

Haworth with Stanbury Village Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Haworth with Stanbury Village Council

To be held at 7.30pm on Monday 25th September 2023
at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth

Present:

Councillor Trudy Mahon [Chair];

Councillor Jamie Cooper;

Councillor David Mahon;

Councillor Gary Swallow;

District Councillor Brown [to 8.40pm]

Inspector John Barker and Anneliese Emmerson – West Yorkshire Police [to 7.45pm]

Lisa Balderstone - Clerk to the Parish Council.

6 members of the public.

58.23	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Poulsen.
59.23	Recording of Council Meetings The rules of the Recording of Council Meetings was noted.
60.23	To record any declarations of interest on the agenda None.
61.23	Invited Guests 61.23.01 West Yorkshire Police – Inspector John Barker Inspector Baker introduced himself and Anneliese Emmerson to the meeting. The meeting was provided with an overview of crime statistics for the villages since the date of the last meeting. It was noted that Sergeant Adam Boothman will shortly be taking over from Mark Chapman, as Sergeant with responsibility for this area. The meeting was pleased to note that a lot of engagement work is ongoing in attempt to address issues of youth anti social behaviour in the area. Inspector Baker further proceeded to the raise the issue of the future of the Worth Valley Police & Community Contact Point, which has been closed since March 2020. The Contact Point has not reopened since the pandemic due to a number of issues. It was noted that the Police are committed to continuing to ensure that the building remains open and that Worth Valley PCSOs sign on and off from work here. However, the future of the building operating as a Contact Point or any other public facility requires further consideration. Police approved volunteers would need to be recruited to operate the facility. It is also essential that the ‘purpose’ of the Contact Point is carefully considered before any future plans are initiated. The original purpose of the Contact Point is outdated as the world has changed significantly. It was agreed that the Police and the Village Council should jointly consider what tasks could be undertaken from the building.

	<p>61.23.02 Worth Valley Ward District Councillor District Councillor Brown confirmed that funding has been identified to increase youth engagement in the area. It was noted that a number of parents have come forward to offer to assist in creating a base for young people in the area. The meeting was informed that Planning Permission has now been secured for the refurbishment of the Village Hall. The Village Hall intends to host an Open Day on 18th November.</p>
<p>62.23</p>	<p>Adjournment for Public Enquiries A member of the public attended the meeting to put forward a proposal that a 'Welcome to Haworth' sign should be installed at the Brow Road entrance to the village. It was noted that this is a popular area for visitors to stop and take photographs of the village. The Village Council agreed to consider this issue further in consultation with Bradford MDC who would need to approve such an installation.</p> <p>Two members of the public attended the meeting to raise queries regarding the management of the Village Council allotment sites. It was acknowledged that allotment gardening is currently very popular, the Council has a significant waiting list for plots but is doing all that it can to maximise the space available to it. It was agreed that Councillor Cooper, the Allotments Officers would discuss the specific issues raised in detail outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Members of the public attended the meeting to request feedback on next steps in relation to the future of Haworth 1940s Weekend. It was noted that the Public Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 was very well attended with a large number of local residents attending to express their views on this matter. Councillor T Mahon reiterated that unfortunately the Village Council has no authority regarding the hosting of any event in the village. Permission to host events is overseen by various departments within the District Council. It was agreed that the Village Council would continue to liaise with the District Council to ensure that members of the community are consulted as much as possible.</p>
<p>63.23</p>	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meetings Proposed by Councillor Swallow, Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st July 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings to be signed by the Chair.</p>
<p>64.23</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>64.23.01 Payment Schedule 4 Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Swallow, and Resolved: That payments be approved as stated in Payment Schedule 4.</p> <p>64.23.02 Village Council Banking Arrangements It was noted that the new Unity Trust Bank Current account is now up and running. Electronic access is to be provided to all signatories before all funds are transferred to this new account.</p> <p>64.23.03 Bank Reconciliation Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved as circulated.</p> <p>64.23.04 2023/2024 Budget Monitoring Proposed by Councillor Cooper, Seconded by Councillor D Mahon, and Resolved: That the Budget Monitoring Report be approved.</p>

	<p>66.23.05 Reserves Policy Matter deferred for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>66.23.06 VOIP Telephone System Proposed by Councillor Cooper, Seconded by Councillor T Mahon, and Resolved: That the Village Council purchase a VOIP telephone system at a cost of £175 initial set up fee and £192 ongoing annual cost.</p>
65.23	<p>Policy Review Nothing brought forward for consideration.</p>
66.23	<p>Planning</p> <p>66.23.01 Planning Application: 23/03323/FUL - Conversion of building to create 2 three-bedroomed terraced properties; construction of 4 three-bedroomed terraced properties at 32 Portland Street, Haworth, BD22 8JP. It was noted that this application has been withdrawn from Bradford MDC's Planning Portal. It is expected that it will be resubmitted.</p> <p>66.23.02 Planning Application: 25/02853/LBC - Replace 3 ground floor windows to match existing pattern. Windows to be made from Meranti hardwood. Duplex back to back double glazing with Pilkington K Argon filled units. Polished brass window furniture to fire escape window. at Hall Green Baptist Church Bridgehouse Lane Haworth Keighley West Yorkshire BD22 8BY Resolved: No objections.</p> <p>66.23.03 Planning Application: 23/02203/FUL - Alterations to Unit 3 of planning permission 21/04518 FUL to form two dwellings (one additional dwelling) and alterations to the approved car parking at West Lane Methodist Church, West Lane, Haworth, BD22 8EL. Resolved: No objections.</p>
67.23	<p>Allotments & Environment Issues</p> <p>67.23.01 Allotments Update Councillor Cooper provided an overview of the current position regarding the Village Council's allotments. It was noted that a vacant plot has recently been relet. A further plot is due to become vacant in coming weeks and will be relet as soon as possible.</p> <p>67.23.02 Consideration of quotations for improvement works at Rawdon Road Allotments Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That a gate and panel be installed at the Rawdon Road Allotments site at a cost of £1,290.</p> <p>67.23.02 Consideration of arrangements for Christmas 2023 and approval of spend Councillor T Mahon reported that lights have been installed on the tree in Haworth Central Park, as agreed at the last meeting. Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That installation and removal of the Christmas Tree at the bottom of Haworth Main Street be approved at a cost of £1,500.</p> <p>66.23.03 Footpaths across the Parish Councillor Swallow provided an overview of his ongoing efforts in relation to footpath improvements across the villages.</p>

	<p>66.23.04 Stanbury Environmental Issues Councillor Cooper reported on a recent inspection visit to Stanbury. It was noted that the planters will be tended to and replanted in November, in line with the annual planting cycle.</p>
68.23	<p>To receive an Update on the Review of Haworth 1940s Weekend Further to discussions earlier in the meeting, it was noted that Councillor T Mahon facilitated the recent Review Meeting alongside Alice Bentley, Bradford MDC's Ward Co-ordinator for the area.</p> <p>The meeting was very well attended. Bradford MDC representatives made note of all of the issues raised. Councillor T Mahon has since collated and submitted for consideration further feedback received. It was acknowledged that the future of this event will need to be closely monitored to ensure that it is managed in line with community concerns.</p>
69.23	<p>To consider a request to fund Summer Play Days in Haworth Park Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That the Village Council should fund a Summer Play Day in Haworth Central Park at a cost of £700.</p>
70.23	<p>To confirm arrangements for Remembrance Day in Haworth and Stanbury Councillor T Mahon reported on recently having met with Reverend Oli Preston to confirm arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Services in Haworth and Stanbury. Road closure and Event Management Applications have been submitted to the District Council.</p> <p>Members agreed to assist with the delivery of letters to those properties affected by the road closure.</p>
71.23	<p>To receive an update on the Toilet Development Project and agree any action as appropriate Councillor D Mahon provided an overview of the current position regarding the management of the Village Council Toilet Blocks.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor T Mahon Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and Resolved: That up to £2,500 be spent on replacing urinals at Haworth Central Park Toilets.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Swallow, Seconded by Councillor D Mahon, and Resolved: That CCTV should be installed to the rear of the Central Park Toilet Block, in an attempt to discourage anti social behaviour.</p> <p>It was agreed that Information Boards should be installed in the Haworth Central Park and the Ladies Block at the West Lane Toilets Block.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Swallow, and Resolved: That up to £250 should be committed to celebration event to jointly acknowledge the completion of the Toilets and Old School Room Towns Fund projects.</p>
72.23	<p>Confidential Staffing Issue Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Swallow, and Resolved: That Claire Hartley's current fixed term contract for 10 hours per week, be made permanent.</p>
73.23	<p>Date of the next meeting: Monday 30th October 2023.</p>

There being up further business to be transacted, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.