

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth

**Present:**

Councillor Trudy Mahon [Chair];  
Councillor Jamie Cooper;  
Councillor David Mahon;  
Councillor Zoe Stead;  
Councillor Gary Swallow;  
District Councillors Herd and Poulsen;  
Lisa Balderstone - Clerk to the Village Council;  
1 members of the public.

Councillor Trudy Mahon drew the Council's attention to the recent passing of former Councillor Rosemary Key. Councillor Key served on the Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury Parish Council for a considerable number of year and was integral in the formation of the Worth Valley Community Contact Point.

37.24	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Alan Woodward and District Councillor Brown.
38.24	<b>Recording of Council Meetings</b> The rules of the Recording of Council Meetings was noted.
39.24	<b>To record any declarations of interest on the agenda</b> None.
40.24	<b>Invited Guests</b> <b>40.24.01 West Yorkshire Police</b> Nothing brought forward in the absence of West Yorkshire Police representatives. <b>40.24.02 Bradford MDC Worth Valley Ward Councillors</b> District Councillor Poulsen reported that unfortunately Sugden End Recycling Centre will close on Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 as part of Bradford MDC's budget cuts. Bradford MDC is currently looking into the possibility of the Keighley Recycling Centre on a Saturday afternoon. The meeting was informed that the cost of parking permits and parking charges will also increase within the village.  Thanks were expressed to all those who took part in the recent litter pick at Penistone Hill. This event was really well attended and proved to be a huge success.  District Councillor Herd provided an update on ongoing discussions regarding the redevelopment of the Acre Lane Football Pitch. It is hoped that the pitch will be playable again by the end of Spring.  District Councillor Herd further reported on having attended a recent meeting at Mill Hey regarding flooding in this area. Officers are currently in the process of assessing options for flood prevention.

41.24	<b>Adjournment for Public Enquiries</b> Nothing brought forward.
42.24	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meetings</b> <b>Proposed by Councillor Swallow,</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Woodward, and</b> <b>Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings to be signed by the Chair.</b>
43.24	<b>Finance</b> <b>43.24.01 Payment Schedule 9</b> <b>Proposed by Councillor Stead,</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and</b> <b>Resolved: That payments be approved as stated in Payment Schedule 9.</b>  <b>43.24.03 To approve the cost of a PO Box address for Village Council use</b> <b>Proposed by Councillor T Mahon,</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Cooper, and</b> <b>Resolved: That the Village Council purchase a PO Box address until alternative arrangements for the mail can be made.</b>  <b>43.24.04 To appoint an Internal Auditor for 2023/2024</b> <b>Proposed by Councillor Swallow,</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor D Mahon, and</b> <b>Resolved: That Bronte Bookkeeping be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2023/2024.</b>  <b>43.24.05 Grant Applications</b> Nothing brought forward.
44.24	<b>Planning</b> <b>44.24.01 Planning Application No: 24/00829/FUL – Change of use from guesthouse to single dwelling house at Ashmount, Myholmes Lane, Haworth, BD22 8EZ.</b> <b>Resolved: That the Village Council has no objections to this application.</b>  <b>44.24.02 Planning Application No: 24/00132/HOU – Single storey garage within residential land at Mill Hill Barn, Mill Hill, Haworth, BD22 8QH.</b> <b>Resolved: Haworth with Stanbury Village Council have concerns relating to this proposed application. To build a single-storey garage on what has been described as residential land. However we would describe it as a grass island between service roads in Mill, currently you can drive around this area with difficulty as there is a right of way round the whole of the island.</b>  <b>The first point we would like to highlight is the claim this is residential land, in our opinion this is a little ambiguous as this is not attached to the property that the application refers too. In fact there is an unadopted road which serves other properties in between the proposed development and the applicants property. In the Village Councils opinion, it is clearly a greenfield site and not residential land.</b>  <b>The second point we would like to highlight is that the proposed development is not within the Haworth Conservation Area. However, it is within feet of the boundary and any design should still reflect on the area. We feel this design should be more in keeping with the properties in the area.</b>  <b>The third point is that this proposed development is taking away a</b>

