MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HEPTONSTALL SOCIAL & BOWLING CLUB, 05 DECEMBER 2023

Present: Councillors: J Crowther (Chairman) B Cutts M V Edwards S Slater C Jackson A Baldwin M Hughes N Dempsey J Holt

(Also in attendance: Clerk Hannah Sherriff-Jackson and 2 members of the public)

121/23 APOLOGIES (AND REASONS) OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

122/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Holt declared an interest in item 4 (b) (Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting).

123/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public attended.

The first member of the public attended to introduce herself as the new Vicar for St Thomas Heptonstall and St James Hebden Bridge.

The second member of the public wished to reiterate his concerns about potential access issues to the proposed Calderdale Wind Farm development. He reiterated that Widdop Road is not suitable for any construction or access traffic. He also expressed concern about proposed turbine 52 which is located too close to the trestle bridge. He reiterated that he wishes for this bridge to be listed in order to ensure that repairs will be carried out in the event of any damage.

The Parish Council noted these concerns.

124/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of previous meetings of Heptonstall Parish Council were approved as a correct record in respect of the following:

- Monthly Meeting held 7 November 2023
- Planning Committee Meeting held 22 November 2023

125/23 TRAINING/WEBINAR/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the following accounts to pay:		
H Sherriff-Jackson	Salary (net) & Pay Award	£687.75
	(net)	
	Home Working Allowance	£26.00
	(December)	
	Domain Costs	£4.20
	Training	£11.55
	Microsoft 365	£5.88
R M Greenwood	Pay Award (gross)	£173.32
J Crowther	Expenses (noticeboard	£9.00
	keys)	
N Dempsey	Expenses (mileage)	£46.80
HMRC	PAYE	£241.72
YLCA	Training – INV-1204	£50.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription	£45.00
TOTAL		£1,301.22

126/23 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the following accounts to pay:

127/23 SLCC MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: That the Council will pay the proportional payment of £79 for the Clerk's SLCC annual membership.

128/23 CALDERDALE WIND FARM

Councillor Hughes thanked the Clerk for uploading the Parish Council's response to the Scoping Report.

Councillor Cutts informed the Council that a 'Stop the Wind Farm' meeting was being held on 6 December 2023. He confirmed that he would attend and report back to the Parish Council at the January meeting.

Councillor Crowther reported that the first meeting of the Combined Parish's Forum was a success. An extensive list of questions has been composed and sent to Cavendish Consulting. The next meeting of the Forum will be held in Wadsworth on Monday 11th December. A report on this meeting will be provided to the Parish Council at the January meeting.

Councillor Edwards reported that CMBC's Local Plan contains the provision for Supplementary Planning Documents. A Supplementary Planning Document relating to Renewable Energy could be important if a planning application for wind turbines on Wadsworth Moor was received.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Calderdale Council to request the following information:

- Is the Supplementary Planning Document in relation to Renewable Energy in the process of being prepared by Calderdale Council?
- If so, what is the estimated timetable for publication and consultation?
- How long will the consultation period be?

129/23 AONB PROPOSAL

Councillor Cutts reported on the feasibility and benefits of seeking AONB status for the South Pennine Moors.

RESOLVED: The item will be deferred to future Parish Council meetings. The item of Future Landscape Protection will be requested to be added to the agenda of a future Combined Parish's Forum meeting.

130/23 NEWSLETTER: RECEIVE AN UPDATE

The winter edition of the newsletter has gone to print and should be ready for distribution in the coming weeks.

131/23 PLANNING

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

(b) New Applications:

- 1. 23/01128/VAR RESOLVED: The Council had no comment
 - 14 Edge Hey Green, Edge Hey Road, Colden
 - Variation of conditions 1 and 3 on application 22/00660/FUL
 - New drawing/Porch detail
- 2. 23/01167/191 RESOLVED: The Council had no comment
 - 13 Edge Hey Green, Edge Hey Road, Colden
 - Use of land as a garden
 - Lawful Development Certificate

132/23 ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Christmas Card: The Parish Council have received a Christmas card from Hebden Royd Town Council. The Clerk will send a card to Hebden Royd Town Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

Public Toilets: Councillor Cutts reported that Heptonstall Community Assets have run the figures provided by CMBC. These show an annual shortfall. This item will be added to the agenda for the January meeting and a representative from HCA will be invited to attend to update the Parish Council.

Pre-Consultation Letter – Proposed Telecommunications Site: The Clerk will respond to the letter requesting more information including:

- The materials to be used
- The dimensions of the proposed structure
- The exact location of the proposed structure
- Whether access issues to the site have been considered
- Whether a Habitats Regulation Assessment has been carried out
- Whether the visual impact of the proposed structure has been considered

133/23 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

None given.

134/23 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 20 December 2023.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 January 2024
- Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024**

(Chair)

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