

MINUTES
OF CROSS ROADS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 17th January 2024
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, ALBION STREET, CROSS ROADS

Present: Cllr Arana, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Underwood, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Aston & Cllr Senior
District Councillor Rebecca Poulsen
Mags Smith, Clerk
2 Members of the Public

139.23 Apologies Apologies received from Cllr Clarke and District Councillors Brown.
Resolved: That the apologies and reasons for absence were approved.

140.23 Recording of Council meetings
The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the Parish Council is established under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.
Those who attend a public meeting should expect to be recorded. Any request from a member of the public not to be recorded can be conveyed to the Clerk and the request will be respected by those making a recording. - Noted

141.23 To record any disclosures of interest on the agenda.
No declarations of interest were received.

142.23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023
Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2023 were approved.
Cllr Cotton has agreed to put the Minutes in the noticeboard following their approval.

143.23 Public Participation.
Members of the public voiced their concern at the proposed closure of the Sugden End tip. There were also concerns regarding the proposed wind farm close to Top Withens, although not in our area it will be visible for many miles around.
Cllr Poulsen had more to say on these items at agenda item 144.23
The light at Ruth Street has still not been done. The light at the top of Vale Mill Lane is on hold as there is no electric supply and it is on private land.
A member of the public requested a grit bin on Lees Bank Hill, but our budget for grit bins has been used up this year. It can be considered next year. The Parish Council will put an application form on their website.

144.23 Invited Guests

- **Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Poulsen reported that the wind farm is in Calderdale Council's area. At the moment it is a scoping exercise which has gone to statutory consultees. BDMC has sent a report, Oxenhope Village Council attended a meeting to gather information and have submitted a comment. It will be years before a planning application goes in, but the Parish Council is welcome to send in comments.

Resolved: That a comment be sent to Calderdale Council with our objections due to the expanse of open moorland to be destroyed by infrastructure such as roads, drainage etc.

With regard to the Sugden End tip, the district councillors are against the closure and have a petition with 8,000 signatures. More at agenda item 148.23

Cllr Poulsen advised that the Community Chest grant scheme ends on 4th February, grants of up to £500 are available.

- **Report from WYP.**

In the absence of PS Boothman, no report was given.

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145.23 To consider any planning applications received.

145.23.01 New Planning Applications –

23/04463/FUL | Change of use shop and ancillary accommodation to form three dwellings and replacement shop front and reformation of existing openings | 52 Cross Roads Keighley

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application, however, they would like reassurance that there will be enough parking spaces for the dwellings so that vehicles can be parked safely away from the main road.

23/04719/FUL | Change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage | Whinsdelph Farm Hill Top Road Hainworth Keighley

Resolved: That the Parish Council feel that this area should be left as agricultural land.

145.23.02 Planning Applications granted – None

145.23.03 Planning Applications refused – None

145.23.04 Any other Planning matters.

146.23 Financial Report.

To approve the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for January.

Current acc at 10/01/2024 £18,200.22

Reserve acc at 10/01/2024 £19,966.81

Bradford CPA (payroll 2525)	03/01/2024	1240.53	IB65	19
Fasthosts email (Nov & Dec)	03/01/2024	2.40	IB66	25
Bank charge on current acc	31/12/2023	18.00	DD	39
BT Phone bill (Jan)	10/01/2024	50.34	IB67	25

Total £1,311.27

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Payment schedule for January were approved.

147.23 To consider the Local Government Boundary Review consultation and any action to be taken.

Cllr Poulsen explained that the inclusion of Denholme into the Worth Valley ward is to do with voter numbers At present voter numbers are below 10% in Worth Valley. However, it would make more sense to include all of Goose Eye and part of Oakworth in Worth Valley and leave Denholme in Bingley rural, even Cullingworth would be nearer to include in Worth Valley.

Resolved: That the Parish Council will fill in the consultation on the Bradford Council website.

148.23 To consider the request from Keighley Town Council for Parishes to meet to discuss the financial problems of BDMC and the possibility of taking on services.

- **Sugden End –** As part of the budget consultation 3 tips are proposed to close, Sugden End, Ilkley and Queensbury. There is no specifics given in the review, much of the details are missing. The district Councillors started a campaign to save the tip and it now has over 8,000 signatures. Bradford Council are considering ANPR cameras and a permitted number of visits to tips.

Resolved: To put the link to the consultation on our website and Facebook.

- **Keighley Town Council joint parish meeting –**

Resolved: That Cllr Cotton will go to the meeting when arranged to gather information and report back.

149.23 To approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor.

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Two quotes had been received and the members considered both.

Resolved: That Account-ant (Yorkshire) Ltd based in Denholme were approved as the Internal Auditor for this year.

- 150.23 To approve the rental cost of the lock up storage.**
This item is deferred as costs for a combined office and lock up rental are still awaited.
- 151.23 To receive any update on parking issues and any action taken.**
Cllr Senior is waiting for a response from Cllr Hird at BDMC Highways, unless parking can be restricted to one side of Haworth Road it is difficult to see how the problem can be alleviated.
There was a discussion as to whether the planters could be moved to the edge of the pavement to restrict parking on there and also to help the pavement cleaner get passed them. Further information will be provided once Cllr Senior has met Cllr Hird.
- 152.23 To consider an additional grit bin and an update on stickers.**
The stickers are on order with the Highway maintenance team. Requests for new grit bins will be considered between April – September.
- 153.23 To discuss the street light at the top of Lees Bank and the request for a light on Bingley Road (opposite Barcroft Garage).**
Cllr Poulsen will look into a light on Bingley Road following the request from a resident and will report back to the Clerk.
- 154.23 To receive an update on the transfer of the freehold for Cross Roads public toilets.**
There is no new information at present.
- 155.23 To consider Section 8 Training Courses (Traffic Management) – Cllr Clarke.**
A road safety qualification is required before the Gala procession can go ahead. Cllr Clarke's qualification has now run out. Lantra Training courses cost £1300-£1400 for six people to attend, Keighley Town Council has offered a free room for the training.
Resolved: That Cllr Cotton will ask the Clerk at KTC to see if there would be interest from other parish councils.
- 156.23 To adopt the Biodiversity Policy.**
Resolved: That the Biodiversity policy is adopted.
- 157.23 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair. - None**
- 158.23 To resolve to exclude Press and Public under the Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960 due to the nature of the business to be transacted at agenda item 157.23 to be prejudicial to the public interest.**
Resolved: That the Press & Public be excluded from the next item.
- 159.23 Confidential item. (Code of Conduct)**
A confidential item was discussed and resolved.
- 160.23 Date of next meeting. 21st February 2024 at 7pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15

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