



## **218/25 OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

The Clerk circulated the Outstanding Items List to members prior to the meeting.

The Clerk will remove the 'Mayor's Civic Service', 'Grant Application Form Amendments', 'Community Owned House – Donation' and 'Outdoor Fitness Equipment' items.

The Clerk will chase up the issue of the deteriorating road surface outside the garages between Longfield and Southfield.

The Clerk will request an update on the replacement lamppost on Hepton Drive.

The Clerk will contact the Ward Councillors regarding the school bus service and the potential provision of smaller school buses to service Heptonstall.

Cllr Holt reported that she has chased the Lee Wood Road – Traffic Light Timings item and is waiting for a response.

## **219/25 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.

## **220/25 NOTE PAYMENTS MADE IN FEBRUARY 2026**

RESOLVED: The Parish Council noted the following payments made in February 2026:

YLCA	Training – Grants – Cllr Holt	£36.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£36.50</b>

## **221/25 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO PAY**

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

H Sherriff-Jackson	Salary (net) to 31/03	£577.40
	Home Working Allce	£26.00
	Domain & Mail Basic 25 – Feb	£13.20
	Email Archiving – Feb	£6.60
	Microsoft 365	£5.80
	HP Instant Ink (Printer Ink) (Feb)	£9.99
	Stationery – Printer Paper	£1.64

HMRC	PAYE	£142.80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£783.43</b>

### **222/25 PRECEPT 2026/27**

The Clerk explained that CMBC would not accept the precept demand of £26,315.20 as it needed rounding to the nearest whole pound.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approved the amended precept demand of £26,315.

### **223/25 NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Baldwin reported that the Spring edition of the newsletter is ready to be sent to the printers.

### **224/25 CALDERDALE WIND FARM**

Cllr Slater presented the report on the survey results to the Parish Council. This condensed report will be put in the Spring newsletter with the full report being available to view on the Parish Council's website.

Cllr Edwards raised the issue of the Parish Council having professional representation at the Planning Inspectorate public hearing. Cllr Jackson will draft a letter to the neighbouring parish and town councils to discuss hiring a joint professional representative.

The Clerk will chase the Ward Councillors regarding the request for an extended deadline to the statutory consultation.

### **225/25 PLANNING**

All Planning matters are discussed by Full Council, including all members of the Planning Committee.

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

(b) **New Applications:**

1. **25/01285/FUL** - RESOLVED: The Council had no objections

- Stable Toilet Block, South Of Gibson Mill, Midgehole Road, Hebden Bridge
  - Upgrading of water supply to existing toilets and installation of underground pipe from Hebden Water to stabled toilet block building
2. **25/01296/FUL** - RESOLVED: The Council had no objections
- Coachmans Cottage, 1 Stoneshey Gate, Widdop Road, Heptonstall
  - Conversion of barn to form two dwellings (self build)
3. **25/01297/LBC** - RESOLVED: The Council had no objections
- Coachmans Cottage, 1 Stoneshey Gate, Widdop Road, Heptonstall
  - Conversion of barn to form two dwellings (Listed Building Consent)

### **226/25 ST THOMAS NEW CHURCHYARD**

Cllr Dempsey reported that the Friends group is now financially independent of the church and has its own bank account.

Cllr Dempsey informed the Parish Council that a working group met in February to have a tidy up day. Another tidy up day is planned for March.

Finally, Cllr Dempsey reported that the Friends group is carrying out research into sourcing outside funding and grants.

### **227/25 PHONE BOX**

The Parish Council considered the adoption of the phone box.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will adopt the phone box for £1 from BT. The Clerk will contact BT to arrange this.

Once adopted, the Parish Council will form a working group to manage the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the phone box.

### **228/25 OUTDOOR EXERCISE AREA**

Cllr Holt reported that she has drafted a questionnaire to establish whether there is a desire for the exercise area. Copies of the questionnaire will be available in the Bowling Club. The questionnaire will be advertised in the Post Office, Mays Shop, and on social media. The Parish Council will also hold a public drop-in session at the Annual Parish Assembly in May for members of the public to attend and fill out the questionnaire.

## **229/25 ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**Hebden Royd Green Network promotion and save the date:** The Parish Council noted an email regarding promotion of the Hebden Royd Green Network and a save the date for an engagement event.

**Hebden Royd Green Network Ideas: site visits:** The Parish Council noted an email regarding a site visit to High Hirst Woodmeadow.

**Calderdale Energy Park – Community Consultation:** The Parish Council noted an email from a member of the public regarding the community consultation for Calderdale Energy Park. The Clerk will inform the member of the public that the Parish Council has already written to CMBC regarding this issue.

**Heptonstall Festival 2026:** The Parish Council noted an email containing the arrangements for Heptonstall Festival 2026. The Clerk will respond thanking the committee for the information.

**Car Park – Ice Issues:** The Parish Council noted an email regarding the ice issues on the car park. The Clerk will chase the Ward Councillors regarding this issue.

**Road Issues – Church Street:** The Parish Council noted concerns about the road issues on Church Street. Cllr Holt will take this issue forward.

**Yorkshire Water Works – Smithwell Lane:** The Parish Council noted concerns about the recent Yorkshire Water Works on Smithwell Lane and the traffic issues resulting from this. Cllr Edwards will draft a letter of complaint to send to Yorkshire Water, the Ward Councillors and the MP on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Conversion of Hudson Mill Barn:** The Parish Council noted an email from a concerned resident regarding the conversion of Hudson Mill Barn. Cllr Edwards will take this issue forward.

**Heptonstall Pace Egg 2026:** The Parish Council noted an email from the organisers of Heptonstall Pace Egg regarding the condition of Weavers Square. The Clerk will forward this email to CMBC.

**Research enquiry – Heptonstall Pace Egg play:** The Parish Council noted an email regarding a research enquiry into the history of the Pace Egg play. The Clerk will put the sender in contact with the organisers of the Pace Egg play.

**Chemical Odour from Sewer Works – Request for Intervention:** The Parish Council noted an email from Councillor Sarah Courtney regarding recent chemical odours from sewers in the area. The Clerk will inform Councillor Courtney that the Parish Council

has not received any direct correspondence from residents regarding this issue however Cllrs have seen it mentioned on social media.

**230/25 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Cllrs Crowther, Slater and Holt reported that they attended a recent Joint Parish Meeting. The main issue discussed was the social and economic impact of the recent road closures on the A646. The Joint Parish Meeting has invited representatives from Highways and the emergency services to attend the next meeting to further discuss this issue.

**231/25 DATES & TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The Clerk advised that matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting should be with her by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The Clerk advised the next meeting would be held:

- Monthly Council Meeting at Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club at **7.30pm on Tuesday 07 April 2026**

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**(Chair)**

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