

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 14th November 2012

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

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings held 3rd October 2012, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters arising:

Update on Mr Lee and the Land Registry: In a letter from Fosterlaw it was stated that Mr Lee had until 26th November to raise objections having been served notice by the Land Registry. Fosterlaw was to be asked to challenge the part marked blue on the map and registered in the name of Susan White. This would cost £40 to the Land Registry and was agreed. Regarding evidence that HPC owned the Village Green the Clerk was to show that rent had been paid for more than 12 years on the garden strips and at the land letting for the High Green. From this it was hoped they could produce a statement stating ownership. It was felt a meeting with the solicitor wasn't needed.

David Hill and grant advice: A large folder of information had just been received by the Clerk setting out the money to be received and the conditions of land use. It was agreed that the invoice be paid for this work. However the Cllrs couldn't justify the charge of £500 per 3 year farm tenancy agreement even when reduced to £500 to cover all agreements with another similar charge after 3 years. The Clerk is to explain that the small rents received didn't cover this expense. All that was required was a simple legal document. Cllrs are considering what action to take.

Chestnut tree: The Clerk is to contact Wharfeside Tree Specialists and accept their quote of £175.

Hodges Row: Now that the post box is to remain gold and have a plaque alongside giving details of Andy Hodge's Olympic gold the request to name Hodges Row has been dropped.

Correspondence:

YDNP Planning Forum: Cllr Hodge will attend the meeting in Grassington on 19th November.

YDNP Access Forum Membership: There were no Cllrs wishing to stand.

Code of Conduct (revised) : The Cllrs took note of the revised code and agreed to abide by the code. The Clerk will keep and file.

YDNP tree order: It wasn't clear which ash tree or chestnut was to be made safe by the suspension bridge but there was no objection.

Application for dispensation: The Cllrs were made aware of the form to be completed should the need ever arise. The Clerk will keep and file.

Accounts

Bank statement @ 14/11/12 current	£ 485.47
Bank statement @ 14/11/12 saver	£2804.49

Monies received

Rpa CSS 2011	£508.80
YEDL wayleaves	£ 78.51

Payments for approval

David Hill SPS advice agreed on 24/10/12	£94.20
Stuart Naylor mowing 21/09 plus Town Head	£32.40

Discussion of next year's precept:

The Clerk gave the Cllrs the budget figures for next year. The new grant figures were included that had just been received from Natural England. The Cllrs had time to consider the income and expenditure and discussed some of the items. There would be further legal costs concerning Land Registry of the Village Green but this had to be completed. After further discussion and considering the budget figures it was decided that there were sufficient funds not to request a precept from CDC for next year..

Any other business:

Cllr Joy had details of a structural engineer who could look at the ceiling fixtures for the hanging doors across the Institute. It was decided he should contact him and arrange a meeting also with Cllr Stockdale if possible next week. Simon Fearnley hadn't been to discuss the work.

Cllr Hodge will chase up NYCC to remove and make safe the streetlight outside Mr Gardner's house. He suggested the 3 lime trees from Burnsall School be planted in Standard Garth.

Cllr Coney said that a new resident, Victoria Benn, was keen to publicise Hebden events in the Craven Herald and was hoping for free lance work with the Yorkshire Post.

Cllr Hargreaves noted that nothing had been done to the road surface on Brook Street Bridge. The Clerk had not had a reply about potholes or the flags outside School Cottage after 3 emails sent, going back to August.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 9th January 2013** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.