

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 27th May 2015

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

Apologies: none

Election of Chairman-Cllr Stockdale proposed Cllr Joy and Cllr Hargreaves seconded. Cllr Joy accepted and took the chair and signed the Acceptance Notice.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 1st April 2015, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on the BPS registration and news from Emma B. There had been an email with a query about the “bog” being Common land. The Clerk will email back stating that Hebden PC owns the land and in the past let it out to a local farmer.

Reply to Highways letter of council’s concerns: Many of the pot holes had been repaired and those on Brayshaw Lane are scheduled for October. Highways stated that the corner on the B6265 near Half Way House was not on their high risk sites. The Clerk is to write again saying that there had been 2 fatalities and that in the past land had been bought by NYCC to take out the bend, it was believed, but this had not been done. The high wall still obscured the sharp bend travelling from Hebden.

Telephone box - Lamberts haven’t been back in contact so Cllr Hodge will follow this up. He will arrange for any materials that might be needed. It is planned to use it for newspapers from the Grassington newsagent for locals to collect.

Update on Wayleaves- underpass on Backstone Edge Lane : While Mr White farms the land on either side it wasn’t clear whether he was prepared to accept the wayleave. If he refuses then it will be filled in for safety reasons. Only No 1 Brook Street wayleave is still outstanding.

Cleaner Craven survey: The Clerk will complete this and state that the villagers keep Hebden tidy and do not employ anyone to do it.

Brook Street Bridge repairs: NYCC Highways are to re-point and grout the bridge and generally make good probably in August/September when the bridge will be closed. This will include the removal of a small tree as its roots are undermining the bridge. The need to ban the Refuse wagon from crossing the bridge after the repairs was discussed and NYCC are to be asked to put a 7.5 t weight restriction on it. Residents of Brook Street will have to take their wheelie bins across to the other side and possibly place opposite beside Bridge House. Cllr Hodge will check to see if this is Parish land. This will also restrict any heavy vehicles when No 1 Brook St has building works.

YDNP Planning withdrawal of application: Green House timber summerhouse has been withdrawn.

Community speed watch: This is being trialled in 4 areas with high visibility volunteers checking vehicle speeds with the intention of “driver education”. If it is continued Mr J Wilkinson, Chief Inspector, Partnership Hub, NY Police HQ will be back in touch.

Holly tree up the Ghyll: It was felt that now Mr K Longthorne had moved this was no longer a problem. The Clerk will keep the decision on the tree from YDNP on file.

Bridge End House: Some villagers had complained that the boiler shed still was there even if it was half dismantled. It was thought that the boiler had been moved and in time this wooden eyesore would be removed.

NYCC bus consultation: The Clerk had attended the consultation meeting where about 50 local residents had objected to the suggestion that there be only one bus every 2 hours between Grassington and Skipton with no buses up the Dale or to Hebden and Ilkley via Burnsall. The Clerk is to write to our MP Mr Smith and Mrs S Marshall our NYCC representative giving the Council's objection to this cut to the local bus services.

YDNP Planning- Bridge House: There was an application to divide the house into 2 (retrospective as this has already happened). There were no objections so the Clerk will email on the 28th this being the last day to make comment.

Correspondence

Zurich insurance: The Clerk had received various calls and information about their insurance cover. The Parish decided to stay with AON.

Standards Committee: CDC had not received any nominations so had put this on hold till after the elections.

Wind turbines- Julian Smith had written to say that the Planning Inspectorate had upheld the decision to refuse permission for 100m high wind turbines on Brightenber Hill near Gargrave.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 07/05/15 C/A	£ 383.30
Bank statement s/a@ 07/05/15 D/A	£3109.38
SBS bond- 90 day	£5000.00

Monies received

Mr Bullough –wayleave	£2.50
YEDL wayleave	£17.52
VAT repayment	£855.92
Payments for approval	
AON insurance for the year from 01/06/15	£324.22
NYCC removal of light bracket by Pat Hodkins	£23.84
Stuart Naylor grass cutting 17 th & 30 th April	£30.00

The Cllrs were then all given the Internal Audit report to read (see attached).

Cllrs Hodge, Coney & Hargreaves had spent some time making the required repairs in the playground but agreed that they hadn't done so within the 60 days of the ROSPA report. As in the report consideration will be given to any incidents reported over the use of the slide and any adaptations made as necessary. There has been no known incident but it will be monitored. The overall risk level was low. The Clerk is to read the new AON insurance renewal and report back to the next meeting any relevant changes. The Clerk will prepare a report for the street lighting expenditure after summarising costs over the last 5 years as suggested.

Annual return to the external auditors: The Clerk asked the Cllrs to read the year end summary and then the figures entered on the Return. The differences from last year were explained. It was agreed all was correct and the Chairman signed. The Clerk then read out all the statements regarding the accurate and safe keeping of the accounts and these were all agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk signed. This will now be posted to Littlejohns with the Bank reconciliation, reasons for the differences from last year and the contact details of the Clerk & Chairman.

The Cllrs thanked Mr Gardner and the Clerk for their work in preparing these accounts and the Annual Return.

Any other Business:

Cllr Coney had been approached about the problem of tourist parking in the village and the suggestion that there should be an Honesty Box placed with the money collected put to some village need as apparently happens in Malham. This was discussed with the query who'd be responsible for the money and the problem that such boxes are frequently vandalised. As this has been previously considered with a visit from Highways and Shelagh Marshall it was not felt possible to pursue any further. The road doesn't belong to the Parish and VAT would be due on the money collected with extra work involved.

Cllr Hargreaves reported that the fence across the beck by the cattle gate had rotted and was no longer a barrier. It was agreed that he will ask Stuart Naylor to replace the fence.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 8th July 2015** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.