamentary summer break.

210 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:**

- i) **23/06010/EIA** Scoping opinion. Wind farm proposal. Walshaw Moor Estate Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge – update.

Resolved to:

- i) note the survey deadline of 18.05.25.
ii) note no update had been received from the developers.
iii) to request the survey organiser attend the 27 May council meeting to provide a summary of the survey results.

211 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

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

Resolved: to note the update.

- b) **Traffic congestion in Pecket Well** – caused by parking on the blind bend opposite the Sunday School flats.

Resolved to:

- i) note Calderdale Highways response.
ii) to circulate the video to Cllrs.
iii) Cllr Heyworth to raise this issue at the next Safer Cleaner Greener meeting.
c) **Old Town Mill Lane responsibilities update.**

Resolved: to note the correspondence and that Cllr Fowler respond robustly.

- d) **Keighley Road proposed roadworks at Bedlam Bends**

Resolved: to write to the Calderdale Ward Cllrs seeking reassurance that the Calderdale and Bradford roadworks would be carried out at the same time.

- e) **Damaged fencing at Moorside, Old Town**

Resolved that Cllr Heyworth raise this issue at the next Safer Cleaner Greener meeting.

212 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

It was reported that the 2025-26 invoices had been prepared and were in the process of being sent to tenants.

213 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

- b) **Tri-annual inspections April reports**

Resolved: to receive the reports.

- c) **Broken cradle swing at Pecket Well Play Area**

Resolved: to note that one of the cradle swings had been removed due to breakage and a quote for replacement had been requested.

214 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

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

Resolved to go ahead with the signing of the lease in its current format.

- b) **Carr Head annual inspection** - update

Resolved to note that Ex-Cllr Stuart Bradshaw had agreed to carry out the annual inspection.

- b) **Removal of bin at bottom of Old Town Green**

It was reported that a resident expressed concern about a litter bin having been removed on the green. It was noted that there were two other bins on the Green, and further that the parish council was in dispute with Calderdale regarding bin removals in the parish.

- c) **Grass cutting around the rocks at the bottom of the Green**

Resolved to ask Calderdale Parks, as part of the maintenance contract, to do this.

- d) **Bench and noticeboard repairs**

Resolved to ask for an update on these repairs.

215 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

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

Resolved to note that the community event including food would take place on Sunday 27.04.25 at Wadsworth Community Centre between 11.00am and 15.00pm

b) **Old Town School Governors**

Resolved to receive the update.

216 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council March meeting: **27.05.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

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