

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 28th August 2013

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Hargreaves, Stockdale, Coney

Apologies: Cllr Hodge

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 24th July 2013, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

It was noted that the date of this meeting had been changed as the Clerk and 3 councillors were away on September 25th as given in the Minutes to be the next meeting.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters and Brook St Bridge: The Clerk had written back to NYCC Highways pointing out the inaccuracies of their letter and again asking for repairs to the road as a safety concern. It was also pointed out that the barrier up the ghyll still hadn't been replaced. As there had been no reply from Mr Leighton of Highways the Clerk emailed him (cc Area 5 Skipton) on 20th August some photographs of the pot holes and the missing barrier and again asked for a reply with information on when the repairs will be made. There was no reply. The Clerk is to wait till mid September before writing again. After a second letter to Dr Green of English Heritage the Clerk had received a card stating the contents had been noted. Another letter is to be sent requesting what action is to be taken.

Update on posts up the ghyll: The Cllrs agreed to accept Stuart Naylor's quote 'There had been no reply to the letter sent to Mr Kent. Cllr Hargreaves will negotiate with Mr Naylor to be present to advise him on the location of the posts in October.

Update on the vegetation beside the beck and overhanging branches in the village: Cllr Hargreaves had cut back the low branches in Main Street and Mrs Eagleton had cut back the hedge outside the cafe. Stuart Naylor had quoted for cutting back the bushes by the beck. The Cllrs discussed how best to dispose of the cut brash. It was decided to accept the quote and for the cuttings to be left in piles to be subsequently burnt.

Cllr Stockdale thought that the 3 cherry trees needed thinning and Cllr Hargreaves said he'd look again in October. The chestnut up the bank appears to have died so may need felling. Cllr Stockdale was concerned about the tree opposite Angle House that is leaning towards the road. The Clerk is to write to Mr P Hibbs, the YDNP Tree Officer and ask for a date in October when he can come to meet with the Cllrs to discuss these tree concerns.

YDNP planning applications: There had been no objections to the applications for Fell View and Town Head Barn. Mr Henfry had been granted full planning for his barn at Lone House Farm.

Correspondence:

CDC programme for officer attendance: It was felt that such a meeting would only be at a request from HPC to help with a particular matter.

CDC Parish Liaison Meeting: No Cllr wished to attend.

YDNP –GP services: The Cllrs wanted to be kept informed if there were to be changes to the local surgery or a reduction in services provided.

Littlejohn Audit reply: The form had been returned and signed off with no queries resulting in a nil invoice ! The Clerk will fill in and put up the Notice of Right to Inspect on the Notice Board as required.

Woodland Trust and free trees: The Clerk is to request 30 saplings suitable for a copse and these will be planted in Standard Garth with spiral guards. She will apply on line.

Email from Pat Hodgkins about the toilets: She is looking into reopening the toilets and is contacting CDC and other villages where they look after the toilets. The Cllrs wish to encourage this but feel that after all their previous efforts they will not get involved further.

Accounts

Bank statement @23/08/13 current	£ 109.92
Bank statement @ 23/08/13 saver	£ 3205.74
SBS investment	£5000.00
Monies received	

Payments for approval

Stuart Naylor grass cutting 04/07 &17/07 inc Town Hill	£ 46.80
David Hill for SPS and authorisation change	£142.20
S . Ely ½ year salary	£350.00
S Ely expenses for same	£ 10.60
CDC overpaid Toilet rent	£10.00

All payments were approved.

Any other business:

Cllr Coney said that Cllr Hodge has a seat in his garage that could replace the one broken and removed from near the bridge. It was thought it might need protecting by securing its feet in concrete. It was decided to await the return of Cllr Hodge from holiday before going further.

Cllr Coney suggested the village might like to give a Good Citizen award to recognise the volunteering work of a villager who otherwise goes un-noticed. He showed examples of this in other villages. Cllr Joy said he's look into it and "mull it over".

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 16th October 2013** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.