

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 24 March 2026

175 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: None

Members of the public: 3

176 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

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

Resolved to discuss agenda item 2b)i) Casual vacancy applicant after Public Discussion Time.

178 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) Peat Partnership/Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Two representatives from the Peat Partnership/Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, attended the meeting to talk about the importance of blanket bog including the fact that it helps to mitigate flooding by holding water and slowing the flow, and filters water before it reaches the reservoirs, along with the importance of the habitat for wildlife.

It was explained that the Trust did not support the Calderdale Energy Park (CEP) application because the site was on recognised peatland and was a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and within Special Protection Areas (SPA).

Resolved that:

- i) a representative of the Peat Partnership be invited to attend the Windfarm/Combined Parishes meetings.
- ii) the Peat Partnership and Parish Council exchange information and updates.

b) Ban the Burn

A representative from Ban the Burn attended the meeting to provide an update on the organisation's campaign including the production of a leaflet explaining the importance of peat to tourists.

Resolved to check which organisation provided the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) arranged windfarm training course.

179 CLLR VACANCIES: 2

a) Casual vacancy applicant

Resolved to:

- i) welcome Jenny Shepherd as a Wadsworth Parish Cllr.
- ii) prepare the relevant paperwork for signing and completion.
- iii) set up a .gov email.

180 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON: 24 February 2026

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

181 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

- a) Wayleave payments
- b) Parish charter

Resolved to note the updates.

182 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

- i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: Climate Action Update March 2026 (05.03.26)
- ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: A member of Greening Wadsworth updated Cllrs on current and future activities including talks on insulation, grants for heat pumps and solar panels, and the potential for a community run car charger.

Resolved to receive the update and write to Calderdale re the parcel of land at the end of Old Town Mill Lane once the relevant contact details and information were received.

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

184 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Receipts**

i) Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent	£32.50
ii) Cash back	£0.30
iii) VAT refund	£59.93

b) **Items for payment:**

i) Salaries/PAYE (gross) incl. additional hrs	£674.08
ii) Employer national insurance	£38.56
iii) Allowance and reimbursement:	
- computer allowance	£20.83
- home working allowance	£18.58
- Travel	£2.70
Total:	<u>£42.11</u>
iv) Playworks Ltd – play area inspections (incl VAT)	£1499.04

After agenda issue:

v) J Peterken – repairs to benches and grounds clearance	£215.00
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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 approve the payments.

c) **Grants:** None

185 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

186 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **26/00001/NSIP** Calderdale Energy Park development consent order - Walshaw Dean Widdop Road (related to previous application 25/06014/EIA Environmental Impact Assessment Calderdale Energy Park) **PENDING**

Resolved that:

- i) to note the Chair of Wadsworth Parish Council (WPC) had written to Calderdale Energy Park (CEP) and Calderdale Planning to express concern over the limited time frame for the consultation and further the timing in relation to the local elections, asking if the consultation could be delayed and the time period

extended. WPC had received no response from CEP but had received a detailed response from Calderdale, expressing similar concerns.

- ii) CEP was organising a series of combined parish meetings which would include two representatives from each council and that Cllr Kimber would chair, with the first meeting taking place on 20.04.2026 at Heptonstall Bowling Club.
- iii) Cllrs Shepherd and Salt to represent Wadsworth.
- iv) the invite and terms of reference be sent to the three Cllrs.

b) **Applications received after agenda issue:** None

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

Resolved to note the decisions.

d) **Other:** None

187 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MATTERS:

a) **Missing bin at Moorfield bus stop** update

Resolved to:

- i) note that the bin had been replaced but that the bin at the top of the village green had been removed.
- ii) contact Calderdale requesting the bin's return.

b) **Dangerous bend at Pecket Well**

Resolved to note that:

- i) there had been another accident.
- ii) the issue was continually raised at the Safer Cleaner Greener meetings.
- iii) the lack of progress was very frustrating.
- iv) re-contact the head of Highways requesting a response and pointing out that another accident had taken place.

c) **Potholes at Boston Hill**

Resolved to send the details to Highways.

188 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Allotments:**

- i) Pecket Bar Allotment PB1

Resolved to defer this item to the April meeting.

b) **Garages:**

- i) Garage site GS5

Resolved to write to the resident agreeing to the changes but pointing out that the new concrete exterior may require painting in a neutral green colour.

189 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

Resolved that Cllr Kimber and Heyworth carryout the bi-weekly checks.

b) **Old Town Play area:**

- i) Request for youth shelter

Resolved to defer this item till the April meeting.

c) **Pecket Well play area:**

Resolved to:

- i) receive the update from the Friends of Pecket Well Play Area.
- ii) confirm that the clerk could make necessary decision regarding the proposed works to the swings and agree other upgrades as necessary between meetings.

190 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved to agree in principle to engage one of the solicitors to complete the lease but to defer the details to the April meeting.

b) **Pecket Well defibrillator**

Resolved to note Cllr Walsh had carried out the monthly check.

191 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting Reports:**

i) **Safer Cleaner Greener:** Cllr Kimber

ii) **Ward Forum:** Cllr Heyworth

Resolved to receive the updates.

192 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 28.04.26

Advance apologies: None

Meeting ended: 9.20pm

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