

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 22 July 2025

35 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Delahoy

36 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:**

ii) Declaration of Office - Cllr Corcoran

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

38 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

39 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 24 June 2025

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

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

41 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Calderdale Climate Action Update 19.06.25

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that there would be an apple crushing event taking place at 7.15pm on the 28.09.25 at Wadsworth Community Centre where residents could bring their own apples to be crushed to make fruit juice.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan:**

No further progress had been made, combined with no government funding being available, it was decided to remove this as a standing item on the agenda.

Resolved: to receive the updates.

42 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Calderdale Council election dates.

Resolved: to receive the information.

43 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE	£733.63
ii)	Employer national insurance	£47.49
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Thank you gift - Field Locker for windfarm survey	£20.50

v)	Playworks – removal of cradle swing	£90.00
vi)	Kellett Bookkeeping – internal audit	£130.00
vii)	SADS UK - defibrillator replacement pads	£78.89
viii)	Jim Peterkin – noticeboard maintenance	£356.00

For discussion:

ix)	Jim Peterken – additional costs	£51.00
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Payment received after agenda issue: None

Resolved: to approve the above payments including item ix).

b) Financial reporting

i) **Bank reconciliations** (monthly)

ii) **To agree/note bank transfer**

iii) **Budget monitoring** (quarterly)

iv) **VAT Return** (quarterly)

Resolved: to receive the reports.

c) **Grants:** None received.

i) Wadsworth Bowling Club application for £500 towards a new bowling shed.

Resolved: to approve the grant for £500 and send out the appropriate paperwork.

44 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

45 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 arrange for the joint parishes meeting with local MPs to take place on the week commencing 18 August and that a suitable venue be booked.

ii) **17/00682/FUL** Conversion and restoration of farmhouse, cottages and barns to form six dwellings (Amended plans) Old Town Farm Old Town Mill Lane Old Town Hebden Bridge HX7 8SW Status: Permit

Resolved to raise concerns with Calderdale re:

- inadequate safety fencing
- lack of sight of documents
- Cllr Salt to provide list of required documents
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iii) **22/40016/AGR** Agricultural storage building Land North of Mount Skip Golf Club
Height Road Mytholmroyd Hebden Bridge

Resolved to contact Calderdale Planning to clarify that the planning application was for agricultural use.

e) Assets of Community Value (ACV):

i) Hare and Hounds, Lane Ends - potential

ii) Wainsgate Chapel - renewal

iv) Potential broadened scope of ACV to include open areas of land

Resolved to:

- note the potential to register the Hare and Hounds but that it would be the community group that would need to do this rather than the council.
- let Wainsgate Chapel know that the ACV was due for renewal.
- note the discussion re potential further registration of land.

46 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) **Keighley Rd closure** update

Resolved: to note that the road was now open under a traffic light system.

b) **Old Town Mill Lane** update

Resolved: to send the letter proposed by Cllr Fowler to the Ward Cllrs.

c) **Calderdale response - Removal of litter bin** at Pecket Well

Resolved: to re-write to the officer pointing out that there are no other litter bins within Pecket Well.

d) **Fly tipping at Blake Dean**

Resolved: that this should be raised at the Safer, Cleaner, Greener and the Parish Liaison meetings.

e) **Speeding on Ackroyd Lane/Heights Road**

It was reported that the speed checks had not progressed due to a lack of suitable parking area for the speed check vehicle. WPC had queried this at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and would keep raising it until action was taken.

f) **Loose road chippings at Heights Road**

Residents had complained about grit in the tyres and tar being walked into the post office. Furthermore, there was not enough notice for residents to move their cars or the post office to put down protective floor coverings. It was also reported that it looked like an additional turning area had been created.

Resolved to:

- report the above concerns to Highways.
- request that when the white lines are repainted, they include a painted SLOW marking before the road bumps.
- Cllr Corcoran take photos of the additional turning area, providing location detail and context.

47 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) Resident: Allotments - non cultivation concerns

Resolved: to send out non-cultivation orders to four allotment holders

b) **GS7 Carr Head 1** update

Resolved: to re contact the house owner regarding this issue

c) **Sale of Northview property**

Resolved: as appropriate to check the property description to make sure it did not inappropriately include Wadsworth council leased land.

48 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

It was noted that the external inspections were to take place on the 29.07.25

Resolved: that

- Cllrs Heyworth and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
- Cllr Kimber chase the painter re painting of Old Town play equipment.
- Request a quote from J Peterken for repair of picnic tables

b) **Pecket Well Play Area** - update

Resolved: to receive the update.

49 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved: to receive the update and chase the new solicitor.

b) **HBD AF proposed access improvements at Old Town Green**

Resolved: to contact Calderdale Highways re cost and procedure to install a drop kerb at the Walker Lane entrance.

c) **Repair works to vehicular gate** at Pecket Well recreation ground

Resolved to:

i) request a quote for the works from J Peterken.

ii) request a quote for removal of a wheel and tyre from ballcourt banking.

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

It was reported that the inspection had been carried out but that the report had still not been received.

Resolved to chase the report.

e) **Repair works to boundary stones**

Resolved to talk to Highways re procedure for repair work, including lifting and transporting.

50 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Safer Cleaner Greener**

Cllr Kimber attended the meeting – see item 46e).

51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council meeting: **26.08.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Apologies: Cllr Heyworth.

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