

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 18th July 2012

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

Apologies: none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings held 7th June 2012, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Mr Stockdale, the Chairman, welcomed Mr George Coney to Hebden Parish Council who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Matters arising:

Update on Mr Lee and the Land Registry: There had been no further communication from Mr Foster since the email of the 5th April. An email sent by the Clerk on 12th July had not been answered so Mr Foster was contacted by phone shortly before the meeting. He gave his apologies and said he'd been very busy. The Cllrs decided that if nothing was heard from him before the next meeting they would consider finding another solicitor.

Adopt a new code of conduct: The Clerk read out the main points and then passed the document to the Cllrs so they may read it through. They all agreed to adopt the new code.

Mazars external audit: While on holiday Mazars had left 4 messages to the Clerk. When contacted the main points he raised were that in part one we declared no trust funds but in the second Mr Gardner had put a yes. As the SBS 90 day notice is not a Trust Fund this was just an error. We were also told that we should not depreciate our assets but keep them at full value till sold or replaced. I explained that for years we'd been depreciating and this was the first time we'd been told otherwise. The Clerk was then contacted again and the same point raised about the Trust Fund. She explained that this had been previously discussed and it was an error on the form. It is hoped these calls do not increase Mazars bill.

English Heritage application form to List Brook Street Bridge: The Clerk had received the forms and contacted both NYCC and Wakefield Archives to try to find out the age of the bridge. Cllr Joy said that he had information gathered by the Hebden History Group and would pass them to the Clerk. With their help, she was asked to fill in the form on behalf of the Cllrs.

Letter from CDC about the road surface on the bridge: A letter dated 13th June stated that Mr Cracknell would visit and check the bridge within the "next couple of weeks". As nothing further had been received the Clerk was asked to follow this up. Cllr Hargreaves said he'd done some work to improve the drainage of water off the bridge. At the same time the Clerk was to report that a resident had brought to the Council's attention the dangerous state of the pot holes on Mill Lane and her particular concern for cyclists.

Clarification of new Insurance requirements : The Clerk read out the declaration in the AON policy and all the Cllrs agreed with points raised. All Cllrs have to sign a similar list before standing for election.
Update on the Playground: It was agreed to ask Stuart Naylor to fix the seesaw with a rubber base and Cllr Coney asked that the spring on the middle gate be repaired at the same time and this was also agreed. Cllr Hodge will speak to Mr Naylor and the Clerk will put a note in with his cheque.

Risk Assessment on the chestnut tree noted at the last meeting: The Cllrs agreed that they would ask for advice from Mr Hibbs of the YDNP about removing the branch that overhangs wires and the general safety of the tree. The Clerk was to check if a grant was available for any necessary work.

Correspondence:

CDC Rural Action: No Cllrs wished to attend the meetings.

Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge: There was no suitable land to be considered in the village.

rpa inspection report: Backstone Edge allotment had been visited by the inspector who had spoken the Cllr Stockdale and was satisfied with the “bog”. The Council is still hoping for the Higher Level Stewardship and David Hill is organising the FEP and paperwork.

Accounts

Bank statement @ 16/07/12 current	£ 546.87
Bank statement @ 16/07/12 saver	£3304.10
SBS 90 day notice	£5000.00
<u>Monies received</u>	
Rpa Entry Level Stewardship(the bog)	£ 246.50
Barclays Saver a/c interest	£ 0.50
<u>Payments for approval</u>	
Stuart Naylor 11/05 & 25/05 grass cutting	£28.80
.J W Hodkinson street lamp/light	£ 37.99

Any other business:

Cllr Hodge had tried to put the lamp in the streetlight outside Mr Gardners but it was still being used as a nest site. It will have to be removed and cleaned out before the new light installed. The photo cell in the light opposite Church Lane needs looking at. Cllr Hodge said that he was no longer able to repair the streetlights and was thanked by the Chairman for all the work he has done in the past. Cllr Hodge will contact NYCC to get a new light opposite Chapel Lane after a tree branch knocked it down in an earlier storm.

Mrs Birtley had asked if 3 lime trees could be planted as part of the Jubilee celebration these had been given to the children of Burnsall School. It was decided that 2 could replace the white beam and the silver birch, which are not thriving, and the guards already exist. It was suggested the third could be planted by the road at the top of High Bank. Mr Birtley has offered to plant the trees. Cllr Hargreaves thought that he should be paid for any expense incurred with the guards and this was agreed. The Clerk is to write with this suggestion.

Cllr Hodge had repaired the seat that had been by the Pinfold and it will be now placed in the playground. Cllr Hargreaves and Cllr Hodge will look at the seat by the main bridge and make necessary repairs to the legs and feet.

Cllr Hargreaves has contacted the Community Pay Back Team with a request to clear the bushes by the beck between the bridges but has had no reply as yet.

Cllr Stockdale had spoken to Simon Fearnley about reinstating the sliding doors in the Institute. He is to ask for Mr Fearnley to come to a meeting so the project can be discussed and the strength of the beam to hold the overhead rollers and other problems considered. Cllr Stockdale wondered if the electorate should be asked about a large expense of about £2000 being used from the Parish reserve and the Clerk will check with the Society of Local Clerks for their advice. He also suggested that since it was repair to the Institute HPC would make a donation to cover the cost.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 22nd August 2012** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.