

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 1st April 2015

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

Apologies : none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 18th February 2015, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on the ELS & HLS registration: The Clerk had received several documents and checked the parish fields and ticked the relevant boxes. After contacting Emma Bancroft about a new form she said she'd put it in the post and the Clerk will complete it and then return them to the Skipton office. Emma can check all is correct and make a note to Natural England that the Clerk will now sign for the Parish as all post comes to her anyway.

NYCC street lighting time change: This will not affect HPC as it owns the lights.

Telephone box: This has been disconnected and the phone removed. Cllr Hodge will contact James Harker about moving it to the new site and it can be refurbished when there. Its use will be decided later.

Update on wayleave underpass on Backstone Edge Lane: Mr Henfrey is no longer responsible and Cllr Joy will again try to speak to Mr David White about his use of the lane.

The future of the Institute: This had been discussed at the Annual meeting and it was hoped to be able to give general support and perhaps use Parish funds. It needs promoting for more use and will be further discussed at a future meeting.

YDNP reply on Green Farm Barn: There had been no breach of the planning consent so there is no further action to be taken.

Gutters on the main road bridge and the pavement opposite the pub: This is a Highways matter as the land doesn't belong to the Council.

Wall gaps & moles: This had been raised by a resident but without knowing where these were there was nothing the Council could do.

Extra Street Light to reduce speed limit: Cllr Joy had looked at the web site but it seemed unlikely that it was as straight forward as the resident had suggested. Cllr Hodge said the cost of a new light could be over £10,000. The Clerk will contact Mr R. Foster (CDC Cllr) to get more details about the radar gun.

Holly tree in the ghyll: The Clerk will look back in the files to see what Mr Hibbs from the YDNP said about it last time and report back at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

NYCC grass cutting letter: This confusing letter was mainly dismissed and the form returned with appropriate boxes ticked.

CDC Collection points : This did not concern Hebden.

Le Petit Depart: It was noted that this would take place on 31st May

Local Plan: Cllr Joy explained that the main point of interest to Hebden concerned the change in housing, local occupancy and affordable housing with some relaxation in their rules. Cllr Coney asked if Open Spaces would be subject to housing but Cllr Joy thought they were still protected. The plan is to encourage more people to work and live in the Dales.

YDNP Planning C/41/40E: There was no objection to the erection of a summer house at Green House.

Cllr Joy took no part in the reply to the planning application for a biomass boiler at Hole Bottom.

Grass Cutting in the village: The Clerk had received an email about this with a query as to who would continue to do this after Mr Thwaite left. It is not Parish land so a resident will have to do it if they so desire.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 26/03/15 C/A	£ 933.22
Bank statement s/a@ 26/03/15 D/A	£4309.38
SBS bond	£5000.00
Monies received	
Mr Ferguson –wayleave	£7.50
Barclays interest	£0.55
Payments for approval	
Timberworks Ltd bal due on doors	£979.20
NYCC for year's street lights	£749.74

Cllr Stockdale asked that the chq to Timberworks be held until minor adjustments have been made to the doors.

Cllr Hodge had phoned electricity suppliers to try to get a reduced street light bill but had found no company prepared to consider it.

The Cllrs agreed that Mr Gardener be asked to undertake the internal audit again and noted that after his inspection last year there had been no queries from Littlejohn and thus a nil invoice from them.

Any other business:

Cllr Hargreaves noted that the drain put in by Stuart in Mount Pleasant was working. Mr P Bowdin had complained that delivery vans were driving over the corner and on to the verge. It was suggested a boulder might be placed there.

Martyn de Montfort will be asked to ensure the new defibrillator is coded for use by the public.

The Chairman will be elected at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on Wednesday 27th May 2015 in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.