

Hebden Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 2nd April 2014

Present: Fourteen local government electors, being Cllrs Coney, Hodge, Joy, (Chairman) Stockdale, Ms S Ely (Clerk)
Mrs M Hargraves, Mrs C Smith, Mr I Simpson, Mr J Richards, Mr C Goodwin, Mr J Longthorne, Mr M Longthorne, Mr L Longthorne, Mrs C Birtley
Visitor Mr J Mason

Apologies: Cllr C Hargreaves

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2013 were read and approved.

Chairmen's Report

The Chairman thanked Mr A Stockdale for his many years as Chairman, the Clerk for her work and the voluntary work that has been done by the villagers. Spare copies of the Parish Newsletter were handed out to any who hadn't received or required another and the Chairman pointed out the Council Report 2013-2014 as a summary of what had happened in the previous year.

Matters Arising:

Mr Stockdale updated the meeting on the lack of progress in hanging the doors in the Institute. After Mrs P Hodgson had been in contact with Mr Ideson he had finally said he didn't want the job. The surveyor who had checked the strength of the beam had recommended him. It was now back to the village and the Parish Council to decide how to proceed.

After all the many letters of concern about the potholes in the road through the village it had at last been properly resurfaced down towards Hebden Hall Park. The Council was still chasing up English Heritage about the local concern for the state of Brook Street Bridge. Mrs Smith said that if it had been a bad winter there would have been significant damage. She commented on the problem of the refuse wagon backing over it and into Brook Street. The Clerk will write again giving the concern of the village.

Mr Richards thanked the Council for the posts up the ghyll to stop cars parking on the Green. The Chairman said that they had been much admired!

Matters of Public Interest:

Mr Richards thanked the volunteer councillors for cleaning the leaves and mud from the road side as CDC had failed to do this. He also was pleased to see that the Council had employed Mr Naylor to remove the small trees growing on the beck side between the bridges. He was concerned about tree roots growing into the wall.

Diseased trees had been felled and will be replaced by new ones as specified by YDNP.

The telegraph poles lying by the footpath have been removed.

Mrs Hargraves felt that the Parish Council was limited in what it could do and felt that our representative on Craven Council should be invited to the Annual Meeting. This was agreed and the Clerk will write next year to officially invite him.

Mr Goodwin wanted to know about any regulations to constrict the height of a hedge. He felt that between Chapel & Church Lane was a designated Open Space and the hedge should be cut. The Chairman agreed that there were Open Spaces and just recently he and the Clerk had returned a form to YDNP to protect these spaces. He had no knowledge of hedge heights but the Council would look into it. He also complained that CDC had removed the bottle and tin bank from Colvend Car Park that he felt had been used by a lot of residents without blue bins. The Council will look into it,

Mr Richards pointed out that the dog waste bin by the bridge needed replacing and this would also go into the letter to CDC.

Mr Simpson wanted to know about the lack of street lights down to Hebden Hall. Mr Hodge explained that the light by Braemoor had been removed and that the one lower down will probably have to be repaired by NYCC and this was in hand. He commented on the flag stones now placed by the fish farm and was told that this and the ones by Mossy Mere had been put there by the YDNP. He wondered why the bridge down Mill Lane had been so well repaired when Brook Street wasn't and it was explained that both were the responsibility of Highways and apart from writing the Council had little power.

Mr Longthorne was worried that the footpath he used to take the children to school was getting overgrown with grass and leaves and so becoming slippery and a hazard. The Cllrs will look into this.

Mrs Hargraves wondered what was happening to the triangle of land behind the paraffin shed and the Chairman thought it now belonged to a Bank after the last owner was declared bankrupt and so HPC was limited in what it could do.

Mr Stockdale wanted to know if the village wanted Backstone Edge Lane to be better maintained for those cutting peat. There was greater concern for lanes in the village and the Clerk is to write to Highways about the potholes in Brayshaw Lane near the Church.

Mr Richards thanked the Councillors for all their efforts.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.10pm.