	<p>piece of green open space to place a stand alone garage which is not in keeping with the properties in the vicinity and clearly not <u>aesthetically</u> pleasing. The Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury Neighbourhood Plan promotes green space areas and to keep its historic charm of the village.</p> <p>Our final concern if this application is approved then in the future there is a possibility that a future application could be made to develop the garage into a residential unit. If this development is considered for approval we would ask for a condition that this could not be developed into a residential property in the future.</p>
45.24	<p><b>Allotments &amp; Environment Issues</b></p> <p><b>45.24.01 Allotments Update</b> Councillor J Cooper provided an overview of the latest developments in relation to the allotment sites. The Tenancy Agreements for 2024/2025 will be issued to all tenants this week. Inspection of sites will be undertaken in May and September.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Councillor Woodward for his efforts in repairing the damaged wall at the West Lane Site.</p> <p><b>45.24.02 Footpaths across the Parish</b> No further update received.</p> <p><b>45.24.03 Stanbury Environmental Issues</b> It was noted that despite an appeal on social media, it has still not been possible to establish ownership of the damaged bench in Stanbury. Councillor Swallow reported on discussions regarding the potential replacement of street furniture in the village.</p> <p><b>45.24.04 Provision of Grit Bins across the Parish</b> Nothing brought forward.</p> <p><b>45.24.05 Planting and Planters across the Parish</b> It was noted that the Village Council has been informed that Bradford MDC will now allow for a paid contractor to work the flowerbeds in Haworth Central Park. Therefore, Councillors Cooper and D Mahon have been begun to prepare the beds for planting. It is intended that a Volunteer Group will be established to undertake the ongoing maintenance of the beds.</p>
46.24	<p><b>To receive an update on the Haworth Emergency Plan and agree next steps</b> The Clerk explained that the Emergency Plan has been updated to reflect changes within the new Council and other organisations. It was acknowledged that there is now a shortage of volunteers involved in emergency management locally. Councillor Stead agreed to review the plan before bringing recommendations back to Council.</p>
47.24	<p><b>To agree a response to Bradford MDC's proposal to close Sugden End Recycling Centre</b> It was noted that despite widespread objection this facility will close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The Council expressed dismay at this decision and the long term implications for the area.</p>
48.24	<p><b>Mill Hey Project</b> No further update.</p>
49.24	<p>Bradford City of Culture 2025 – Haworth Project It was noted that the Public Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with representatives from the proposed Dot to Dot Festival was very well attended, with lots of interest from across the village. A further meeting is to be held progress these local plans.</p>

	It is hoped that there will be some communication from the City of Culture Team to assist with local plans.
<b>50.24</b>	<p><b>To receive an update on the Toilet Development Project and agree any action as appropriate</b></p> <p>Councillor D Mahon provided an update on the Toilet Development Project. The Village Council is waiting to receive confirmation from the Keighley Towns Fund on whether the underspend from the West Lane Toilet Block can be used to fund replacement turnstiles in the Central Park Toilet Block. The turnstiles in this block are very dated and can no longer be fixed.</p> <p>Bradford MDC has recently agreed to provide a contribution to the ongoing water costs at Central Park Toilets. The Village Council is currently covering the cost of the water used by the Park. Once this issue has been resolved, the Village Council will commence final discussions, regarding the transfer of the toilet block from Bradford MDC.</p>
<b>51.24</b>	<p><b>To receive an update on Assets of Community Value across the Parish Proposed by Councillor T Mahon, Seconded by Councillor Swallow, and Resolved: That the Village Council should make application for the following to be registered as Assets of Community Value;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haworth Central Park including Bowling Club;</b></li> <li>• <b>Mytholmes Recreation Ground;</b></li> <li>• <b>Stanbury Recreation Ground;</b></li> <li>• <b>Haworth Tennis Courts.</b></li> </ul> <p>Councillor T Mahon agreed to make enquiries regarding whether the allotment sites and the Toilet Blocks should be listed as assets of community value.</p>
<b>52.24</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting:</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.

There being up further business to be transacted, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.