

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 20th February 2013

Present: Cllrs, Stockdale, Joy, Hargreaves, Coney, Hodge
Local residents Mr & Mrs White and daughter

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings held 9th January 2013, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters arising:

Update on Mr Lee and the Land Registry: This has at last been resolved with HPC now shown to own all of High Green (VG38) and the Land Registry corrected regarding Mr Lee's and Sue White's plots. Although the Cllrs had decided not to pursue the Land Registry, Mr Foster had already prepared a draft letter so sent it off. The result was that they agreed to pay £250 x 2 +VAT plus the fee of £90. He has therefore reduced the account by £690.00. Cllr Hodge will go on line to look at Low Green.

Three year Farm Tenancy agreements: There had been a successful letting of the fields with an increase in last year's income. (See attached list). Cllr Stockdale had negotiated a very fair cost after the initial quote of £500 per letting agreement. The Clerk had sent Mr Hare a simple declaration for 3 years of a rent of £350 + VAT and this he'd signed and returned. The farmers will be given a copy of their agreement and the Clerk will file the HPC copies.

YWA and the troughs near High Dene: After the Clerk had sent a letter and a telephone call YWA has agreed that they are responsible for the repair to the pipework. The original agreement was dated 5th March 1910 and was signed by Mr William Stockdale and Skipton Rural DC. It was decided not to pay the £25 for a copy but for the Clerk to keep the letter and email from Mr Richard Deeley confirming this.

Chestnut tree and meeting with Nick Taylor: The Clerk is to arrange for a Cllr to meet and discuss the removal of the lower limb as in the YDNP tree order. On completion of this it was agreed to pay his invoice.

Highways fence repair: The Clerk had received a reply saying the repair would be done "as soon as resources allow". As a safety issue it was thought that if the fence was not to be repaired shortly then Highways should be asked to put up fluorescent warning tape. The Clerk was also asked to report yet again the dangerous state of the potholes in the roads and the risk to the Listed Brook Street Bridge from the ingress of water into the fabric of the stonework.

Correspondence:

NYCC B6265 speed sign. NYCC had sent a draft protocol about the temporary deployment of these signs. It would appear that there are now costs involved in having a speed matrix sign with admin charges of £20 and technical charges of £40/hr. There would also appear be longer term charges of £300-400. The Cllrs were given a copy of the letter and draft agreement to further study. It was thought it might be considered at the Annual Electors Meeting.

David Hill SPS check: The Council had received payment of £663.16 so had no concerns. The Clerk had checked and been told the payment of £247.18 was a final environmental payment on "the bog" before the start of the HLS agreement.

Inquiry into the proposed extension to the Lake Distric and YDNP: There will be a pre inquiry meeting in Settle at 10am on 7th March where the arrangements for the full inquiry will be discussed. This will be held in Settle on 4th June and is expected to last approx 4 weeks. The Council has already written with their concern about losing the name Yorkshire Dales NP.

Accounts

Bank statement @ 16/02/13 current	£ 2487.11
Bank statement @ 16/02/12 saver	£3704.85

Monies received

3 year tenancy agreements as previously circulated	£1604.00
rpa SPS 2012	£663.16

Payments for approval

Wharfeside Tree (when finished)	£ 175.00
Newsquest for advert Land letting (S Ely reimburse)	£ 66.00
Ibbotson Institute room hire 2012	£ 55.00
Fosterlaw for Land registry work	£1290.00
David Hill for Tenancy agreement work	£ 126.00

The Clerk noted that no invoice had been received for FEPS work altho' Nat England had paid £715.00 towards these costs.

Any other business:

Cllr Hodge requested that Mr Dullaghan (from Northern Farm Planning- FEPS) or someone with similar botanical knowledge be asked to come to Hebden and show any resident interested the flora of "the bog". This would be best in May/June and notice to be given to Victoria Benn to publicise in the Craven Herald as well as on the board outside the Institute. The Clerk is to write to try to arrange this.

Cllr Coney had a request from Mr Bowdin of Mount Pleasant that the Council look into an intermittent water leak down from near his cottage. When it was freezing this turned to sheet ice. Cllrs will meet and look at the problem on Monday morning.

He asked for an update on the Institute partition. At long last Cllr Stockdale had received a quote from Mr Ideson for £1959.00 +VAT. It was agreed to accept this and the Clerk will write to confirm. She will also write to Pat Hodgkins to inform the Institute committee.

Cllr Hargreaves again showed his concern for Brook Street Bridge and the Clerk will be writing to Highways with various concerns.

The Clerk had at last written the Parish Newsletter for this Winter and gave the Cllrs draft copies for them to check and make comments. It is hoped to distribute shortly.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 3rd April** in the Ibbotson Institute after the **Local Residents Annual Meeting at 7.30pm.**