

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12th February 2014

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

Apologies: None

Martyn de Montford sent his apologies as he was ill.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2014, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters and Brook St Bridge:The Clerk had an email from Andrew Mellor of Highways Area 5 to say that the bollards up the ghyll are there as a warning to the drop and a replacement fence will be installed as resources permit. The Council will review this in 6 months. Dr Green sent her apology for not keeping in touch and she would be visiting the bridge again yesterday 12th February and will then report progress.

Rural Action fundind for a defibrillator: The Clerk had sent in a request for £250 funding but as yet there was no reply. It might be raised at the Meeting of the electors for their views.

Decision confirmed on the future of the buses: The Clerk is to ask about the reduction of journeys as regarding Hebden as the route between Grassington and Buckden will be reduced from 7 to 4.

Emma Bancroft reply to SPS changes: She is awaiting information about the “active farmer” test but thinks that as the HLS requires we put sheep on the land a few months this would indicate we were keeping it in a state for grazing. She will keep us updated.

Update on the post box: The gold one at present in the wall of the closed PO will be removed and it was thought that a new one will go up in front of the pub. The new Post Office will be run from inside the pub.

Date of the meeting for the electorate: The date decided was Wednesday April 2nd and the Clerk will put up notices nearer the time and ask Victoria Benn to put it in the Craven Herald under Hebden news.

Trees in the village to be felled or pruned: Cllr Hodge will go round with the Clerk so a list can be made of what work will have to be given to a tree surgeon and what can be done by ourselves.

Leak at Town Head: With all the rain and high water table this is still leaking. Cllr Hargreaves, Hodge AND Stockdale will have another site meeting with Stuart Naylor to investigate further.

Correspondence:

Will Birtley D of E request: The Clerk is to write to thank him and ask him for dates when this has to be done. The Cllrs also wanted to know the insurance position if he were rubbish collecting, sweeping the kerbs and doing other roadside jobs.

YDNP invite a member: As there isn't an issue at present the Cllrs felt there was no need to invite an Authority Member but would consider it if a concern arose in the future.

CAB request for contribution: No funds were to be sent.

NYCC Alcohol strategy: No Cllr wished to attend the meeting in Harrogate.

Craven Dragons Den: The Clerk will put up a notice but the Cllrs had no suggestions.

Julian Smith MP: The Clerk had received an email that was presumably sent in error so will email back to inform him as such.

Accounts

Bank statement 10/02/14 C/a	£1078.32
Bank statement 10/02/14 S/a	£3306.51
SBS bond	£5000.00

Monies received

Mr White rent for High Green	£135.00
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Mr Herd rent for High Bank Side	£400.00
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Mr McGowan for Allen Garth	£252.00
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Mr Kitching for Low Green, Low Bank Side & Whygill Gap	£665.00
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The Clerk gave the Cllrs a list of income from the land this year.

Payments for approval

Hebden Ibbotson Institute for room hire x10	£100.00
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As the rate hadn't increased in a lot of years and to cover the heater electrics it was agreed to give the Institute this increased amount as proposed by Cllr Hargreaves and seconded by Cllr Hodge with no objections.

Stuart Naylor for cutting saplings & brash	£345.00
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Any Other Business:

The Clerk handed out the draft Hebden Newsletter and asked for comments, corrections etc so it can be ready to go out before the meeting of the electors.

Date of meeting of the electorate Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 in the Institute

Followed by a general meeting of the Council