Minutes of the Meeting of Wadsworth Parish Council
7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall 27 October 2026

86 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: One

87 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 one Cllr was still using their personal email address.

Resolved that before the next meeting Cllr Fowler contact P3 Computers to facilitate the switch to the new government domain email.

d) **Bank mandate**

Resolved to:

i) record that Cllrs Delahoy, Salt, Shepherd and Walsh had now signed the amended bank mandate.

ii) S end the amended mandate to the bank.

e) **2027 Meeting dates** confirmation.

Resolved to request that the 25 May 2027 Annual Council Meeting be moved to the Council Chamber.

f) **Remembrance Sunday arrangements** – Sunday 8 November

Resolved to:

i) order a wreath and cross, that they be made from biodegradable materials.

ii) Cllr Kimber to collect the above.

iii) Cllr Kimber lay the cross at Smeeken Hill.

iv) Cllr Fowler lay the wreath at Pecket Well Memorial Garden.

v) Tea and coffee be arranged at The Robin Hood Inn.

88 RESOLUTION TO RE-ORDER REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA:

Resolved that agenda item14b)i) Old Town Play area: Construction of concrete bike ramp without prior agreement be moved to the end of Public Discussion Time.

89 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME:

a) Agenda item14b)i) Old Town Play area: Construction of concrete bike ramp.

Cllr Kimber provided an update on the council's responsibilities in relation to the Green
A local resident provided a detailed report based on an on-line survey, that received 86 responses.

Resolved that:

i) the council was not opposed in principle to a bike ramp(s) but that this needed to follow the proper process, use appropriate materials and be sited in the correct place.

ii) it was suggested that the resident work with the Community Association and potentially speak to the Friends of Pecket Well Playground in relation to setting up a similar group, as this would also help with potential funding.

90 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 22 September 2026

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

91 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:

Resolved to add NORD and the incident at Chisley to the next agenda.

92 LOCAL PLANS:

a) **Climate Action Plans and Environmental Initiatives update**:

i) Calderdale Climate Action Plan

Resolved to:

i) write to the Council Leader stating that Wadsworth Parish Council was extremely disappointed that the Reform UK led motion 'Rescind the Climate Emergency Declaration and Reallocate Resources to Deprived Communities' was passed at Calderdale's 25.09.26 full council meeting.

ii) that climate-related floods in the parish and its surroundings were a serious issue and that they needed to be treated as such.

iii) ask how the abolition of Calderdale Climate Action Plan and the transformation of Calderdale Council Climate Action Partnership into the Local Environment Partnership would function?

ii) Greening Wadsworth Initiative:

Resolved to:

i) receive the update including that the Friday 09.10.26 People's Emergency Briefing film was attended by over 100 people.

ii) that the next meeting at 7.15pm on the 25 November was focusing on the climate emergency.

iii) Hebden Royd Green Network Gathering 2027

Resolved to note that the meeting would take place between 10.00-12.00 on the 23 January 2027 at Mytholmroyd Community Centre.

iv) Eye on Calderdale: October Flood Partner update.

Resolved to note that the information had been emailed to Cllrs.

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

94 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Receipts** – Previous month

i)	Garage/Parking space/Allotment rent	£32.76

b) **Items for payment:**

i)	Salaries/PAYE (gross)	£801.26
ii)	Employer national insurance	£57.64
iii)	Allowance and reimbursement:	
	- computer allowance	£20.83
	- home working allowance	£18.58
	- Travel	£2.70
	Total:	£42.11
iv)	YLCA Cllr training 17.09.26	£90.00
v)	P3 Computers - remote support inc VAT	£72.00
vi)	Post Office Ltd - stamps (£65.52), stationery (£2.80) DC	£68.32
vii)	N C Jewellers - battery for banking security token DC	£9.50

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**:

Resolved to note the CROWS six monthly budget monitoring.

ii) **WPC grants**: None.

95 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Todmorden Town Council**: Meetings of the education charity

Resolved that Cllr Fowler contact the Todmorden Cllr to request the relevant information and the clerk be c.c. in.

96 PLANNING:

a) **New Applications**: None

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

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

Resolved to note the decisions and in relation to the following application further note: Agenda item iv)

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 to:

i) receive the update

ii) send Cllr Shepherd's email update to Cllrs

iii) carry out the proposed actions in the email

iv) Cllr Shepherd to provide further information and links.

d) **Other**:

i) FutureBuilds planning app

Resolved that Cllrs look at the information to decide whether it would be of use.

97 ROAD, FOOTPATH, TRANSPORT AND DIGITAL COMUNICATION MATTERS:

a) **Increase in heavy traffic on Old Town Mill Lane** – resident's email 29.09.26

Resolved to note with sympathy and regret there was nothing that the parish council could do as the part of Old Town Mill Lane referred to was unadopted highway.

b) **Old Town Mill Lane** – Yorkshire Water notification responsibilities – Calderdale email 09.10.26.

Resolved to send the relevant email to Cllrs.

c) **Hurst Rd sewage problems** update.

Resolved to send the relevant email to Cllrs.

d) **Pothole at Lane Ends Lane**

Resolved that Cllr Heyworth take a location photo and that this be reported to Highways.

e) **Old Town Mill Farm**

It was reported that a Cllr had checked the Calderdale planning documents and that regrettably the development did not have any responsibility to improve Old Town Mill Lane.

f) **Dangerous parking on bend at Pecket Well**

Resolved to note that the Chair of the Safer, Cleaner, Greener meeting stated that if Calderdale had not responded with an update by the end of October, they would raise the issue.

98 ALLOTMENTS, PARKING SPACES AND GARAGES:

a) **Allotments**:

i) Draft allotments survey.

Resolved to approve the survey and that it be sent to residents.

b) **Garages and parking spaces**:

i) Garage CH5 and CH4

Resolved to:

i) write to the lease holder of CH5, saying that the razor wire needed to be removed with immediate affect or they would be given notice.

ii) that the future of the garages at Carr Head 2, including CH4 would be discussed at the next meeting

99 PLAYGROUNDS:

a) **Bi-weekly inspections**

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

b) **Old Town Play area**:

i) Construction of concrete bike ramp without prior agreement.

It was noted that this item was discussed at the end of Public Discussion Time.

c) **Pecket Well play area:**

i) Friends of PW Playground proposed bulb planting.

Resolved to note the update and approve the bulb planting.

100 COUNCIL LAND AND ASSET MATTERS

a) **Wadsworth Community Association lease:**

i) Final amendments and approval.

Resolved to approve the lease.

ii) Proprietor address update.

Resolved to request the lease solicitors arrange for the address to be updated.

b) **Quotes** for maintenance works.

Resolved to approve the quotes for add hoc maintenance works.

c) **Defibrillators checks and maintenance** update

Resolved to:

i) note that Cllr Walsh had carried out the Pecket Well check.

ii) chase the new battery pack order.

101 REPRESENTATIVES AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS:

a) **Meeting reports**:

i) 09.10.26 People's Emergency Briefing film

ii) 19.10.26 Safer Cleaner Greener

Resolved to:

i) receive the reports.

ii) talk to Highways regarding the placing of banners next to the Highway.

b) **Upcoming meetings**:

i) Wadsworth Community Association: Walking Market 08.11.26

ii) Town and Parish Liaison Meeting: 19.11.26

Resolved to receive the reports and updates.

102 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING & APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE:

Monthly council meeting 7.00pm Hebden Bridge Town Hall: 24.11.26

Advance apologises: None Meeting ended: 9.10pm

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