Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 30 June 2026

18 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
In attendance: Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Delahoy, Fowler, Heyworth, Salt, Shepherd and Walsh.
Apologies for absence: Cllr McKelvey
Members of the public: Two representatives from Wadsworth Area Community Assets (WACA)

19 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 of Chair 2026-27**: Cllr Kimber

Cllrs Salt and Shepherd were formerly thanked for all their work on the parish council's response to Calderdale Energy Park's consultation. Ex–Cllr Bradshaw, along with the other four writers of the 152 page document were also thanked for their hard work.

20 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA
Resolved that agenda item 14c)ii) Playgrounds/Pecket Well Play Area/Proposed playground signage be moved to the end of Public Discussion Time.

21 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:
Two representatives from WACA provided an update on the process to register an asset of community value, the change in regulations that came into effect on the 30 April, and based on consultation what residents thought should be registered in the future.

An update was also provided on the timeline and actions that needed to take place in order for the community to buy the Hare & Hounds Inn. The group confirmed that they were currently working on the business plan and finances prior to the share offer.

The group representatives then briefly discussed the proposed new fingerpost signage at Pecket Well Playground.

Resolved that:

i) the deeds be checked for the community centre with particular reference to any covenants.
ii) two finger post signs be placed in the agreed locations, to be provided and installed by CROWS at a total cost to the council of £140.
iii) Friends of Pecket Well Playground (FOPWP) would attend the next council meeting to provide an update.

22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 26 May 2026
Resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

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

24 LOCAL PLANS:
a) **Climate Action Plans** update:
i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: None
ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: None

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

26 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **2025-26 Direct debit payments not published**:

i)	26/01/2026 Vital Software	£24.00
ii)	11/03/2026 Microsoft Annual Subscription	£104.99

b) **Receipts** – Previous month

i)	Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent/cashback	£354.89

c) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE (gross) incl back pay	£792.26
ii)	Employer national insurance	£56.29
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	£42.11
iv)	HB P/O – stamps.	£33.60
v)	Old Town Primary School – Anne Newsome Books	£100.00
vi)	Wadsworth Community Assets – Grant	£500.00
vii)	FPWP - £200 contribution towards swings replacement	£200.00

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**: None

ii) **WPC grants**: None

27 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Old Town Primary School** – thank you for Anne Newsome Books £100

Resolved to receive the thank you.

28 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications**: None

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

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)

- Cllr Shepherd provide the Transport and Access questions to be sent to CEP
- Cllr Shepherd to provide the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy EN-1 relevant paragraph.
- Cllr Kimber to write to Kevin Whitmore (CEP) and cc local MPs, Planning Inspectorate, DEFRA, DESNZ, Calderdale Planning and Ward Cllrs explaining the major error in relation to aggregates. The letter to include the Overarching National Policy Statement For Energy EN-1, para 2.5.3.

- Cllrs to consider whether the above should also be a press release.
- Cllr Kimber to provide an interview to the University of Manchester post graduate student.
- The Parish Council's PIER response document be provided to Stronger Together to Stop Calderdale Wind Farm.
- Cllr Kimber provide the questions that did not get answered at the Parish Forum/CEP meeting to be sent to CEP.

d) **Other**:

i) 17/00682/FUL Old Town Farm. Old Town Mill Lane

Resolved to note Calderdale Planning's response that no working at w/es was not a planning condition.

29 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:

a) **Logged/holding responses**

i) West Yorkshire Mass Transit – 595 bus not completing route.

ii) Calderdale Highways:

- Old Town Mill Lane private parking signs - holding response no. 477124

Resolved to note the above.

b) **Proposed yellow lines at bend at Pecket Well**

Resolved to note that the marking of the yellow lines had been agreed by Calderdale Highways but that a date had not been set.

c) **Hurst road issues with parking**

Resolved to note that this was still on a list of Calderdale Highway's road lining works but with no scheduled start date.

d) Old Town Mill Lane roadworks ref no. 478157

Resolved to:

i) note that the utility provider, the contractors and Calderdale Council had all been contacted in an attempt to resolve the issue.

ii) inform the Ward Cllrs.

30 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Allotments**:

i) Allotments state and size at Carr Head and Pecket Bar

Resolved to:

i) defer the item for agreement at the next meeting.

ii) allotment tenants in question be contacted to see if they would prefer to lease a half-sized plot.

iii) Cllrs assess the Pecket Bar allotments including access prior to the next council meeting.

b) **Garages and parking spaces**:

i) Garage site 4 at Carr Head 2

Resolved to note that it is the tenant's responsibility to maintain the garage

31 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Old Town Play area**:

i) Roundabout maintenance

Resolved that item be deferred to the next meeting.

ii) Request for youth shelter

Resolved that item be deferred to the next meeting.

iii) Lack of grass cutting at play area

Resolved to note that a request was made to Calderdale to cut the area and that it had subsequently been cut.

iv) Play equipment painting
Resolved to seek further quotes.
v) Bench painting/staining
Resolved to check status of works request.
vi) Reduced number of bins
Resolved that Cllrs visit the Green and consider what can be done.
vii) Procedure for informal community games on the Green
Resolved:
- i) that the events form be modified/simplified so it is appropriate for easy completion for such occasions.
- ii) to be brought to the next meeting.

c) **Pecket Well play area:**
i) Replacement of removed toddler swing
Resolved that it be noted that this would be replaced as part of WACA's agreed grant funded works.
ii) Proposed playground signage – discussed under item 21.
iii) FOPWP update re new swings
Resolved to note that FOPWP would attend the next meeting to provide an update
viii) Future FOPWP clean-ups
Resolved that one generic form could be completed for all future clean-ups as long as the clean-up dates were provided in good time prior to the individual clean-ups.

32 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS
a) **Wadsworth Community Association** - lease update
Resolved to:
- i) defer this item to the next meeting
- ii) move this item up the agenda for the next meeting
- iii) inform the solicitor about the delay.

b) **Carr Head** - woodland grant works site visit report.
Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.
c) **Request for memorial bench**
Resolved to:
- i) note that the location of the proposed bench was on Calderdale land but that there were potential sites where existing WPC benches needed replacing.
- ii) Cllr Heyworth to inform the resident.

33 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:
a) **Meeting reports**:
i) Parish Forum/CEP covered under item 28c)ii)
ii) Wadsworth Environment Group
Cllr Walsh reported that the group's insurance did not cover them for working at the roadside in areas with an above 30 miles per hour speed limit and therefore they could unfortunately no longer remove fly tipping from Crimsworth bus turning circle.
Resolved to:
- i) note the reports.
- ii) Cllr Walsh to consider potential solutions and provide the information to be forwarded.

b) **Upcoming meetings**: None reported.

34 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:
Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 28.07.26
Advance apologises: None
Meeting ended: 9.05pm
