

139/16 THE SPEED AND DANGERS OF TRAFFIC ON WIDDOP ROAD

Following the information from Louise Hunt (*minute 137/16*) it was resolved :

- A letter supporting the expressed concerns be sent to Calderdale MBC Highways – copied to Ward Councillors and Craig Whittaker MP
- Traffic calming measures be requested – there was a previous intent for a 40 M.P.H. limit on rural roads – with signage at specific locations. Councillor D Young be asked if such remedies could be ‘piggy-backed’ onto other current traffic initiatives.
- The Clerk to provide contact details of the three Ward Councillors to Ms Hunt

140/16 The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 5 December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

141/16 Arising from the minutes Councillor Edwards reported the **drains in Smithwell Lane** had been serviced immediately after the last Council meeting. It was resolved to thank Calderdale MBC for their actions. It was also agreed to ask Calderdale MBC about their level of subcontractors questioned by the lack of action in respect of the **missing ‘no parking’ repeater signs** in Smithwell Lane.

142/16 TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved to approve attendance at Cedar Court Hotel, Denby Dale Road. Wakefield on 25 March 2017 for Councillors Crowther and Slater (as well as others expressing such interest).

143/16 TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Following The Clerk’s recommendation it was resolved to invite him to prepare a draft Training Policy for members and The Clerk.
Also to create a Record of Training/Development attendances.

144/16 APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORT : 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

It was resolved to approve the presented Finance Report for the 9 months to 31 December 2016.

145/16 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The following **accounts** were approved for payment :

R M Greenwood	Travel	£ 26.00
	Ink Cartridges	£ 142.45
	Stationery	£ 17.18
Heptonstall J I & N School	Meeting Room	£ 96.00

146/16 PLANNING

(a) Planning Decisions : notification of recent decisions were received from the Planning Authority and presented for information.

(b) The following **Planning Applications** were presented for comment :

- **PA 16/01317/FUL + 16/01318/LBC : Conversion of barn and former cottage to residential conversion of existing outbuilding to studio and the remainder of the existing farmhouse (incl. Listed Building Consent) – New Edge Farm, Edge Lane, Colden, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

- **PA 16/01642/LBC : Installation of flue to multi-fuel stove (Listed Building Consent) – Stoodley View, 42 Towngate, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

- **PA 16/01458/FUL : Proposed Club House – Hebden Bridge Sports Grounds, Hollins Holme, Slater Bank Lane, Hebden Bridge**

It was resolved not to object to the principle of the development, but wish for materials and colours to be sympathetic to the special environment.

- **PA 16/01392/FUL : Cricket Pavilion - Hebden Bridge Sports Grounds, Hollins Holme, Slater Bank Lane, Hebden Bridge**

It was resolved not to object to the principle of the development, but wish for materials and colours to be sympathetic to the special environment.

147/16 Arising from correspondence received :

- **Road Bridge over Colden Water to the track to Land Farm. Blackshaw :** Following the correspondence from Janet Battye it was resolved to support Blackshaw Parish Council in respect their actions to repair this part of the Pennine Bridleway within Blackshaw Parish, and advise Mrs Battye accordingly.
- **Calder Valley Community Land Trust :** Information was provided in respect of an upcoming Consultation Day (14 January) when information in respect of proposals for **residential development at High Street, Hebden Bridge**, would be divulged. Given the potential impact on traffic, access & egress for those travelling towards Heptonstall and beyond it was agreed to send representatives and seek a report back.

148/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Slater provided an update of progress on the Neighbourhood Planning Joint Committee – the next meeting of which will take place in one week's time.

149/16 THE FUTURE OF TOWNGATE, HEPTONSTALL, PUBLIC CAR PARK

The opportunity to discuss this issue with Ward Councillors was unavailable due to their absence. Without this benefit members considered the topic as follows :

A response to specific questions had been received from Calderdale MBC which showed :

- 'The car park has been put forward to Cabinet as surplus to requirements'
- 'The Bowling Green car park is available for public use' = untrue after 8.00 p.m.
- The annual average expenditure for maintaining the site is given as £2107. A request for a breakdown of this sum (eg rates going back to Calderdale MBC) has not been addressed.
- Income derived from the rental of garages at this site is shown as £1470 and should of course be 'netted off' when showing the actual cost.
- C/dale has no record of ownership of access to this or any other similar site.

It was resolved to protest strongly with regard to the implied intentions at this site – first of all establishing what is Calderdale's current position/intentions, particularly in the light of fuller knowledge. Is this car park still considered to be surplus to requirements? Was all the above information made available when Cabinet made its decision? Can a breakdown of the costs of maintaining the site be elicited?

150/16 FUTURE MEETINGS

The Clerk reminded members that the next monthly meeting of this Council would be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 6 February 2017, and the Staffing and Finance Committee meetings would be held at Hebden Bridge Town Hall on Monday 16 January 2017 – commencing with presentations from Grant claimants at 7.00 pm.

In view of councillor Roberts continued ill-health it was resolved Councillor would act as substitute at the two Committee meetings

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(Chairman)

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