

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 24 June 2025

### 18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Corcoran.

### 19 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:** 1

c) **Declaration of Office:**

i) Declaration to the Office of Chair - Cllr Kimber

ii) Declaration of Office - Cllr Corcoran

d) **Appointment of representatives:** Calder Ward Forum

**Resolved** that the meeting dates should continue to be provided to Cllrs, and that they could attend on a volunteer basis.

### 20 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER THE REMAINING PART OF THE AGENDA: None

### 21 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

### 22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 27 May 2025

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

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

### 24 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Zero Carbon Calderdale newsletter (02.06.25)

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: it was reported that Calderdale Cllr Scot Patient attended the 11 June meeting to talk about Calderdale's joined up public transport initiative and the Pod carshare scheme, including the possibility of a pod car and charging point in Wadsworth, if the demand for use was apparent.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr Kimber and the Clerk for Hebden Royd to meet the appropriate Calderdale Officer but as the government had withdrawn all grant funding for the scheme it was unlikely to be revived.

**Resolved:** to receive the updates.

### 25 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Government email addresses

It was reported that the switch was going well and that Cllrs would receive their new email addresses and details from mid-July.

**Resolved:** to receive the update.

### 26 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE £779.62

(see sheet for breakdown)

ii) Employer national insurance £54.39

iii) Allowance and reimbursement:

	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	VAT Q3 and Q4 2024-25	£75.50
v)	Anne Newsome Books	£100.00

**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)

**Resolved:** to receive the reports.

c) **Grants:** None received.

It was reported that Wadsworth Bowling Club would be applying for a grant for a new bowling equipment shed.

**d) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024-25**

**Resolved:** to:

- i) note the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2024-25 included as part of the AGAR 2024-25.
- ii) approve Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 for Wadsworth Parish Council, AGAR 2024-25.
- iii) approve Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2024-25 for Wadsworth Parish Council, AGAR 2024- 25.
- iv) send the required documents to the external auditor by the end of June deadline.
- v) add the required documents to the website by the end of June deadline.

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

**28 PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:** None

b) **Applications received after agenda issue:**

i) **2500544FUL** Replacement garage 2 Foot Kiln Old Town Wadsworth

**Resolved:** to raise no objections.

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) prepare a simple survey summary for the website and noticeboards (with website address).
- ii) check that the residents that requested to be informed of the results had received an update.
- iii) Cllr Salt to provide an additional update from Ban the Burn/Peat Alliance.
- iv) check when the local MP's surgery takes place.
- v) re-contact the MP to request attendance at a combined parishes meeting.
- vi) contact the Keighley MP to invite to above meeting.

- vii) note that the parish council can register as an interested party, when the planning application is submitted.
- viii) check when Calderdale next has elections.
- ix) invite the ward Cllrs to the July meeting, plus provide further meeting dates.

ii) **Martin Mill** - Planning Appeal Refusal

**Resolved** to: write to Calderdale Planning to request an update re enforcement action.

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

a) **Keighley Rd closure** update

**Resolved** to: write to the Head of Highways asking why the Keighley Road closure did not appear on the weekly traffic management schedule.

b) **Halifax Hebble Flyover** – nighttime road closures 8pm to 7am 7-21 July

**Resolved** to: note the update.

c) **Resident's correspondence** - repainting yellow lines at Billy Lane

**Resolved** to: ask Highways for an update.

d) **Old Town Mill Lane maintenance responsibilities** - Calderdale response

**Resolved** that:

i) Cllr Kimber re-speak to the resident at Old Town Mill Lane.

ii) Cllr Fowler draft an email for the Ward Cllrs.

ii) to note that there is a new pothole at Crabtree Fold

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

a) **WPC garage plot** – not handed back and potential sub-let to new owner/tenant.

**Resolved** to: contact the house owner and letting agency explaining that this is against council policy and therefore the site should be returned to the council so that it can be let to the next person on the waiting list. Further to explain that the tenant could apply to be put on the waiting list.

**31 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

**32 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS**

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease update**

**Resolved** to engage an alternative solicitor.

b) **Carr Head annual inspection** – update.

It was reported that the inspection had been carried out and that a report would shortly be received.

c) **Proposed access improvement works at Pecket Well** – CROWS quote.

**Resolved** to approve the works at a cost of £156.

d) **Proposed repositioning of bins at Old Town Green**

**Resolved** that:

i) Cllr Heyworth check the current number of bins

ii) the asset register be checked and updated.

e) **WPC Midgehole noticeboard** – update.

**Resolved** to: receive the update, noting that CROWS would soon be removing the noticeboard and repositioning it at the carpark at Hardcastle Craggs.

f) **Midgehole defibrillator update**

**Resolved** to:

i) receive the report noting that the defibrillator had been used.

ii) pay the invoice for the new pads.

**33 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:**

a) **Joint Parishes Meeting**

It was reported that this would take place once every three months at Hebden Bridge

Town Hall.

b) **Old Town School Governors**

It was reported that pupil numbers were looking good for the new school year and that the headteacher would be returning in a full-time capacity.

**Resolved** to receive the update.

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

Parish Council meeting: **22.07.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Apologises: Cllr Delahoy.

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