

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:	£42.11
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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