

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
CROSS ROADS PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, ALBION STREET, CROSS ROADS**

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**Present:** Cllr Arana (Chair), Cllr Anderson, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Robertshaw Cllr Senior and Cllr Underwood.  
District Councillor Poulsen  
PCSO Nola Moran (to 7.15pm)  
Mags Smith, Clerk  
4 Members of the Public

**141.24 Apologies** – Apologies received from District Councillor Brown and District Councillor Herd  
The apologies and reason for absence were approved.

**142.24 Recording of Council meetings**  
The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings was read and noted.

**143.24 To record any disclosures of interest on the agenda.**  
No disclosures of interest were received.

**144.24 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved.

**145.24 Invited Guests**

• **Report from District Councillors**

Cllr Poulsen reported that the boundary changes for the Worth Valley had been agreed meaning that from May 2026 Denholme will be included in the Worth Valley that means 800-900 more people.

A 6.1/4 hour meeting of Bradford Council had included school bus cuts, mental health issues, car parks, safety of women and girls and rural communities. Cllr Poulson had commented on all debates.

With regard to the TRO to be discussed later in the agenda, Cllr Poulson asked that the District Councillors be copied into the comments the Parish Council will submit.  
*The District Councillors were thanked for their support over the last year.*

**Report from West Yorkshire Police NPT**

PCSO Nola Moran gave the crime figures for Cross Roads; 2 criminal damage (1 being the vandalism of the Christmas tree). Theft of vehicles 2, Theft from vehicles 1. Figures from cross the Worth Valley were discussed and a warning given to be vigilant and ensure property and vehicles are locked at all times.

*A member of the Council was frustrated at the length of wait time on the 101 number and eventually had to report the vandalism of the Christmas tree online. A follow up call was not helpful and gave the impression that nothing would be done.*

**146.24 Public Participation.**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could consider CCTV across the village to try and prevent the crimes taking place. The area didn't feel like the secure area it used to be.

*Cllr Arana explained that it would be up to the Police and Highways and although the Parish Council would be consulted and could comment on any proposals, it was beyond their remit to lead on Highways issues.*

A member of the public was upset that the rhododendrons at the top of the bowling green had been ruined by Bradford Council spraying weed killer on them and also 8 shrubs had been destroyed by the mower. Bradford Council had apologised but said they could not do anything about the damage.

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The Parish Council will look into alternative planting as the remaining rhododendrons didn't look too healthy.

**147.24 To consider any planning applications received.**

**147.24.01 New Planning Applications –**

24/04367/OUT Outline application for residential development of land for 1 dwelling with all matters reserved - 3 Vernon Street Cross Roads Keighley

**Resolved:** As long as the dwelling was in the garden of 3 Vernon Street and not on green belt land, the Parish Council has no objections to the application.

**147.24.02 Planning Applications granted – None**

**147.24.03 Planning Applications refused – None**

**147.24.04 Any other Planning matters.**

**148.24 Financial Report.**

**To approve the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for December 2024**

Current account Balance 10/12/2024	£15,217.49			
Reserve account Balance 10/12/2024	£20,381.84			
St. James (Nov room hire)	26/11/2024	40.00	IB61	22
BT phone bill Dec	09/12/2024	54.32	DD	25
Steve Thorpe (8483 grit bin)	02/12/2024	108.00	IB62	27
Steve Thorpe (8443 spring plants)	02/12/2024	477.60	IB63	26
Steve Thorpe (8442 winter plants)	02/12/2024	914.40	IB64	26
M. Smith Fasthosts (emails)	06/12/2024	7.20	IB65	25
Bank charges	30/11/2024	6.00	DD	39
Starboard (Scribe Dec)	01/12/2024	50.40	DD	20
Bradford CPA (payroll Jan-March)	20/12/2024	568.70	IB66	19
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,226.62</b>		

**Resolved:** That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for December were approved.

The Clerk read out the following statement:

There was an incorrect total amount on the financial report in the May Minutes which should have read £1308.89. This is noted.

**149.24 To approve the Budget for 2025/26**

**Resolved:** That the proposed budget of £49.735 was approved.

**150.24 To approve the Precept for 2025/26**

**Resolved:** That a 5% rise in the Precept to £48,657.00 was approved, making a Band D increase of £2.15 (£47.75/yr) Due to an adjustment in the tax base the actual increase would be 4.7%

**151.24 To receive any update on the Public Toilets.**

There is nothing new to report. In the New Year the Sub Committee will look into funding for the refurbishment.

**152.24 To consider a quote for cutting the area** running along the top & down the side of the bowling green in Cross Roads Park on a weekly basis March – October.

Due to the contractor being unable to fulfil their commitment which was voted on last month. It was proposed and approved to rescind that previous decision to go with their quote. **Resolved:** That the decision to accept the quote last month was rescinded.

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**Resolved:** That the quote for £1116.00 to cut the area around the bowling green and around the wild flower area was approved.

**153.24 To receive an update and approve quotes for bollards and planters at the park entrance.**

Following the decision from David Priestley that the labour charge would be waived,  
**Resolved:** That the installation of bollards and planters at the park entrance at a total of £3,667 was approved.

**154.24 To consider a Children's Play Day in the park and approve the cost.**

The Play Day will be 11-3pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. All licences and insurance are included in the cost.

**Resolved:** That the cost of a Children's Play Day in the park of £770 + VAT was approved.

**155.24 To consider parking issues in view of the area wide TRO**

The TRO proposals were circulated and a discussion followed.

**Resolved:** That the TROs are approved on the understanding that funeral vehicles at St. James' are exempt and also only if the owner of the fish and chip shop is in agreement with the arrangement outside their shop.

**156.24 To receive an update on new street signs.**

The street signs have still to be erected but will be done in the New Year.

**157.24 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair.**

Cllr Arana, thanked the Clerk, the Members and also the members of the public who regularly come to the meetings for their support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**158.24 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30

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