

The representatives of the Trustees of Hebden Royd Swimming Pool Association informed the Parish Council of their plans to create an outdoor swimming pool in the Hebden Royd area. This would be a natural pool cleaned through natural processes.

They are looking to collect the views of the local Parishes and community.

140/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting of Heptonstall Parish Council were approved as a correct record of the following:

- Monthly Meeting held 5 December 2023

Arising from the Minutes, the Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had received a response from CMBC regarding a possible Supplementary Planning Document relating to Renewable Energy. CMBC has stated that early work is underway to scope out the extent of a proposed SPD having regard to what the Local Plan states. No timetable has yet been established however it is likely that any SPD will be published in spring or early summer. The consultation period for any SPD will be 4 weeks.

The Clerk reported that she has yet to receive a response from Beacon Communications Services Ltd regarding the questions sent in response to the Proposed Telecommunications Site Pre-Consultation Letter.

141/23 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.

142/23 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY

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

H Sherriff-Jackson	Salary (net) to 31/1	£500.76
	Home Working Allowance (January)	£26.00
	Domain Costs	£4.80
	Microsoft 365	£5.88
	SLCC Annual Membership	£79.00
	Training	£17.20
	Postage	£38.75
HMRC	PAYE	£125.40
Lambert Print & Design Ltd	Newsletter Printing	£185.00
TOTAL		£982.79

143/23 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Report to 31 December 2023.

144/23 CALDERDALE WIND FARM

Councillor Slater informed the Parish Council that CMBC has made a formal response to the Scoping Report. This can be found on the CMBC Planning Portal using the reference 23/06010/EIA.

The representatives from the Parish Council who attended the Combined Parish's Forum meeting on 11th December reported that the meeting was well attended. It was clear from the answers given to the questions composed at the last Forum meeting that more work is needed before any planning application can be submitted.

145/23 NEWSLETTER: RECEIVE AN UPDATE

Councillor Baldwin reported that the winter edition of the newsletter has been put on the Heptonstall website.

Councillor Cutts reported that he has put the winter edition of the newsletter on Facebook. This was well received therefore future editions of the newsletter will also be available online as well as in hard copy.

146/23 PLANNING

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

(b) New Applications:

1. **23/01238/LBC** – RESOLVED: The Council supports this application on the grounds that the proposed works will improve the overall appearance of the building.
 - Waterloo House, Smithwell Lane, Heptonstall
 - Demolition and removal of single-storey lean-to extension to the garage at the front of the property
 - Listed Building Consent

147/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR EMAILS

The Parish Council discussed the setting up of Parish Councillor email addresses to be used instead of personal email addresses for Parish Council business.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will use Ionos to set up the Parish Councillor email addresses at a cost of £3.50 per month.

The Clerk will prepare a draft policy to cover the use of the Parish Councillor email addresses. This will be considered at the February meeting.

148/23 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Parish Council discussed the setting up of a neighbourhood watch group.

Councillor Slater will raise this at the next Safer Cleaner Greener meeting to determine whether the police are engaged in these groups and what the setting up of such a group would entail.

149/23 ROADWORKS

Councillor Slater informed the Parish Council of the poor traffic management in place when roadworks are underway in the valley bottom.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact the Ward Councillors to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the poor traffic management during roadworks. The Clerk will request a copy of CMBC's policy on traffic management and the monitoring of roadworks.

150/23 BIODIVERSITY DUTY

This item will be deferred to the February meeting in order to discuss the draft policy in depth.

151/23 ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Lee Wood Road Safety Email: The Parish Council received an email regarding road safety concerns on Lee Wood Road. The Clerk will write to Highways to request a site meeting in conjunction with Hebden Royd Town Council to further discuss the concerns.

Accessible Bus Stop Email: The Parish Council received an email regarding the lack of accessible bus stops in the village. The Clerk will write to Councillor Patient to request that he contacts West Yorkshire Metro to consider the feasibility of putting an accessible stop in another location.

Internal Auditor's Report: The Clerk read the 6 month Internal Auditor's report to the Parish Council.

Speed Review Email: The Parish Council received an email from Councillor Courtney regarding the speed review on Slack. The Clerk will write to Councillor Courtney to request that Widdop Road is also included in the speed review.

152/23 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Councillor Baldwin reported that the Social & Bowling Club have yet to receive a response from CMBC regarding the contract for the use of the car park. This will be added to the agenda of the February meeting for further discussion.

153/23 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 25 January 2023.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7.30pm on Tuesday 6 February 2024**
- Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024**

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(Chair)

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