

Hebden Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held 24th March 2010

Present: Twelve local government electors, being Cllrs Hargreaves, Richards, Hodge, Joy, Stockdale (Chairman) Ms S Ely (Clerk)
Mrs M Hargreaves, Mrs C Smith, Mrs P Howick, Mrs J Arnott, Mr C Goodwin, Mr I Simpson

Apologies: None

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009 were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Salt Bin: It had been useful for a short time before it was empty. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to ask the bin be replenished regularly in the winter and also to request that the gritter back over Brook Street bridge as this became impassable for cars when icy.

Electricity supply: Hebden Parish now gets its supply through NYCC at a reduced rate.

Speeding cars through the village: Radar checks have been made and some cars recorded at over 60mph. It is still ongoing but as yet no Matrix sign has been agreed.

Chairman's Report:

The money received for the Playground had been used to repair and refurbish the slides and swings.

The bulging wall on main street had been taken down and rebuilt.

After a long session of discussion and legal advice the owners of the new cottage had been given an Easement for vehicular access across the Village Green for which they had paid the Council.

CDC had not been asked for a precept this year as it was felt there were sufficient funds available.

Two trees had been planted on High Green to replace the two that had died and been felled.

There had been the usual routine matters of street light repairs, planning applications etc.

Matters of Public Interest:

Mr I Simpson reported that the street light on Back Lane was out. The Chairman explained that at the last two Parish meetings this had been discussed with the original plan to repair it "in house". The council had been advised that this was impractical with all the new rules and problems with digging the hole and dis/reconnecting the supply. After a site visit it was decided to have NYCC replace the pole and do the whole repair with the advantage the contract will include a guarantee.

Mr I Simpson wanted to know if were possible to have an extra light at the top of Church Lane. This would be very expensive and it was thought the Church might provide brighter lighting instead. Another light was suggested for outside the turning to the Travel Lodge. The Council agreed to have a review of the lighting in the village.

Mr I Simpson asked about the state of the road to Grassington but as it was outside the Parish boundary so the Council had no jurisdiction.. There were continuing problems with the road outside the Travel Lodge and Mrs Arnott had contacted Highways but there was never a permanent repair. The Clerk would write again to Highways.

Mr C Goodwin raised the problem of parking with 30 residents in competition with all the walkers who come not only at weekends. He said it had got a lot worse in the last couple of yours and suggested Residents Parking only. The Chairman thought that The Café might object and also was concerned at the extent of the restriction. The use of the Old Tip for parking was considered. Cllr Hargreaves had discussed Residents Parking with the YDNP. Mrs Howick suggested infilling the land behind the toilets for parking space but the Chairman said that it was no longer possible to land fill. The Council will further investigate the problem.

Mr I Simpson wanted to know what was happening with the Toilets. The Chairman said that CDC wanted the Parish Council to take over the responsibility of the building. Cllr Hargreaves had discussed change of use with YDNP. Meanwhile the School has allowed walkers to use their toilet. Mrs Hargreaves said that with the increase in visitors there should be the Toilets facility in the village and suggested Sports Day money be used. Cllr Hargreaves objected to this suggestion saying that Sports money should benefit the village and not visitors.

Mrs M Hargreaves said she had 2 trees ready to be planted in the village. Mr Simpson said he would take them.

Mrs C.Smith suggested the date of the Annual Meeting should go in the village Newsletter and it was agreed to consider this.

Mrs P Howick reported the gutter on the bus shelter needed replacing. It will be looked into.

Cllr Richards commented on the bus to and from Grassington was at certain times “Not in service” so passengers weren’t allowed to board. The Council will see what can be done.

Mrs Howick said that the seats at the side of the bridge need re-varnishing. Cllr Hargreaves offered to do this when it’s dry. She said that the tops of the Leylandia trees needed pruning to which there was no objection.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.