

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 24 February 2026

158 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: None

159 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

A member of the public expressed an interest in becoming a Cllr

Resolved to send them the relevant paperwork.

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

Resolved to discuss part of agenda item 11d)i) Calderdale Energy Park during Public Discussion Time

161 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

A representative from Ban the Burn attended the meeting to request that a letter and a wish list be sent to the Secretary of State by the Parish Council.

Resolved that:

- i) the letter and wish list be sent with minor amendments.
- ii) the Calder Valley and Keighley MPs be cc.
- iii) the correct logo be used.

**162 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:
27 January 2026**

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

163 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

a) Yorkshire Wildlife Trust speaker (Yorkshire Peat Partnership)

Resolved to note that two members of the Yorkshire Peat Partnership would speak at Public Discussion Time at the 24 March meeting.

164 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

- i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan:
- ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:
- iii) Hebden Royd Green Network

Resolved to receive the updates.

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

166 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Receipts**

i) Northern Powergrid - Wayleave £6.90

b) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE (gross) incl. additional hrs £811.40

ii) Employer national insurance £59.16

iii) Allowance and reimbursement:

	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv)	Stationary and stamps (CC)	£62.12

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.
- ii) contact Northern Power Grid to negotiate an increased wayleave.

c) Grants

i) Community Grants:

WACA 2025-26 grant financial spend report

Resolved to receive the report

ii) **Wadsworth Parish Council Grants:** Calderdale Council: Natural Flood Management grant for Carr Head Woodland Management – awarded £8650

Resolved to:

- i) accept the grant
- ii) complete the grant acceptance form.
- iii) check the timescale and terms and conditions.
- iv) inform the agreed contractor, Forest and Land Ltd.
- v) thank the clerk for their work.

167 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

168 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:** None

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

i) **25/56012/CLAS3Q** Prior approval application for change of use from agricultural building to dwelling (C3) - land West of Clough Cottage Clough Lane Midgley

Resolved that:

- i) the digital application documents be sent to Cllrs.
- ii) the combined response be submitted.

c) **Decisions made by Calderdale Council:**

Resolved to:

- i) note the decisions.
- ii) in regard to **25/00947/FUL** Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme Hebden Bridge **PERMIT**, to receive the report, including that Cllr Fowler had attended the planning meeting to express the views of the parish council. To further note the application had been approved.

d) **Other:**

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

Resolved to:

- i) note the update.

- ii) receive Josh Fenton -Glyn MP's apology for the February CEP/combined parishes meeting.
- iii) submit Ban the Burn supplementary questions to CEP.
- iv) note Cllr Kimber had written to Calderdale and CEP requesting that the consultation period be delayed until after the local elections and that the consultation period be longer.
- v) note that in future the CEP/combined parish meetings would be organised and administered by CEP. To further note that there would be two representatives from each council and that Cllr Kimber would chair the meetings.

169 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:

- a) Calderdale confirmation of receipt and response - Fallingroyd
Resolved to note the response but query the final paragraph.
- b) Calderdale response – parking at dangerous bend at Pecket Well
Resolved to note the response.
- c) Fallingroyd parking changes – Blackshaw PC Chair's email 28.01.26
Resolved to note the email.
- d) Removal of litter bin at Moorfield bus stop
Resolved to request that the litter bin be returned and maintained.

170 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

- a) Tenants request – Carr Head 2, garages 1 and 5.
Resolved to:
 - i) confirm in writing the information in min 152 of the February meeting.
 - ii) Provide Cllr Kimber with the tenant's phone number.

171 PLAYGROUNDS:

- a) **Bi-weekly inspections**
Resolved that Cllr Kimber and Heyworth carryout the bi-weekly checks.
- b) **Old Town Play area:**
- c) **Pecket Well play area:**
 - i) **Friends of Pecket Well Play Area** memorandum of agreement and request.
Resolved to:
 - i) make the further amendments to the memorandum of agreement and resend to the group for signing.
 - ii) agree £200 match funding towards the grant application.

172 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

- a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**
Resolved to contact three new solicitors for renewal of lease quotes.
- b) **Proposed drop kerb at Old Town Green** – quote Ben Thornber £576 inc. VAT.
Resolved to:
 - i) note that the work had been carried out.
 - ii) Cllr Heyworth to inspect the works.
 - c) **Repairs to vehicular gate** at Pecket Well recreation ground.
Resolved to have the gate repaired in line with J Peterken 23.12.25 quote for £450

173 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

- a) **Meeting Reports:**
 - i) **Joint Parishes Meeting** 16.02.26
Resolved to receive the update and to write to Calderdale re the current situation with the parishes charter.
 - ii) **Wadsworth Community Association Board Meeting**

- iii) **Old Town School Governors**
- iv) **Calderdale Search and Rescue:** 60th Anniversary Water Keeper's walk
Resolved to receive the updates.
- b) **Future External Meetings:**

174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 24.03.26

Advance apologies: None

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