

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 25 November 2025

105 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: None

106 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.

Cllr Kimber declared an interest in relation to agenda item 15b) (Min 119b) Proposed drop kerb at Old Town Green.

b) **Cllr vacancies:** 1

c) **Parish Council's presence on social media**

Resolved to investigate this further and report back to a future meeting.

d) **Christmas vouchers for the over 80's**

Resolved to no longer continue with this scheme but instead the £360 budget for 2025/26 be given to Wadsworth Community Centre to go towards an event that is older people inclusive.

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

108 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: None

**109 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
28 October 2025**

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

110 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) **Remembrance Sunday**

It was reported that the event had gone well but that the turnout was lower than usual.

Resolved to advertise the event on the noticeboards as well as in the local media.

111 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: No update provided.

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: Switch off Wednesday

It was reported that the event went well with 50 people in attendance.

Resolved to receive the updates.

112 CLERK'S REPORT:

All covered under existing agenda items.

113 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE (gross) including back pay*	£1021.42
ii)	Employer national insurance	£90.66
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>

iv)	Chair's allowance 2025-26	£200.00
v)	P3 laptop and software (see breakdown) inc VAT	£441.00
vi)	HB Post Office stationary and stamps CC	£53.74

*NALC Pay Award 2025-26

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 and to note the correction to 9 a)i) on the agenda from £1021.47 to £1021.42.

c) **Grants:** None received

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

116 **PLANNING:**

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **25/00985/FUL** Proposed new garage. 2 Chiserley Hall Old Mill Ridge Old Town HX7 8SD

Resolved not to support the application as concerned that longer term it might be used for an Airbnb. Secondly it removes part of an established garden area.

- ii) **25/01058/HSE** Dormer extension. 3 Moorland View Billy Lane Old Town HX7 8RY

Resolved not to object to the application but to raise the concern of a change to the overall mill conversion roofline.

- iii) **25/90029/ELC** Rebuild section of overhead line - Land Adjacent Parrock Parrock Lane Old Town Hebden Bridge Calderdale – information only.

Resolved to note 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

Resolved to:

- i) note that an interesting talk took place at the Blue Pig raising significant gradients concerns in relation to the positions of a number of the proposed wind turbines.
- ii) further note that the parish council had still not received a reply to the request that Josh Fenton-Glynn attend a meeting with Parish Cllrs.
- iii) add the prepared summary to the website.
- iv) Thank Cllr Salt for the detailed summary.

- ii) **22/01280/192** Construction of outbuilding. (Certificate of lawfulness) Martin Mill Cottage Walker Lane Old Town HX7 8SJ. **Appeal dismissed**

Resolved to:

- i) note the confusion in relation to this application and 22/01164/HSE Construction of double garage and ancillary accommodation.
- ii) further note that the garden outbuilding had not been built.

- 117 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:**
- a) **Streetlights not working on Keighley Rd - Calderdale update**
Resolved to note the lights are now working.
 - b) **Yorkshire Water response – works at Blakedean**
Resolved to note that the contractors had notified the suppliers not to use this route.
 - c) **O2 response re phone signal outage in Hebden Bridge area**
Resolved to note the issue was now resolved.
 - d) **Faulty contra flow lights at Pecket Bar**
Resolved to note that this was now resolved.
 - e) **Parking on dangerous bend at Pecket Well**
Resolved to note that this was raised again at the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting and that Calderdale were waiting for the traffic engineers to assess the situation.
 - f) **Cars Parking at bus stop at Pecket Well**
Resolved to report this to Highways.
 - g) **Traffic issues near Wainstalls Lane, Luddenden**
Resolved that Cllr Kimber report this to Highways.
 - h) **Scaffolding and bus collision at Waterloo Terrace**
Resolved to note that this was now resolved.
 - i) **595 Bus not completing route**
Resolved to report to TLC that the bus was turning round at Crimsworth Lane and/or a resident's driveway rather than continuing to the turning circle above Pecket Well.
 - j) **Request for speed cameras at Ackroyd Lane**
Resolved to note that Cllr Kimber had provided a potential location for the speed camera vehicle to park whilst undertaking speed checks and Highways had agreed to check out the location.
 - k) **Old Town Mill Lane responsibilities**
Resolved to note that no further response had been received.
 - l) **Speeding on Lane Ends Lane and Steeps Lane**
Resolved to note that the parish council raised this issue at every Safer Cleaner Greener meeting.
 - m) **Blocked gully grate at Old Town Mill Lane**
Resolved to report this to Highways.
 - n) **Winter gritting**
Resolved to thank Highways for gritting Sandy Gate, Walker Lane, Lane Ends Lane, the bus layby at Moorfield and the bus turning circle at Billy Lane, and to request a copy of the schedule. Cllr Heyworth to supply relevant information.
 - o) **Heights Road – road closure signage**
Resolved to request better road closure signage that included the actual point where the road would be closed.
 - p) **Collapsed wall at Pecket Bar Ackroyd Lane**
Resolved to note that this had now been repaired by the landowner.
 - q) **Pothole due to water main burst at Nook Lane**
Resolved to note this had been reported to Yorkshire Water.
 - r) **Update on proposed parking changes at Fallingroyd, Hebden Bridge.**
Resolved that the council query the limited 21-day statutory consultation. Cllr Heyworth to prepare the response.
- 118 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:**
- a) **Garage GS7 and GS10 Carr Head 1 update**
Resolved to:
 - i) write to the previous tenant requesting access to the garage, explaining if this is not provided they will be charged a fee for a locksmith to remove

the padlock and in addition there would be a charge for the clearance of any contents.

- ii) note that the tenant at GS10 had now paid the invoice for 2025-26

b) Allotment 5b)

Resolved to note the update, inspect the allotment and as/if appropriate issue a termination notice.

119 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) Bi-weekly inspections and annual inspection report

Resolved that:

- i) Cllrs Heyworth and Kimber carry out the bi-weekly inspections.
ii) Annual inspection report - Old Town swings; to ask the play inspectors how to go about getting an inspection of the top of the swings.

b) Pecket Well Play Area update and letter of thanks.

Resolved to receive the update and the thank you letter.

c) Quote painting of Old Town play equipment – Mark Eckersley £360 inc. materials.

Resolved to approve the quote and commission the work.

120 COUNCIL LAND MATTERS

a) Wadsworth Community Association lease

Resolved to receive the update.

b) Proposed drop kerb at Old Town Green – quote Ben Thornber £576 inc VAT.

Resolved to approve the quote and commission the work.

b) Calder Valley Fell Runners - Wadsworth Trog February 2026

Resolved to agree to the use of the green for the annual fell race.

121 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) Meeting Reports:

- i) **Safer Cleaner Greener Meeting.** Cllrs Kimber and Heyworth attended.

Resolved to note the report.

- ii) **Old Town School Governors Meeting.** Cllr Kimber and Fowler attended.

Resolved to note the report and with sadness note that the headteacher had resigned, after 20 years service, and that they would be leaving at easter 2026.

122 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Parish Council meeting: **16.12.25** 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Advance apologies: None

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