

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council**  
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 16 December 2025

**123 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr McKelvey

**Resolved** that:

- i) Cllr Corcoran had resigned as a Cllr.
- ii) the government email address be cancelled.
- iii) that the vacancy notice be prepared and published.
- iv) that the notice be sent to Calderdale's electoral officer.
- v) that the Cllrs details be removed from Parish/Calderdale websites and paperwork.
- vi) Mr Corcoran be thanked for his contribution to the council.

**124 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:** 2

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

**Resolved** to note the report and Cllrs and clerk carryout the proposed research and that this item be added to a future agenda.

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

**126 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:** None

**127 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:  
25 November 2025**

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

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

**129 LOCAL PLANS:**

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

- i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: No update provided.
- ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: The next meeting would take place on the 28 January 2026. The household thermal imaging initiative to restart in January.

**Resolved** to receive the updates.

**130 CLERK'S REPORT:**

All covered under existing agenda items.

**131 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE (gross)	£758.99
ii)	Employer national insurance	£51.30
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Cllr Kimber – Robin Hood tea and coffee reimbursement	£34.35
v)	WCA – funding for older people friendly event	£360.00

**After agenda issue:**

- vi) Fleur De Lys – memorial wreaths £60.00

**b) Financial reporting**

- i) **Bank reconciliations** (monthly)
- ii) **To agree/note bank transfer**
- iii) **Budget monitoring** (quarterly)
- iv) **VAT Return** (quarterly)

**Resolved to:**

- i) receive the reports and approve the payments.
- ii) write to WCA Chair re the £360 grant.
- iii) note the savings account change in interest rate.

**c) Grants**

- i) **Community Grants:** None
- ii) **Wadsworth Parish Council Grants:** Calderdale Council: Natural Flood Management Grants.

**Resolved** to contact the Carr Head woodland contractor, and to apply for a grant on similar terms to the previous one but focusing on the bottom area of woodland.

**132 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Before agenda issue: None.

- b) After agenda issue:

- i) **Wadsworth Area Community Assets update**

**Resolved** to reiterate the parish council's support that the Hare & Hounds pub in Wadsworth be registered as a community asset.

**133 PLANNING:**

- a) **New Applications:** None

- b) **Applications received after agenda issue:**

- i) Hare and Hounds pub - change of use (application details not on website at time of meeting)

**Resolved** to object to the application and to reaffirm the parish council's support to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) by Wadsworth Area Community Assets (WACA).

- 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 the update
- ii) arrange a town and parish councils' meeting with the consultants in early February

**134 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:**

- a) **Location of Pecket Well bus stop where cars are parking**

**Resolved** to provide this information to Highways.

- b) **Site for speed cameras on Ackroyd Lane**

**Resolved** that Cllr Kimber respond at the next Safer Cleaner Greener meeting

- c) **Contractors working at Old Town Farm parking on Old Town Green**

**Resolved** to note that Cllr Fowler had dealt with this issue.

- d) **TRO Fallingroyd parking proposals** - Burney Rd opposite HB train station

**Resolved** to resend the correspondence and copy in the Ward Cllrs.

e) **Dangerous parking on bend at Pecket Well**

**Resolved** to re write to the Head of Highways.

e) **595 bus not completing its route**

**Resolved** to report this to West Yorkshire Metro as no response had been received from TLC.

e) **Gritting of bus stops and turning circles**

**Resolved** to write West Yorkshire Combined Authority regarding this issue.

**135 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:**

a) **Garages**

i) **GS7 update**

**Resolved** to note that this had now been resolved.

ii) **GS9 request**

**Resolved** to lease the garage site as a parking space and to offer it to the next applicant on the waiting list.

b) **Allotments**

i) **5b) update**

**Resolved** to note that the allotment had not been cultivated despite a non-cultivation order having been served earlier in the year and therefore a termination notice be sent.

**136 PLAYGROUNDS:**

a) **Bi-weekly inspections and annual inspection report**

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

b) **Pecket Well Play Area:**

i) **Friends of Pecket Well Play Area update**

**Resolved** to receive the update and forward the email to Cllrs.

c) **Old Town play area:**

i) **Painting update** (contractor M Eckersley)

**Resolved** to receive the update.

ii) **Repairs to bench**

**Resolved** to seek a new contractor.

c) **Calderdale Council:** Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy survey.

**Resolved** to receive the update.

**137 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS**

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

**Resolved** to receive the update and contact an alternative solicitor.

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

**Resolved** to receive the update.

c) **Defibrillator maintenance update**

**Resolved** that Cllrs Kimber and Walsh check the Pecket Well defibrillator monthly.

**138 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:**

a) **Meeting Reports:**

i) **Old Town School Governors**

**Resolved** to note that Cllr Kimber had resigned from the committee due to the way that the academy trust was running the school.

d) **Future Meetings:**

i) **06.01.2026 Calderdale Council Ward Forum: Cllr Heyworth to attend**

ii) **27.01.2026 Town Parish Liaison Group, Calderdale Council budget proposals**

**Resolved** to send Cllrs the meeting details.

**139 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:**

Finance meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 13.01.26  
Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 27.01.26

Advance apologies: Cllr Heyworth

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