

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 24th July 2013

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Hargreaves, Stockdale

Apologies: Cllr Hodge

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2013, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters and Brook St Bridge: A letter had been received from NYCC explaining their road maintenance priorities. Their comments about the surface dressing up the Ghyll didn't include or explain the extensive resurfacing with tarmac that had been done last year. The Clerk was asked to write again and point out the inaccuracy of the letter and again request the road past the Travel Lodge be made safe. It is now a hazard to cyclists on a very popular route. Cllr Hargreaves said that some vehicle had scraped along Brook St Bridge and dislodged a large stone on the wall. The Clerk will also follow up the letter from English Heritage to report this and that the For Sale board for No1 had been screwed to the stonework of the bridge.

Cllr Hargreaves reported that YWA had repaired and insulated the pipe across the beck. It was felt that YWA should have repaired the troughs incase they try to escape their responsibilities in the future.

Insurance Claim: The Clerk had contacted the insurance company and completed a form and sent off a letter as requested plus the letter and photographs from Laura Kirton showing the damage to her car by the fallen branch. Their response was that it was an act of God and declined to make a payment. They have contacted Ms Kitson to inform her of the position.

Rpa claim summary: Since the Parish now only claim SPS on "the bog" this is reduced to £47.64. The HLS & UELS will be paid later and the Clerk will try to find out when.

Correspondence:

YDNP Community energy: CDC advertised a community energy group but Hebden had nothing organised just for the village.

CDC Community Champions: There were no names suggested at the meeting.

Funding for community reuse projects: There were no new projects put forward and while there was a maximum grant of £5000 available the applicant would have to raise at least 25% match funding so no further action was to be taken.

Accounts

Bank statement @22/07/13 current	£ 262.72
Bank statement @ 22/07/13 saver	£ 3205.74
Monies received	
Longthorne tip rent	£25.00
CDC Toilet rent paid twice and will need refunding	£10.00

Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor grass cutting 5/06&19/06	£28.80
John W Gardner –internal audit	£50.00
ICO annual registration	£35.00
Soc Local Clerks subs 2013/4	£48.00

The Cllrs then looked at the annual figures for the Charity Commission returns for the Recreational Lands and Town Lands. The Clerk explained that the same method of allocation and sharing expenses had been used as in previous years. There had been much higher expenses for The Recreation Lands as this included the legal expenses for High Green. The returns will be made on line by the Clerk.

Any other business:

Cllr Hargreaves had quotes from Hartlington Fencing for the posts up the ghyll and also from Stuart Naylor. No decision was made and the Cllrs agreed to go to look at the site again after the meeting. They agreed to have a Cllr present when the job was done to ensure the posts were placed correctly. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr P Kent to tell him of the Council’s intention to place the posts to stop car parking on the Green.

Cllr Stockdale noted that a strip of Green had been dug out and laid with chippings outside Mr K Longthornes house in the ghyll to accommodate his vehicle when parked there. The Clerk was asked to write that the Parish regretted he’d taken this action without prior approval from them.

Cllr Hargreaves said that there had been some concern at the board placed at the road side advertising the cards etc for sale by Jan Ferguson. It was a temporary sign and did not concern the Parish Council. He also reminded the Cllrs that nothing had been done about the overgrowing vegetation by the beckside below Brook Street bridge. It is a steep bank and not easy to clear. He will ask Stuart Naylor for an idea of the cost. It was thought that should the fir tree on the opposite bank be felled it might cost up to £500 so no further action was taken on this.

It had been pointed out that branches and The tea room’s hedge was obstructing the parking on the roadside. The Clerk will mention it to Mrs Eagleton and perhaps a Cllr will prune back the low branches belonging to HPC.

Cllr Stockdale was concerned that the other Cllrs had made no objection to the Planning application for the conversion of a garage into residential use at Cherry Trees where he felt access was a real problem. It would be hard to stop later extensions once permission was granted. The Clerk said that the access problem had been put in the letter to the YDNP. It was noted that the silver birch opposite Green House had died and at some later time might need replacing.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 25th September 2013** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.

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