

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 28 October 2025

87 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Corcoran, McKelvey and Walsh.

88 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) **Email compliance** - YLCA advice note

Resolved to resend the helpline details to the relevant Cllrs.

d) **Contact details** on Calderdale's website

Resolved to re-request that Calderdale Council update their website with up-to-date Cllr details and email addresses.

e) **2025-26 Meeting dates**

Resolved to agree the meeting dates for 2026 and to inform the Town Hall.

89 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.

90 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) **Pecket Well Playground**

Three representatives from Friends of Pecket Well Playground and Wadsworth Community Assets (WCA) attended the meeting to put forward a proposal. The group proposed that: a member of the group become a director of WCA and that WCA would act as the accountable body for the Friends Group's funding applications, that the Friends Group research and submit funding applications for improvement works including new play equipment, seating and a sign, the council continue to be responsible for the maintenance.

Resolved to:

- i) thank the group for their work.
- ii) to agree in principle to the proposal.
- iii) the group work with the council in relation to any improvements to the play area, with the group fundraising for any improvements.
- iv) that the group and council communicate regarding funding applications, proposed events, path forward etc.

**91 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
23 September 2025**

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

92 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

All covered under existing items.

93 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

- i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: October update 14.10.25
- ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: Deffered.

Resolved to receive the updates.

94 CLERK'S REPORT:

All covered under existing agenda items.

95 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Items for payment:

i)	Salaries/PAYE (gross)	£733.63
ii)	Employer national insurance	£47.49
iii)	Allowance and reimbursements:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	VAT to pay HMRC	£28.26
v)	PKF External Auditor 2024-25 (inc. VAT)	£252.00
vi)	CROWS – improvement works at PW playground	£156.00

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

96 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

97 PLANNING:

a) New Applications:

- i) **25/00883/FUL** New heating installation including externally mounted heat pumps, internal M&E equipment and associated fabric repairs – Wainsgate Baptist Church Wainsgate Lane Old Town Hebden Bridge.

Resolved to fully support the application.

b) Applications received after agenda issue: None

c) Decisions made by Calderdale Council:

Resolved to note the decisions.

d) Other:

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

Resolved to note the letter received from Josh Fenton Glynn with particular reference to the paragraph:

'The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's Onshore Wind Taskforce Strategy, published in July, included a recommendation that onshore wind farms should not be built on peatland. The Government has not yet issued a formal response to that recommendation, and in my letter to the Housing Minister I have asked for certainty regarding this in planning guidance.'

It was noted that the council still wanted the MP to attend a meeting with Cllrs and had not heard back regarding this request.
It was further noted that the Planning Inspectorate had responded to the scoping report stating that it required more detail.
The 35 year time frame for the windfarm being active was also discussed.

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

Resolved to note the extension to the consultation timescale. To support the application in principle but to note that it is a mistake not taking into account the potential consequences of the windfarm in relation to flooding. Secondly to ask; does the application consider the increased flood risk due to climate change.

98 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MATTERS:

- a) **Non-working streetlights from Spring Wood to halfway to Pecket Well**

Resolved that Cllr Salt note the lamppost number at Spring Wood. That this get reported to Highways.

- b) **Closure of Heights Road**

Resolved to check if the council was notified, and as appropriate contact Highways.

- c) **Continued issues with parked cars** on dangerous bend at Pecket Well

Resolved to re raise this at the next Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and to write to the head of Highways.

- d) **Resurfacing, white lines and road markings** at Old Town

Resolved to thank Highways, noting that this work was now complete and of good quality

- e) **Removal of phone mast** serving the Hebden Bridge/Upper Calder Valley area.

It was agreed that a letter/email should be sent to O2 complaining about the lack of consultation, information and proposed length of time before a signal is restored.

- f) **Work vehicles getting stuck on bends at Blake Dean**

Resolved to contact Highways and Yorkshire Water

99 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

- a) **Allotments:**

- i) **Non cultivation orders update**

Resolved to note that there was now one allotment available to rent and that this had been offered to the next resident on the waiting list.

- ii) **Allotment 1 at Pecket Bar**

Resolved that Cllr Heyworth ask Greening Wadsworth if they might be interested in the area of land for community vegetable growing.

- iii) **Garage GS7 and GS10 Carr Head 1** update

Resolved to request an update from the Cllr regarding GS7 and to discuss GS10 as appropriate.

100 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 90a) Public Discussion Time.

- c) **Repainting of play equipment at Old Town**

Resolved to request a new quote.

101 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** – update

Resolved to chase the quotes.

d) **Calder Valley Fell Runners** - Wadsworth Trog

Resolved to defer this item.

e) **Fly tipping in the parish**

Resolved to note the update including the positive meeting between Calderdale Council, Heptonstall and Wadsworth Council representatives.

102 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS – Sunday 9 November

Resolved that:

- i) the wreath and cross be ordered for Friday 7 Nov
- ii) Cllr Heyworth speak to the pub re tea and coffee.
- iii) Cllr Fowler read a poem.
- iv) a press release be sent.

103 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting Reports:**

- i) Joint Parishes Meeting: 7.00pm Monday 06.10.25

Resolved to note the update including the fact that the meeting would take place once every six months.

104 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council meeting: **25.11.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Advance apologies: None

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