

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 27 January 2026

140 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Heyworth

141 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) **Website and website domain**

Resolved: to note that the website was now, as required, under a government domain: www.wadsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk. It was further noted that the website required some further updating.

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

Resolved to set up a Facebook page for the parish council providing a link to the website.

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

Resolved to move agenda item 16 to public discussion time

143 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

Two representatives from WACA attended the meeting to provide an update on the proposed change of use from a pub to a private dwelling at the Hare and Hounds Inn, Old Town.

Resolved to thank WACA for the organisation of such an informative and well attended set of community meeting on the 23.02.26. Further that the parish council write a formal letter of support for the Hare and Hounds Inn being registered as an asset of community value.

144 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

16 December 2025 Full Council meeting

13 January 2026 Finance meeting

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

145 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: All covered under agenda items.

146 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: December update 19.12.25

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

It was reported that 48 Wadsworth houses had now been surveyed with the thermal camera. It was further reported that the 14.01.26 meeting included an update on the governments heat pump scheme and a talk on Smarter Homes.

Resolved to receive the updates.

147 CLERK'S REPORT: All covered under existing agenda items.

148 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>

After agenda issue: None

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.

c) Grants

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

Resolved to note that the parish council application had been submitted.

- d) **To agree budget and precept for 2026-27 financial year**, and inform Calderdale Council re Precept figure.

Resolved that:

- i) the precept for 2026-27 per household be increased by 2%. Total figure £21,758. This would mean that, based on the Calderdale Council tax base figure of 580.10, for a band D household the figure would increase from £36.40 to £37.51 per year.
- ii) Parking and garage plots rents be put up by 3.2% as per consumer price index (up till November 2025) as following:
 - Parking spaces from £69.36 to £71.58 plus VAT
 - Garage plots from £115.59 to £119.29 plus VAT
- iii) Allotments and garden plots be increased from £30 to £31 (zero VAT)
- iii) a total budget of £26,412 be allocated for 2026-27 and that the budget shortfall of £858 be accounted for from council reserves.
- iv) that Calderdale Council be informed.

149 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

150 PLANNING:

a) New Applications:

- i) **25/01249/COU** Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to a single residential dwelling (Class C3) - Hare and Hounds Inn Lane Ends Lane Old Town HX7 8TN

Resolved as previously agreed to object to the application and to include the discussed additional comments.

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 note the update.

151 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:

a) **Confirmation of Pecket Well bus stop location**

Resolved to provide this information to Highways.

b) **Re-confirmation of location of cars parking on dangerous bend in Pecket Well.**

Resolved to re-confirm the location and to write to Cllr Courtney regarding this issue.

c) **595 bus route issues** – West Yorkshire Combined Authority response.

Resolved to write back confirming the dates and times the bus did not complete its route. All Cllrs to note further bus dates and times of concern.

d) **Proposed parking changes at Fallingroyd**, Hebden Bridge WPC response

Resolved to object to the proposals based on Cllr Heyworths research and information.

152 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Garage site 9** update

Resolved to arrange for the site to be cleared and the neighbouring tenant to be billed as appropriate for removal of waste.

b) **Garage site 1**

Resolved that Cllr Kimber speak to the tenant stating:

i) that details of the changes including pictures/drawings would need to be submitted to the council for approval.

ii) proof of planning compliance be provided.

iii) that the garage could not be connected to an electricity supply but that battery operated cameras could be used.

153 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

b) **Old Town Play area:**

i) **Repairs to bench** update

Resolved to arrange for repair of the bench.

c) **Pecket Well play area:**

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

Resolved to receive the update and amend and send the memorandum of agreement to the group for signing.

154 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved to continue to try and resolve this issue.

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

Resolved to receive the update.

c) **J Peterkin quote for vehicular gate repair** - at Pecket Well recreation ground.

Resolved that Cllr Kimber to check the gate and report back.

d) **Bench repairs** – Haworth Old Road and Middle Nook

Resolved to go ahead with the quote for the repairs.

e) **Defibrillator maintenance update**

Resolved to note that Cllrs Kimber and Walsh would check the Pecket Well defibrillator on a monthly basis. Cllr Walsh to check with WCC re defibrillator maintenance regime.

155 HARE and HOUNDS – Proposed letter of support for registration as an asset of community value.

Note: This item was discussed under item 143 Public Discussion Time.

156 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting Reports:**

i) **Old Town School** update

Resolved to receive the update and note the news that the school would no longer become part of Trinity Academy, further to write to Calderdale Cllrs Scullion, Patient and Kimber thanking them for their work and support in relation to this issue.

b) **Future External Meetings:**

i) **Joint Parishes Meeting:** date to be confirmed.

157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 24.02.26

Advance apologies: None

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