

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 8th January 2014

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

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 27th November 2013, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters and Brook St Bridge: The Clerk had received an email from Andrew Mellor of Highways saying contractors will carry out substantial patching and short sections of resurfacing on the road down through the village and it's programmed for the week commencing 20th January. Dr Green sent an email to say she'd at last visited Brook St Bridge and she agreed the carriageway is a cause for concern. She will pursue this with NYCC Bridges.

Update on safety posts up the ghyll: The wooden fence had been replaced with 3 plastic warning bollards. Shelagh Marshall had been told by NYCC Highways that they deemed the matter closed. The Clerk is to approach our insurance company if it is possible for HPC to claim for damage to Parish property from the insurer of the car that knocked down the fence 13 months ago, explaining that till now the Council was expecting Highways to do this and replace the fence. Meanwhile Cllrs would look to see if they had a photo of the car giving its registration number. It was thought that the local Police should also have the relevant information.

YDNP tree permissions: All the tree applications had been agreed and the Council has 2 years to undertake the felling and pruning. Cllr Hodge will meet with the Clerk and go over the agreed work and allocate the jobs that will need a tree surgeon.

CDC and grant: The letter from CDC had been sent in error and HPC is not relevant as we had a nil precept and a response was not necessary.

Buses in Upper Wharfedale: The Clerk had received a reply from Julian Smith in support of local buses in rural areas. Shelagh Marshall had replied and it would seem that there will be a reduced bus service from Grassington to Ilkley 3 times a day and a special grant from the Govt will protect the school buses to Upper Wharfedale

Siting of the Post Box: Michael Renshaw from the Post Office had written to say that the forecourt of the Clarendon had been suggested and this would be looked at on Dec 16th. The Clerk will follow this up. Ashley is applying to have a PO beside the new Farm Shop. The suggestion of using the Toilet block was dismissed as too expensive.

Correspondence:

David Hill and future changes to SPS: The Clerk had filled in the relevant Soil Protection Review as advised. In 2015 PSP will be replaced by the Basic Payment Scheme and it may be that HPC will not be eligible. The Clerk will contact Emma Bancroft for advice.

YDNP Protection of Green open Spaces: Cllrs Joy, Coney & Hodge will confer with the Clerk to fill in the form and identify the areas to be protected on the map as shown on the village plan. It was felt that these spaces are of

historical significance in the development of the settlement and are also crucial to the character of the village.

NY Police safer neighbourhood: Cllr Coney agreed to fill in the form and be the village contact.

Local Plan Consultation: There is no action needed as the village to date has no Local Plan.

Accounts:

Bank statement @06/01/14 current	£308.99
Bank statement @ 06/01/14 saver	£3306.11
SBS investment	£5000.00
Monies received	
Barclays interest	£ 0.37
Rpa SPS 2013	£694.72
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor posts up the ghyll –already approved and paid	£660.00
CDC Parish election !!	£17.67

Land letting accounts will be sent out to the farmers at the end of the month.

Any Other Business:

Martyn de Montford from the cafe and who is a volunteer fireman suggested that he could arrange for the village to have a Defibrillator. The Clerk is to invite him to the next meeting to discuss this further.

The wet weather has meant the return of the leak at Town Head. Peter Bowdin has marked the source and the Clerk will ask Stuart Naylor to liaise with him and investigate the problem and report back.

Cllr Stockdale reported that 89 out of 100 Xmas tree lights were working and at present replacements weren't available. He'll try later to buy some otherwise a new set will be needed for next year. He was thanked for putting up the lights on his own.

Cllr Coney reported a wall down in Back lane but it belongs to the Church and so is not the responsibility of the Council.

Cllr Hargreaves reported back on the YDNP Local Plan meeting he'd attended. As the population had only increased by 100 in 10 years with an increase in the retired and decrease in families there were policies to address this with sustainable development. Closed quarries were to be restored and redundant barns repaired, recycled or allowed to change to residential use.

Cllr Hargreaves asked the Clerk to check on when village wayleaves are due.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 12th February 2014** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30p