

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 23 September 2025

69 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Corcoran and Fowler.

70 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 at this point.

b) **Cllr vacancies:** 1

c) **Contact details** on Calderdale's website: not covered.

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

Resolved to:

i) bring agenda item 14b) Pecket Well Play Area update, forward to agenda item 4 Public Discussion Time.

ii) To discuss agenda item 11a)i) **25/06014/EIA** Environmental Impact Assessment (temporary UPRN) Calderdale Energy Park as the last item of the meeting.

72 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) Pecket Well Playground

Four representatives from Friends of Pecket Well Playground attended the meeting to present a slide show showing the results of the local survey, contacts made and suggested ways forward.

Resolved to:

i) thank the group for their work.

ii) the group and the council to consider the suggestions further.

iii) provide group with yearly expenditure information.

iv) the possibility of a community asset transfer be investigated further.

v) provide the quote for new basketball hoops.

vi) investigate the repair of the existing broken basketball hoop.

vii) the group attend a future meeting.

b) Removal of litter bin at Pecket Well

A resident requested an update on the removed litter bin at the bus stop at Pecket Well. It was reported that despite raising this matter on several occasions, including with Calderdale Ward Cllrs, there had been no positive response in relation to replacing the removed litter bin.

Resolved that Cllr Kimber raise this again at the next Cleaner Safer Greener meeting.

**73 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
26 August 2025**

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

74 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

All covered under existing items.

75 LOCAL PLANS:

a) Climate Action Plans update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: No update.

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: It was reported that the apple crushing day was taking place on Wed 24.09.25

Resolved to receive the updates.

76 CLERK'S REPORT:

All covered under existing agenda items.

77 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Items for payment:

i)	Salaries/PAYE incl. additional hours	£784.42
ii)	Employer national insurance	£55.11
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Environment Group annual insurance	£122.99

Resolved that 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

78 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

79 PLANNING:

a) New Applications:

- i) **25/06014/EIA** Environmental Impact Assessment (temporary UPRN) Calderdale Energy Park - Walshaw Dean Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale

Note: This item to be deferred to the end of the meeting.

b) Applications received after agenda issue:

- i) **25/00947/FUL** Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme

Resolved to:

- i) re-send the link
- ii) note the consultation deadline of the 09.10.25.
- iii) that individual Cllrs provide their responses to the clerk by the end of Sunday 05.10.25.
- iv) collated and uploaded the information to the planning portal.

c) Decisions made by Calderdale Council:

Resolved to note the decisions.

d) Other:

- i) **New track in field between Waterloo Terrace and Marg's Bank**

Resolved to place this concern on a watching brief.

80 ROAD, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT MATTERS:

a) West Yorkshire Mayor's transport plan consultation

Resolved that the consultation email be re-sent and that individual Cllrs complete the consultation.

b) **Flags on lampposts in the parish.**

It was reported that two residents had contacted a Cllr regarding the flying of flags on lampposts in Old Town.

Resolved that the Cllr explain that this should be reported directly to Calderdale, as it is Calderdale's responsibility and decision.

c) **Speeding in Old Town**

It was reported that speed checks had been carried out but that they did not show a problem.

d) **Residents request for Vehicle Width Restriction Sign at bottom of Wainsgate**

Resolved that Cllr Heyworth provide Calderdale's contact details to the resident.

e) **Yellow lines proposal at Hurst Rd – Calderdale response**

Resolved to note the response.

81 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

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

Resolved to note that there were now three allotments available to rent and that these were being offered to residents on the waiting list.

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

Resolved to receive the update and the agreed Cllr take possession of the garage, if the issue was not resolved by 30.09.25.

c) **Garage GS10 Carr Head 1** non-payment

Resolved to follow the appropriate procedure to take back possession of the garage.

82 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

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

Note: this item was discussed under minute item 72 Public Discussion Time.

83 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

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

b) **Proposed drop kerb at Old Town Green – Calderdale response**

Cllr Kimber declared an interest as his partner was a member of Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum (HBDAF).

Resolved to request a quote from Holroyds, and to request the list of approved contractors from Calderdale.

84 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting Reports:** None

b) **Future Meetings**

i) Town & Parish Annual Conference: Now to be held digitally on a Tuesday between 6.30-8.00pm in November. Date to be confirmed.

ii) Joint Parishes Meeting: 7.00pm Monday 06.10.92

85 a) New Applications (moved to end of agenda):

i) **25/06014/EIA** Environmental Impact Assessment (temporary UPRN) Calderdale Energy Park - Walshaw Dean Widdop Road Heptonstall Hebden Bridge Calderdale

Resolved that:

i) the Parish Council was disappointed that once again Josh Fenton Glynn MP had not responded to their request to meet regarding this issue.

ii) Cllr Salt and the Ban the Burn representative be thanked for all their work.

- iii) the completed response be provided to the clerk by the end of Sunday 28.09.25.
- iv) the response be collated and sent to Cllrs on the morning of Monday 29.10.25 with a late afternoon deadline for final minor amendments.
- v) the final response be sent to the Planning Inspectorate in good time to meet the Monday 29.09.25 consultation deadline.

86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council meeting: **28.10.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Advance apologies: None

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