

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 26 Aug 2025

52 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Heyworth

53 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) **NALC publications**

Resolved to request a copy of both publications.

d) **Joint Parish Meeting dates**

Resolved that the appropriate dates be communicated to Hebden Royd Town Council.

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

55 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None.

56 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 22 July 2025

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

57 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) Northview update

Resolved to note the update.

58 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Climate emergency update August 2025

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that the next meeting was taking place on 24.09.25, and this would be the apple crushing event.

Resolved to receive the updates.

59 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Computer upgrade options and update

Resolved that the council purchase the new laptop and that this be paid for from the clerk's computer allowance.

b) Government emails request and update

Resolved to note that half the Cllrs were now using their new government email, further to re-send the information to the remaining Cllrs.

60 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: £42.11

iv) Old Town Post Office 50 x 2nd class stamps £43.50

v) Jim Peterken – additional costs £51.00

vi)	Playworks – replacement bolts at OT roundabout (in. VAT)	£30.00
vii)	Indigo Cube – website hosting 1 year	£120.00
(viii)	VAT Q1 2025-26	£145.12)
ix)	HB Post Office – printing paper	£7.50
x)	Information Commissioner's Office annual fee	£47.00

Resolved to note that item 60a) viii) was added to the list in error as this was a credit not a debit. With the above amendment the payments be approved.

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

It was noted that a thank you letter had been received from Old Town Bowling Club for the £500 grant for a new shed.

61 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

62 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:

18.09.25 Joint meeting of the parishes feedback

Resolved to:

- i) check the previous meeting dates.
- ii) send the meeting minutes to the clerks.
- iii) Cllr Kimber to respond to Haworth with Stanbury Cllr's email.
- iv) re-Invite Josh Fenton-Glynn MP to a future meeting.
- v) note that the BfB representative had met with the MP and would provide a written update to the council.

Proposed questions for Planning Inspectorate

Resolved to send the agreed questions to the Planning Inspectorate.

- i) **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 note that the appropriate documents were now on Calderdale's website plannings section.

- ii) **22/40016/AGR** Agricultural storage building Land North of Mount Skip Golf Club Height Road Mytholmroyd Hebden Bridge

Resolved to take no further action at this stage.

63 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

- a) **Alleged additional area of road surfacing** at Height Rd.

Resolved to note this area was previously there but had now been surfaced.

b) **Hurst Road** - proposed double yellow lines at bottom of road.

Resolved to re contact Calderdale Highways re this issue.

c) **Request for 'slow' markings** at Old Town.

Resolved to note that this work had now been carried out.

d) **Charlestown road closure** 5-7.09.25.

Resolved to note the information.

e) **Old Town Mill Lane** – maintenance responsibilities update.

Resolved to note that the Ward Cllr had passed the correspondence to Calderdale Highways but that no response had yet been received.

f) **Parking on bend on Keighley Road at Pecket Well**

Resolved to chase this issue requesting any potential way forward.

g) **Inaccurate bus timetables at bus stops on Keighley Road**

It was noted that Cllr Walsh had reported this issue.

h) **Bus stop at Haworth Old Road**

Resolved to note that the bus stops on both sides of the road.

i) **Overgrown vegetation at Walker Lane** – between Martin Mill and Sandy Gate

Resolved to report this to Calderdale.

j) **Haworth Old Road** – update

It was noted that there was now a 'Residents Only Parking' sign marked on the road at the start of Haworth Old Road and that non-residents' cars were regularly being ticketed.

64 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Allotments** - non cultivation orders update

Resolved: to note that there was now one allotment available to rent and that two non-cultivation orders were still in place.

b) **Garage GS7 Carr Head 1** update

Resolved: to re-write to the tenants, with a copy sent to the landlord and letting agency, stating that if the matter is not resolved within one month the locks will be changed on the garage.

65 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections** including Calderdale Corporate Health and Safety Team's report.

Resolved: that

i) Cllrs Heyworth and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.

ii) the Calderdale Corporate Health and Safety Team report and the Q2 Playworks' inspection reports be noted.

iii) Cllr Kimber request the potential painter's details.

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

Resolved to:

i) receive the update.

ii) check that the IT equipment would be in place for the next meeting.

iii) to let the Friends of Pecket Well Playground know that the council is at the initial stage of considering the possibility of selling the play area, and possibly surrounding land, to an appropriate community group/body, such as Wadsworth Area Community Assets Ltd (WACA), strictly for community use. The suggested price would be the cost of legal expenses in relation to this.

66 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved: to receive the update and re-contact the solicitor.

b) **Boundary stones** – update.

Resolved: that Cllr Corcoran contact Hebden Royd Town Council re this issue.

c) **HBDFAF proposed access improvements at Old Town Green**

Resolved: to chase this with Calderdale Highways.

d) **Repair works quote:** benches at Old Town Green, vehicular gate, and tyre removal, at Pecket Well recreation ground.

Resolved: to approve the quote for the repair works.

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

Resolved to:

- i) receive the update.
- ii) thank the ex-Cllr for their work.
- iii) re-contact the woodland management contractor.

f) **Leaning tree at Pecket Bar**

Resolved that Cllr Walsh take a picture of the tree and that a quote be sought.

g) **Request to scatter ashes on Old Town Green**

Resolved that ashes could not be scattered on Old Town Green as the Green was public open space where children play on the ground and families have picnics. Cllr Walsh to let the correspondent know.

67 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

Cllr Walsh would be attending:

WCC Board Meeting – 27.08.25

WCC AGM – 29.08.25

and that all Cllrs were invited.

68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council meeting: **23.09.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Apologises: None

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