

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 14th May 2014

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Stockdale, Coney, Hodge, Hargreaves.
Visitors: Mr Martyn de Montford, Mr Simkins Mr Everett

Apologies: none

Election of Chairman: Cllr Stockdale proposed Cllr Joy continues and Cllr Hargreaves seconded with no objections so Cllr Joy took the chair and the meeting began.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 2nd April 2014, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

It was agreed to take first the barn conversion at Moor Side Farm so Mr Everett and Mr Simkins could speak to the Cllrs as requested. They wished to explain that the conversion of a redundant barn for local occupancy was an exceptional case. Mrs Appleton would live in the repaired house and her daughter and family would live in the converted barn with Mr Simkins running his business from there. There would be no changes to the stonework of the property. The Cllrs said they were sympathetic and would await the Planning application from the YDNP. The Chairman thanked them from coming to the Parish and outlining their plans.

The Cllrs then welcomed Martyn who explained a little more about the defibrillator. He said there would need to be at least 6 local people trained in its use and basic 1st aid. The Clerk read a letter from Mr J Spencer listing the necessary requirements for the charitable trust to agree to Hebden receiving a defibrillator.

1. It will be located in the porch of the School House Cafe which was open all the time and very central to the village. It could be arranged to give coded access and this given to the emergency services so any member of the public could access it as well as the trained locals.
2. The Cafe could supply an electrical supply.
3. Hebden PC would be responsible for the maintenance, routine checks, insurance and replacement pads etc.
4. Hebden PC will be responsible for the actual installation of the unit and pay the costs.
5. HPC agrees to the charitable trust purchasing the defibrillator and securing the discount, after which ownership will be transferred to HPC.

The Clerk will check with AON about insurance. Cllr Coney agreed to be a volunteer and have the training and Cllr Hodge also agreed. The training will be in Skipton Fire Station and be NHS led with no cost. There will be a local leader with ongoing training nights. It was agreed that there would be a village event when it is installed with Victoria Benn invited to report to let as many people as possible know about the defib. and its location.

Leak at Town Head: Stuart Naylor will dig a drainage trench across the track and let it soak away down the bank.

Road repairs in the village: There had been a reply to the letter sent after the last meeting saying that repairs will be made to Brayshaw Lane probably before the autumn. Regarding Brook St Bridge there had been no further communication from Dr Green from April 8th when she reported she had written to Mr John Smith of

NYCC commenting on its the poor condition and nothing has been heard from NYCC Bridges. The Clerk will write again.

SPS change to Basic Payment Scheme: This has a greater emphasis on environmental management of the land. The Clerk will write to Mr Robert Stockdale and ask him if he would put 6 sheep on Backstone Edge allotment between May and September to comply with the agreement. For the records she will request a reply confirming this.

Street Lights update: Cllr Hodge had not heard back but it turned out NYCC had lost the quote. It will be £400 to put a similar one as at the end of Chapel Lane outside Hebden Travel Lodge. Cllr Hodge will connect it up.

Tree work in the village: The trees that had suffered branch loss have been “tidied” as requested by YDNP. Further work on the cherry trees will wait till later in the year. The small trees by the roadside had been cleared by Cllr Hargreaves and Will Birtley (as part of his D of E volunteering work). It was agreed that Cllr Hodge would buy a tub of Roundup to kill off the stumps. Some of the brushwood has been put on the Old Tip with the agreement of Mark Longthorne.

Correspondence:

There was notification of the replacement mini buses by NYCC as no company had been willing to take over from Pennine Buses.

Julian Smith had written explaining that the Conservative Govt were amending the planning policy on wind farms to give greater protection to locally valued landscapes and so protect our “stunningly beautiful countryside”.

Accounts

Bank statement @ 07/05/14 C/A	£ 496.17
Bank statement @ 30/03/14 D/A	£5106.93
SBS bond	£5000.00
Monies received	
VAT repayment	£363.81
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor –grass cutting x2	£30.00
AON insurance for year from 1 st June	£324.22

Mr Gardner agreed to undertake the internal audit

Councillors read and agree to the signing of the year end accounts & VAT a/c (already posted on line)

Any other business: Cllr Joy had a large scale map that the Clerk could have photocopied and the Parish lands marked on.

As agreed at the last meeting Cllr Coney was to organise the footpath to be cleared but before the Cllrs had chance to do it Mr Longthorne had done it. The Clerk will write to say thank you.

Cllr Coney felt that there was still a danger with speeding vehicles and wondered if the Parish could erect its own sign. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again explaining that now the shop is across the main road for most of the villagers the speed limit should be 30mph.

Cllr Hodge reported that an original stone waymarker had been unearthed and it was agreed this should be preserved and if possible erected on the original old road side. Informal negotiations would be undertaken.

Cllr Hargreaves said there were more saplings to be cleared by the roadside and branches trimmed to improve road visibility.

Cllr Hodge reminded the Cllrs that he still had a bench in his garage that needed siting some time.

Cllr Stockdale suggested that the post box be put by the bus stop as that is more central for villagers and now the pub is no longer going to be a Post Office. The Clerk will contact Mr Renshaw, a Post Office change advisor, this suggestion.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 2nd July 2014** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm