

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 1st October 2014

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Hodge, Hargreaves, Stockdale

Apologies : Cllr Coney

Cllr Joy welcomed Emma Bancroft from David Hill who had come to tell the Cllrs about the changes to the grants that the Parish claims on the fields it owns.

She said that the SPS would become the Basic Payment Scheme and there should be a new claim form sent out next month which will have to be signed. Then registering and all returns will have to be made on line and it may mean Emma does this for the Council. The Clerk as a signatory will need an identity check by taking passport etc to the Post Office. The Environmental Scheme continues(ELS & HLS). The main problem is that probably there will be no dual use so only one person can claim. HPC would not be able to claim on the village fields at the same time as the farm tenants are claiming.

One option might be to let the tenants claim both BPS & ELS grants and the rent be increased accordingly as the Parish would then lose £420.00 in ELS. There would be a decrease in the grant for the “bog” The Cllrs didn’t want the responsibility of the day to day management of the fields nor any walling. Emma will keep the Council informed of the situation as it changes and takes effect. The Cllrs thanked her for coming.

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

Matters Arising:

YDNP and planning update: The barn conversion at Moorside Farm had been approved by 11 to 1 by Committee but as this was against the advice of the planners will have to go back to the next meeting. Cherry Trees conversion has been refused.

Telephone Box: Cllr Coney had researched the possibility of keeping the phone box, a classic 1953 design, and adopting it for the village. At present its on Linda Wilson’s land and BT will have to be contacted to arrange its disconnection and removal at a cost of £1. Cllr Hodge proposed and Cllr Hargreaves seconded that it should be adopted. Cllr Stockdale suggested it be sited at this end of the bridge parapet set back on to Parish land. The Clerk will contact BT and Mrs Wilson.

Electricity –re-siting of power line. A quote to dig a trench to remove the connection through the toilet was £680.00 +VAT from J Harker. Cllr Hargreaves felt it was best to leave the wiring as it is until the toilet block is put to new use. This was agreed by all. Cllr Hodge explained that he’d been in contact with NYCC about the outstanding electricity account and had to list the street lights, wattage etc. He’d contacted Grassington and their bill had also risen considerably. A revised invoiced had been received and it was agreed it would have to be paid. Cllr Hodge had contacted Scottish Power to check out a cheaper quote.

Open Spaces in the village: A line of leylandii had been planted parallel to Chapel Lane in a field that was behind the converted barn opposite the church. Some locals had commented that they believed this to be a protected Open Space. The Clerk is to report this to the YDNP and say that the Council was under the impression that the original planning application for the barn conversion included leaving the field as a field.

Defibrillator: Mr Robertshaw had sent an email to say that he was still awaiting delivery.

Doors in the Institute: Mr Bill Haig, the structural engineer, had suggested another joiner and he'd been to look at the overhead beam and said that it was possible to make a new sliding track for the doors. He has given a quote of £2816 + VAT and after discussion the Cllrs decided to accept this rather than the other quote previously received. The Clerk will sign the acceptance after checking the terms and conditions. It was agreed that this expense was for the village and to the benefit of the local residents and had been under discussion with the Institute committee for a considerable time. The money from the Easement had been kept for such a village project. Cllr Stockdale will liaise with them about possible disruption as the work is undertaken.

Brook Street Bridge: The article about the condition of the bridge had appeared in the Craven Herald and NYCC had stated that repairs would be undertaken in the next financial year. This was noted and NYCC Bridges kept to this commitment.

Correspondence:

Windle Beech Winthrop had again written suggesting the Parish might claim against YEDL for the disruption caused by rewiring the village. There was no such claim.

95 Alive had replied that their road speed testing had resulted in insufficient speeding vehicles over the 40 mph limit and only one accident reported in the last 3 years and so there was no further action to be taken.

CDC Budget Consultation. Cllr Hargreaves took the paper copy and said he'd look at it and come back to the Cllrs if there was anything significant for Hebden. The Clerk read out the web site for any Cllr to individually reply.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 29/09/14 C/A	£ 384.16
Bank statement s/a@ 29/09/14 D/A	£5707.52
SBS bond	£5000.00

Payments for approval

Stuart Naylor –grass cutting Aug	£30.00
NYCC Lighting for last year	£771.95
S Ely ½ year Feb – Sept	£350.00
S Ely exps for above	£ 10.02

PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors, had returned the Annual return and since there'd been no queries and it had been approved their invoice was for £0.00. The good work of the internal auditor was commended.

Any other business:

There being no new concerns the meeting ended.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute.

