

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL SOCIAL & BOWLING CLUB, 4 APRIL 2023

Present : Councillors M Hughes (Chairman) J Crowther B Cutts Dr J R Dunford
M V Edwards N James S Slater & B Stott

194/22 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) OF ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Baldwin. No request was made for the reason of absence to be treated as 'Approved Absence'.

195/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations were made.

196/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One elector attended and wished to speak about the 'Visitor Experience'.

She spoke about the need for a close dialogue with Calderdale Council and liaison with local groups. Would a promotional leaflet be helpful? Within the Neighbourhood Plan how could we make visitors feel welcome? Could we promote home grown crafters? These, and more, were issues she asked the Council to consider. Thanks were offered for her views.

197/22 Minutes of previous meeting of Heptonstall Parish Council were approved as a correct record in respect of the following :

- Monthly Meeting held 7 March 2023

Arising from the minutes it was agreed to write to Andrew Pitts of Calderdale Council and thank him for his prompt response for the request for works to be undertaken in Weavers Square prior to the Pace Egg Play on Good Friday.

198/22 TRAINING/WEBINAR/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Clerk provides regular details of the availability of training and conferences and invites members to request bookings via himself as already authorised.

199/22 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT : CONSIDER ALLOCATION

Councillor Edwards volunteered to 'spread the word' about the availability of funds for relevant projects.

200/22 BUSINESS TERM DEPOSIT

Following information from The Clerk it was resolved to transfer £4000 from the Current Account into the above account for 6 months from 20 April 2023.

201/22 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY

The following accounts were approved for payment :

			£	
	Mrs M Madden	Internal Audit	200.00	
			£	
	Yorks Local Couns Assns	Annual Subscription	450.00	
			£	
	Hept Social & Bowling Club	Public Parking Grant	350.00	
			£	
	Hept Lights & Planting Gp	Insurance	265.00	
			£	
	" " "	Christmas Tree	195.00	
			£	
	" " "	Electricity	150.00	
			£	
	Midgehole WMC	Grant - HB Bowling Club	250.00	*
			£	
	Pennine Spring Music	Grant	250.00	*
			£	
	Heptonstall Playgroup	Grant	1,000.00	*
			£	
	Heptonstall Festival Ctee	Grant	250.00	*
			£	
	Friends of Heptonstall Museum	Grant	1,000.00	*
			£	
	CROWS	Grant	250.00	
			£	
	Heptonstall Community Assets	Defib Electricity	100.00	
			£	
	CV Search & Rescue	Tony Spink Grant	100.00	
			£	
	Hept Social & Bowling Club	Meeting Room	130.00	
			£	
Transfer	Yorkshire Bank plc	Term Deposit	4,000.00	
			£	
TOTALS			8,940.00	
Allocation	Elections Reserve	Reserve Addition	£ -	
			£	
Allocation	Computer Reserve	Reserve Addition	200.00	
			£	
Received	Calderdale MBC	Precept	22,700.00	
			£	
Received	Yorkshire Bank plc	Term Deposit Interest	265.89	

* Approved in accordance with Section 137 LGA 1972

202/22 NEWSLETTER : THE FUTURE

Following the desire for the current compiler to step down from the role, members considered the future of this funded publication. It was resolved to continue with paper copies, and Councillor Slater agreed to discuss distribution with Polly. The search for a future compiler would be undertaken in order to maintain continuity.

203/22 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

It was resolved to proceed with training (Councillors Crowther & Slater to arrange) and for this Council to pay for the use of a room. The training would be free to participants.

Posters to be produced to publicise the event.

Two groups of 24 could be trained in one evening and it was agreed to run these on 9 May at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, and 8.15 pm to 9.15 pm. (A list of applicants to be made available in the Post Office).

It was further resolved to write and thank the resident at Slack for his provision of a further defibrillator for public use. (Detail to be provided by Councillor Crowther).

204/22 PLANNING

(A) Planning Decisions : Details of Planning decisions made by Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council were provided to members.

(B) New Applications : There were no new Applications for this Parish to be considered by members.

205/22 Arising from correspondence received :

Cancelled buses : It was agreed to write to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to express concern of the number of buses that are cancelled and ask how many fell into this category in respect of the 595/596 route.

206/22 VISITOR EXPERIENCE : HEPTONSTALL VILLAGE

It was resolved to set up a Working Group at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Council. Its purpose would be to consider the implications of this issue.

207/22 LOTTERY GRANT APPLICATION BY FRIENDS OF HEPTONSTALL METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL : REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

It was resolved to support the work of the Friends Group in their Lottery Grant application.

208/22 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Councillor Slater gave a report of her latest meeting of Calderdale's Safer Cleaner Greener Committee and specifically drew attention to speeding, fly tipping, blocked drains etc at Slack and Widdop Road.

It was resolved to take up these issues with Calderdale Highways.

209/22 BUSINESS CONTINUITY

The Clerk was pleased to welcome Hannah Sherriff-Jackson as an observer to the meeting, having been appointed as successor Clerk/RFO effective from 1 May 2023.

210/22 THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS

The Clerk, in recognition that this would be the last Council meeting of the current 4 year term, stood and thanked retiring members Councillors Stott, James and Dunford for their past services to this special community. Their collective values to the Council was detailed.

Mr Greenwood also thanked Councillor Hughes for his excellent Chairmanship over the past year, and his ambassadorial role in his office which will end at the Annual Council Meeting to be held 16 May 2023.

211/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Slater reported that there is currently a period of inertia given Calderdale MBC's interaction with the Local Plan, and the recently planned meeting of the Joint Committee had been cancelled.

212/22 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Clerk advised the next meetings would be held :

- Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting to be held at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7.00 pm on Tuesday 16 May 2023**
- Annual Meeting of Heptonstall Parish Council to be held at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 16 May 2023**
- Monthly Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 23 May 2023**

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(Chairman)

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