

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council

7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 28 April 2026

193 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Heyworth

Members of the public: None

194 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:** 1

c) **Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr Shepherd

d) **Meeting of the Parish** date and details: 7.00pm 15 May Wadsworth Community Centre.

Resolved to note the meeting date and that the clerk will prepare notes for the annual report and paperwork prior to the meeting.

d) **Draft Updated NALC Model Standing Orders**

Resolved that Cllrs look through the documentation and the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

e) **Draft NALC Financial Regulations**

Resolved that Cllrs look through the documentation and the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

195 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 24 March 2026

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

196 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES: None

197 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans** update:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: None

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: to be reported at the May meeting.

Resolved to receive the updates.

198 CLERK'S REPORT:

Resolved to receive the report and agree that support can be provided by the website administrator in relation to adding an additional web page and minor editing.

199 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Receipts** – Previous month

i) Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent £41.28

b) **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) P/O stationery and stamps £43.16

v)	YLCA - annual membership	£530.00
vi)	Zurich - annual insurance	£436.12
vii)	Microsoft 365 – annual subscription (inc. VAT) - 11.03.25	£104.99
viii)	J Peterken - vehicular gate repairs (incl additional works)	£550.00

c) **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.

d) **Grants:**

- i) **Community Grants:** CROWS grant application for £600 for 2026-27

Resolved to approve the application for £600.

- ii) **WPC grants:** Natural Flood Management grant.

Resolved that a works update be requested from the contractor and a meeting arranged with Cllrs.

200 CORRESPONDENCE: All covered under existing agenda items.

201 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications:**

- i) **26/00260/HSE/LBC** Cover an existing inset roof terrace by continuing the existing roof profile. - 25 Pecket Well Mill Keighley Road HX7 8QY

Resolved to support the application.

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

- i) **26/00199/HSE/LBC** Temporary wooden garden room to rear of property. Crabtree Fold Barn. 2 Crabtree Fold. Old Town Mill Lane. Old Town HX7 8SN

Resolved to make no comment.

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

Resolved to:

- i) note the decisions.
- ii) re **26/0001/NSIP** Calderdale Energy Park (CEP) development consent order – Walshaw Dean Widdop Road (related to 25/06014/EIA)
 - note the responses and updates.
 - note CEP are not willing to extend the consultation period further.
 - note that an outline parish council response be provided to the 26 May council meeting.
 - that a final response be provided to the clerk by the end of Sunday 7 June.
 - that the response be formatted and submitted to CEP by the 10 June deadline.

d) **Other:**

- i) 25/60046/3 Parrock, Parrock Lane, Old Town.

Resolved to note the update.

- ii) 26/0028/1091 Land north of Claytons Farm, Old Town – Certificate of Lawfulness. development certificate.

Resolved to provide the details to Cllrs.

202 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MATTERS:

a) **Dangerous bend at Pecket Well**

Resolved to note that Calderdale had now agreed to double yellow line the area of road but no timetable had been given. Cllr Kimber to chase at the next Cleaner, Safer Greener meeting.

b) **Access to Boston Hill**

Resolved to note that this was not a parish council matter but to inform the resident that there may be relevant information in the Hepton Rural District Council archive, held at the West Yorkshire Archives, housed at Halifax Central library.

c) **Old Town Mill Lane** – private parking signs

Resolved that Cllr Salt take a photo and the clerk to write to Highways reporting the 'private parking' signs in front of the new Old Town Farm housing development, asking if any action could be taken.

d) **Blocked drains at Sandy Gate** – below Walker Lane

Resolved that a location plan be sent to Cllr Fowler and that once the locations were determined the information be provided to Calderdale.

e) **Old Town wildflower meadows** – area of fields on hillside below Old Town

Resolved to receive the report that a local landowner had purchased the meadows and was putting up fencing to protect them, before carrying out survey and ecological works to protect and restore the historic meadows. It was noted that the existing definitive footpaths would not be affected but there was a question mark over the access to the established but more informal pathways/routes.

f) **Crimsworth bus turning circle**

Resolved to confirm the land ownership of the turning circle with Highways.

g) **595 Bus non-completion of route**

Resolved that Cllr Kimber supply photographic evidence and timings of the bus not completing its route.

203 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Allotments:**

i) Pecket Bar Allotment PB1

Resolved to defer this item till the May meeting.

204 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Old Town Play area:**

i) Inspection report – roundabout repairs.

Resolved that a quote for the repairs be sought.

ii) Request for youth shelter

Resolved to defer this item till the May meeting.

c) **Pecket Well play area:**

i) Inspection report – swing repairs.

Resolved to await the outcome of the Friends of group grant application.

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

Resolved to:

i) receive the update.

ii) approve the application for a community event on the 16 May.

iii) a location for the potential sign be investigated.

iii) **Request for second 'Slow Children's Play area' traffic sign**

Resolved to defer this item.

205 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved to go ahead with the estimate of £1,750, from Wrigleys Solicitors LLP, to complete the new lease.

b) **Bench repairs update**

Resolved to proceed with the repairs to both benches.

c) **Vehicular gate repairs** – at Carr Head

Resolved as discussed under item 199a) viii), to note the further works involved in replacing the gate post at Carr Head and to agree the additional payment of £100 making a total of £550.

206 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting reports:**

i) Combined Parishes/CEP Meeting 20.04.26

Resolved to note that this was covered under item 201c)ii)vi)

b) **Upcoming meetings:**

i) Proposed Joint Parishes Meeting 18.05.26

207 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Annual Meeting of the Parish: 7.00pm Wadsworth Community Centre 15.05.26

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 26.05.26

Advance apologies: None

Meeting ended: 9.00pm

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