

Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 28 July 2026

35 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Shepherd and Walsh.

Members of the public: One representative from Friends of Pecket Well Playground (FOPWP)

36 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) **Cllr email addresses**

It was noted that two Cllrs were still using their personal email addresses.

Resolved that the Cllrs contact P3 Computers to facilitate the switch to the new government domain email. Clerk to re-send relevant email details.

d) **Facebook page and website update.**

Resolved that:

i) work continue to set up a Facebook page for the council to include links to relevant documents on the council's website.

ii) Cllrs provide high-quality photos of Wadsworth to be used on the page.

e) Debit card and bank mandate update

Resolved that Cllrs Kimber and Fowler sign the letter which includes updates to Cllrs, new Cllrs updated addresses and emails, and further that the letter be provided to the bank.

37 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA

Resolved that:

i) Agenda item 14c) i) Friends of PW - Playground improvements be discussed as part of Public Discussion Time.

ii) Agenda item 15a) Wadsworth Community Association lease be discussed at the end of Public Discussion Time.

38 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) **FOPWP Update**

One representative from FOPWP provided an update on grant funded works to the swings including new swing seats and chains, plans for an event day in September and consultation followed by options for potential further works.

Resolved that:

i) the representative and the group be thanked for their work and successful funding application.

ii) that the group work with the clerk in relation to application form/procedure for the proposed September event.

b) **Wadsworth Community Association lease**

Resolved that the draft lease be approved subject to the following clarifications:

i) the details and responsibilities in relation to the EPC be checked, section 24 (P17-18).

ii) the implications of section 20.2c (P20) noise and light, be checked.

iii) the relationship between the bowling green and community centre be clarified,

iv) the responsibility for the trees be confirmed, section 14.1)e (P13).

- 39 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 30 June 2026**
Resolved that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.
- 40 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:** All covered under existing agenda items.
- 41 **LOCAL PLANS:**
a) **Climate Action Plans** update:
i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan: None
ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative: None
- 42 **CLERK'S REPORT:** All covered under existing agenda items.
- 43 **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
a) **Receipts** – Previous month
i) Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent £354.85

b) **Items for payment:**
i) Salaries/PAYE (gross) £775.63
ii) Employer national insurance £53.79
iii) Allowance and reimbursement:
- computer allowance £20.83
- home working allowance £18.58
- Travel £2.70
Total: £42.11
iv) Fleur de Lys – flowers £5.00

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
- 44 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
i) Blackshaw Parish Council – Cllr training 6.00pm at Hebden Bridge Town Hall Thursday 17 September.
Resolved to receive the update and let Blackshaw Parish Council know that Cllrs Kimber (Chair), Delahoy, Fowler and McKelvey would like to attend the training.
iii) YH Climate Commissions Gathering Tuesday 17 November, expression of interest.
Resolved to receive the information and pass it on to Cllr Walsh in relation to Greening Wadsworth.
- 45 **PLANNING:**
a) **New Applications:** None
b) **Applications received after agenda issue:** None
c) **Decisions made by Calderdale Council:**
Resolved to note the decisions.
d) **Other:** None
- 46 **ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MATTERS:**
a) **Hurst Road sewer issues**

Resolved to:

- i) note that this issue had been raised with the new Neighbourhood Officer for Luddendenfoot and Hebden Bridge & Todmorden East.
- ii) send further details to the Neighbourhood Officer, including photos and the request that this be taken up with Environmental Health.

b) Blocking of Footpath 73, sections 2, 4 and 6

Resolved to write to the Footpaths Officer with details and photos.

47 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) Allotments:

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

Resolved that:

- i) Cllr Heyworth inspect the wall at allotment 6b).
- ii) J Peterken be asked to quote for removal of tyres at the Pecket Bar allotment.

b) Garages and parking spaces:

- i) Garage site 4 at Carr Head 2.

Resolved to:

- i) offer the garage to the next person on the list.
- ii) that if the above is unsuccessful offer the garage to an existing tenant.

48 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 Playworks carryout the required works at a cost of £1093.26

- ii) Request for youth shelter

Resolved to note that this was no longer requested.

- iii) Procedure for informal community games on the Green

Resolved to approve the new simpler form to be completed for informal games on council land that are advertised on social media.

- iv) Painting of play equipment

Resolved to:

- i) note that three painters and decorators had been asked to quote.
- ii) ask M Elkesley if he would like to re-quote.

c) Pecket Well play area:

- i) Friends of PW - Playground improvements update.

Note this item was discussed as part of item 38 Public Discussion Time.

49 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

- a) **Wadsworth Community Association** - lease update – discussed under item 38b)

- b) **Wadsworth Community Centre** – covenants.

Resolved to carry out one further search and if unsuccessful request the documents from the land registry.

- c) **Carr Head** - woodland grant works site visit report and update request.

Resolved that Cllr Kimber provide the report to be forwarded to the grant funder.

- d) **General maintenance works** – update

Resolved to note the update

- e) **Games on council land advertised on social media** - draft application form

Resolved to note this was discussed and resolved under item 49b) iv)

50 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

- a) **Meeting reports:**

It was noted that the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting on the 27.07.26 had been cancelled.

b) Upcoming meetings:

i) Old Town School Governors

Resolved that Cllr Fowler check the procedure for the Anne Newsome books grant being allocated to the school, as the new school bank account was trust-wide rather than school-specific.

51 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 25.08.26

Advance apologies: None

Meeting ended: 8.45pm

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