

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 2nd April 2014

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

Apologies: Cllr Hargreaves

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2014, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Grant from Rural Action: £250 had been banked. Mr Montford will be invited to the May meeting to discuss the defibrillator. Brian Robertshaw in Grassington had a left over fund of £10,000 and had suggested that it be used to place defibrillators in the area. The cost of siting one might be more than anticipated as it would need a power supply. Cllr Hodge suggested it go on the side of the porch of the Institute.

SPS update from Emma Bancroft: Our claim for “the bog” should be legitimate as it is as there is only a grass track and has no area not suited to grazing. The Clerk will email her. Cllr Stockdale said that he felt the land would qualify as it was kept for sheep, even if only 6 per year and it might have to be let to a farmer for a peppercorn rent.

Trees in the village: The horse chestnuts have been felled and the hemlock will be felled shortly. Mr McGowan had told Cllr Hodge he was worried about the stability of the felled trunks. Cllr Hodge said they’d be made safe as soon as possible. Cllr Hodge and the Clerk had gone round the village with the Tree report from the YDNP and he had identified those that would require a tree surgeon. The Councillors decided to have only the 2 damaged trees in the main street “tidied” for the moment and the Clerk will ask Mr Taylor of Wharfeside trees to undertake the work.

Land ownership and walls: As there had been some confusion about who owned the hazardous tree on the lane behind the tip, Cllr Joy will print off a large scale map of the village and all the land owned by the Parish will be outlined. The tenants are responsible for the walls except on part of The Stripe where it holds up the road and Highways maintain it.

Street lights: Cllr Hodge had replaced the bulb in the light outside Mrs Hodgkins home but it still didn’t work. He’d contacted NYCC and Mr Bell had given him a quote of £400 plus VAT for a replacement and given him 2 white bulbs. He said he’d look again at the junction box and see if he could remove the fuse and replace the box. If not he’d contact Mr Bell and it was agreed to accept the quote.

Leak at Town Head: Another site meeting was arranged for the 3rd April at 5pm with Mr Naylor and the Cllrs to discuss what needed to be done.

Correspondence:

YDNP Planning- The PO. The planners had given permission for the change of use and the side window but the alteration to the front windows would have to be re-applied for.

N Yorks and potholes. NYCC had been given £3.2M for pothole repairs. The Clerk is to write to Highways about the large hole near the main road bridge and also the holes on Brayshaw Lane.

Natural England and dates: A letter had been received outlining the new dates of payment from 2015.

Accounts

Bank statement @ 31/03/14 C/A	£ 449.72
Bank statement @ 30/03/14 D/A	£4306.93
SBS bond	£5000.00
Monies received	
Barclays interest	£ 0.42
Mr Hare shooting rghts £350 +VAT £70	£420.00
Mr Crompton the Stripe	£152.00
YEB wayleave	£ 17.00
Payments for approval	
S Ely 6 mnth salary (dated 28/02/14)	£350.00
S Ely exps for 6 mnths	£ 37.04
Wharfeside trees for felling hazardous tree	£325.00

The Year End Audit forms had been rec'd from Littlejohn Accountants. The Clerk is to ask Mr Gardner to be our Internal Auditor again.

Any Other Business:

It was agreed that Mr P Hodge is to continue to represent Hebden as a Trustee of the Fountain's Hospital Charity.

Mr Hodge had been concerned about the Fish Farm. Cllr Stockdale declared an interest and didn't take part in the discussion. It had been thought that the fish farm was closing and Cllr Hodge was worried about the clear up but there has been a change of ownership and it will continue to produce trout so the site should improve in appearance. He was also concerned that branches on trees up the bank were overhanging some cables and were a hazard. This was considered not a Parish problem as the trees weren't on Parish land.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 14th May 2014** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm