

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12th November 2014

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

Apologies : None

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2014, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

YDNP and planning update: Moorside Farm application had been approved despite the Officer's recommendation to refuse. The strong views of HPC were accepted. No 1 Brook St- there was concern about the strength of Brook St bridge and the location of the parking bays and this had been expressed in the letter sent to YDNP. The Clerk circulated the letter before forwarding to the Planning Dept.

Query about Land letting: there is only one more year for the tenancy agreements to run. Since other residents had asked about their ability to bid in the next round the Clerk is to contact Emma Bancroft and ask for advice. There was good news that for the present dual use is to be permitted.

Open Spaces in the village: The reply received from YDNP was not clear about the trees planted in the field behind Green Farm Barn. The Clerk is to write again and say that HPC believes that there is a breach in the planning conditions and there has been a valid complaint received.

Defibrillator update: The Clerk had contacted Brian Robertshaw but had received as yet no reply.

Doors in Institute: The Clerk had checked with SLCC & CDC to make sure the now increased costs were still a permitted expense before posting off the acceptance of the quote for £ 2816 + VAT to Timber works Ltd. Cllr Stockdale had heard back that they were very busy but would be starting asap.

Replacement tree planting: Part of the agreement to fell the trees was for 2 replacements per tree. This has been deferred till next year.

ROSPA report on the playground: There was still concern about the seesaw and the ground by the slide. Cllr Hodge took the report and will make the necessary repairs to ensure no adverse insurance litigation is possible.

Hebden Phone box: An email had been received from John Sherlock of BT and it has been agreed that the box is on Linda's land and that HPC will adopt it. Meanwhile he has requested that the mains electricity be disconnected. A kiosk adoption contract is to be sent to HPC. The Cllrs will look again in daylight as to the possible new site. Cllr Coney was concerned that it would not be properly visible if walled in and Cllr Stockdale was concerned that the drain would be running underneath if placed where first suggested.

Correspondence

YDNP trees in Hebden: Permission had been granted to crown raise and thin trees at No5,7 & 10 Hebden Lodge.

YWA private sewage pumping: There were no known such pumping stations in Hebden so no action was necessary.

Community emergency action plan: Cllr Coney will look into this and report back to the Cllrs at the next meeting.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 10/11/14 C/A

£ 515.39

Bank statement s/a@ 10/11/14 D/A

£4508.23

SBS bond	£5000.00
Monies received	
Barclays interest	£0.71
YEDL wayleave	£84.10
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor –grass cutting Aug	£30.00
Playsafety Ltd playground inspection	£78.00
P Hodge- reimburse for 2 street lights	£72.12

Precept discussion

The Cllrs were given the figures from the Clerk and after they'd had time to consider the recommendation there were several questions. Tree work is to be deferred. Costs for the moving of the phone box were considered but until it's decided where to put it this is an uncertain expense. It was felt that there were sufficient funds available for this anyway.

The income for this coming year from the Parish land is known as the tenants have fixed rents and the Natural England grants are now secure for the present with Dual Use being agreed. After further discussion the Cllrs agreed that there was no need to ask CDC for a precept. Cllr Joy as Chairman signed the form and Cllr Hargreaves & Hodge also signed.

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Cllr Stockdale was concerned that the drainage at Town Hill will move the problem lower down the hill. The main concern at icing at the top corner will go but there may be ice on the road. There is no drain for the run off to go into and it runs down and into the beck by the bridge. The Cllrs will monitor the situation as winter proceeds.

The school consultation had been sent after the cut off date so no action could be taken there. Skipton Library has been designated as a "core" centre so should be kept open, if run more by volunteers. The Clerk had shown concern about the reference library being maintained.

Mr K Longthorne had again stopped Cllrs and stated the holly tree opposite obscured his view. It was agreed to do nothing.

Cllr Stockdale wanted to know how long Linda's caravan would be in the main street but it was moved there for a bonfire so it's assumed it will now be returned to the Tip.

There is a water leak into the B6265 near the bank top and Moorside Farm. The Clerk will report this to YWA. Cllr Hodge is still looking to try to find a cheaper electricity supplier. He wanted ownership of the piece of land behind the Institute to be resolved and its future use secured. If there is a Statutory Declaration made after 12 years HPC might take it over. Cllr Joy will have an informal chat with Robert Foster to get his opinion.

Cllr Coney will arrange another leaf clearing day in the village. Cllr Hargreaves reported that the stone "guard" on the side of Brook St bridge had been moved. He will ask Stuart Naylor to cement it back in place when he's working nearby.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 7th January 2015** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.