

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday December 15th 2010

Present: Cllrs Hargreaves, Hodge, Joy, Richards, Stockdale

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 13th October 2010, which had been previously circulated were taken as read and approved.

The Clerk thanked the Councillors for changing the date of the Meeting from December 1st so she could attend a Memorial Service in Canada.

Matters arising:

Public Toilets: The Clerk had contacted the Legal Advice Service of the Society of Local Clerks who suggested contacting a solicitor. It was decided that this wasn't appropriate and that no action be taken for the present.

Mr Lee and wayleave dispute: The Clerk had checked and Mr Lee had been paying since at least 1988. The Clerk is to write to him enclosing a map showing the Village Green and pointing out that his map is incorrect and pre-dates the Land Registry Records.

Underground electric supply: The NYCC team found that there was no cable behind the school and the 3 lights connected to the toilets merely pass through and have nothing to do with the toilet lights. Cllr Hodge had written to NYCC to instruct them that HPC pay for the 3 extra lights(17 in total) A trench will need to be dug from the bridge light to the toilet and another underground to the other light. The proposed pillar will have to be installed by NYCC by the wall. It was decided to defer this work 3 months till spring.

Speed limit of 30mph : Guidelines to qualify for a 30mph limit need continuous development on both sides of the road for a distance of at least 600 meters. The speed limit of 40mph introduced in 2002 cannot therefore be reduced as Hebden does not meet this criteria.

Natural England changes: Dates will be changed after June 2011 to a fixed annual cycle of payments. Cllr Stockdale had asked a member of Natural England to come to look at our "bog" to see if it qualified for the Higher Level Grant and also to point out the errors in their map. As yet no one had come. It was decided to wait till April before re-applying to the existing scheme to give more time for consultation.

Correspondence:

Julian Smith MP: The Clerk was asked to write to thank him for his efforts that kept Skipton Courts open and, mindful of his letter, would contact him again if necessary.

YDNP email receipt: As yet the Clerk has to receive one but will note the next time a planning matter is so sent and check there is a receipt.

CDC Strategic Housing Market Assessment: To date no Cllr had received a questionnaire as stated in the letter so no action had been taken.

YDNP Craig Mar: This application for an extension had been approved.

CDC Core Funding: It was felt that with reduced funds it would not be possible to support these groups.

Evaluation of rough sleeping: There were no people sleeping rough in Hebden on Nov 30th and the Clerk would return the form as such.

CDC Council Plan: The Clerk apologised for not printing off the proposals and would send the web page link to those Cllrs with access. She would get paper copies so all the Cllrs could consider CDC proposals.

YD Access Forum: No action

YDNP Court Croft: The sunroom extension had been approved.

NYCC Concessionary Fares: Craven will be changed to a 9am to 6am the following day in line with the rest of the county.

Accounts:

Bank statement @ 15/12/10 Current	£1759.38
Bank Statement @ 13/10/10 Deposit	£6351.47

Monies received

Interest D/A	£ 0.94
BT wayleave	£ 3.00
Rpa SPS	£504.48

Payment for approval

Stuart Naylor mowing Town Hill Oct	£ 17.63
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Precept Budget discussion

The Clerk gave out the figures and notes to the Cllrs. Some time was spent discussing the figures and investment. There had been difficulties with some bonds suggested as these were not available to the Parish. It was decided to put £5000 in a 90 day plan with an interest of 2.5%. with YBS. Cllr Hargreaves said that with such low interest rates it would be better to be spending the money.

There will be more expense when NYCC has to connect up the electricity to the new pillar and the invoice for the cable search is yet to be received. Cllr Hodge is still trying to negotiate with npower over the 3 invoices sent after HPC had terminated their supply with npower. Three invoices have already been cleared with credit notes. Cllr Hodge said he'd contact them again if no action had occurred by 2011.

The Cllrs all agreed to accept the budget and the Clerk was asked to send CDC a NIL precept return.

Any Other business:

YDNP Affordable Housing: The objections of HPC and residents had been noted and it was believed the development in the village was rejected but the Clerk hadn't received any notification. No action till the next meeting in January.

Institute Heater: There was still no heater in the Institute cupboard. Cllr Hodge was to phone Ken Robinson and explain Philip Spencer would now undertake the work and Cllr Stockdale will contact him.

Land Letting: The date was agreed on **Tuesday** 24th January and the Clerk is to put up notices in the village and write to the tenants to give this change of date from the usual Wednesday. No advertisement was to be placed in the Craven Herald and it was agreed not to have an official auctioneer. The Council Meeting would follow it.

New Tree lights: Cllr Stockdale was given permission to buy some new lights for the village Xmas tree.

Hebden web site: It was agreed that the Approved Minutes could go on the village website. When the Clerk has written the Newsletter that can also go on the site.

Parking at the bus stop: Cllr Richards was concerned for the safety of children when cars are parked on the white line by the bus stop. The Clerk is to write again to Highways requesting double yellow lines. Putting written notices on windscreens was also discussed.

The Garage at Town Hill: Cllr Richards wondered if planning permission was not needed for the rebuilding of the garage and if HPC could request a vehicular easement across the Green. It was decided that neither was needed.

Flooding on the B6265: The Clerk was asked to write to Highways about the flooding that has been particularly bad this winter and a danger to motorists. Previous works have done nothing to stop the flooding.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Tuesday 25th January 2011** after the Land Letting in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm