

Hebden Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 1st April 2015

Present: Thirteen local government electors, being Cllrs Coney, Hodge, Hargreaves, Joy, (Chairman) Stockdale, Ms S Ely (Clerk)
Mrs M Hargreaves, Mr I Simpson, Mr J Richards, Mrs C Birtley, Mrs M Holmes, Mr R Holmes, Mr R Foster (CDC representative)

Apologies: none

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2014 were read and Mrs Hargreaves proposed their approval and Mr Richards seconded.

Matters Arising:

NYCC had said that they would survey Brook Street Bridge in the coming financial year.

The hedge and trees in a garden between Chapel & Church Lane were not in breach of the YDNP planning consent so no further action was possible.

The bottle bank in Colvend had been removed at the request of local residents as it was too noisy and there was another in the car park by the Town Hall.

The street light down by Hebden Hall Park had been looked at by NYCC and the pole deemed too rotten for the new light fitting so no further action has been taken as no resident has complained at the lack of light there.

The triangle of land behind the paraffin shed ownership had been checked with the Land Registry and was owned by 3 bankrupt people away from Hebden so this would now be put on file.

The Chairman noted that YDNP did take more notice of the Parish and strong views, as in Moorside Farm, were now considered.

Chairman's Report:

Cllr Joy referred the residents to the Parish Newsletter for the main activities undertaken by the Parish and the financial figures for the previous year.

Cllr Joy said that there was now a defibrillator in the village kept in the porch of the tea rooms and Cllr Coney was hoping to become a responder. He and the Clerk will contact Mr M de Montfort to make sure it is registered with the NHS to become "active".

The telephone box has been adopted for £1 and placed with permission from YDNP & Highways on the corner of B6265.

The suggestion that an extra street light on the main road would lead to a 30mph limit will be looked at by the Council.

The Cllrs will do some more path clearing work in the village.

Cllr R Foster (CDC) reported that it is being trialled for local residents to use a given radar gun and then inform the Police of speeding motorists who will send out a warning letter to the driver.

The solution to the refuse wagon going over Brook St Bridge would be to have a collection point this side. Mr Holmes wondered if the bridge could be given a weight limit. The problem of second home owners and those unable to drag the bin a distance was considered altho CDC has provision for disabled residents.

Cllr Foster said that it would help if CDC informed HPC when street cleaning was to be undertaken so signs could go up asking people to keep it clear on the next day.

The query about grass cutting in the village was to be discussed at the later Parish meeting.

Matters of Public Interest

Mr Richards pointed out the bad pot hole by the bridge and of those on Back Lane. The Clerk will write to Highways. He wondered on the use of the phone box once it is moved and thought newspapers could be kept there for villagers to collect. Consent has now been finally given so it will be moved and re-sited in concrete as it's an old and valuable model. Mrs Hargraves was pleased it was to be kept as it was part of the village. Mr Simpson asked and was told that it would be on land owned by Highways and permission had been given. It was noted that trees had not been planted to replace those felled and this would have now to wait till autumn. Cllr Stockdale felt that any new tree in the village should be one with maximum growth of 30 feet.

Mr Simpson asked about the "porch" outside Bridge House and it was explained that HPC had contacted CDC Building Regulations Dept with a fire risk concern and a representative had been to look but when he arrived it appeared to be being demolished. The matter is on hold at present.

Cllr Foster (CDC) wanted to know about high speed broadband reception in the village as there was grant money for BT to expand coverage.

Cllr Stockdale was concerned about the future of the Institute that for 50 years has been run by volunteers but with increasing difficulty for lack of funds. He wanted the village to decide how it should be supported. Mrs Birtley said that there wasn't enough interest by the villagers and it was now running at a loss. Many village halls are supported by their local council. Mrs Hargraves said that it didn't help with so many second home in the village, often empty, and that this leads to a loss of community spirit and a greater burden on the rest. Cllr Joy thanked Cllr Stockdale for raising the point and the Council would explore ways to support the Institute and would further discuss at a later meeting the suggestion that letters be sent to all home owners explaining the situation.

Cllr Stockdale was concerned at the dangerous corner by Half Way House and beyond where there have been many accidents and a fatality. It is not in Hebden Parish but residents use the road. He said that the wall should be taken back to give a clear view. The Clerk will add this to the letter to Highways.

Mr Simpson wanted to know how far back the Council records went as there was a query about the parcel of land by the beck that must once have been Parish land and he wanted to know when it had been sold. It was suggested it was use in the original bridge building but no Cllr knew when the land was sold.

Mr Richards thanked the Council for keeping the street clean and all the work undertaken by the Cllrs. Cllr Foster was thanked for attending. Mrs Hargraves also thanked the Cllrs

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

