

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 8th July 2015

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

Apologies: none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 27th May 2015, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Further correspondence with rpa : The Clerk had heard back from Emma Bancroft that the rpa agreed that “the bog” is a registered Common with ref CL0082 and that HPC is the owner and there are no grazing rights. She had written that there is a new form that she will complete to take this into account and that also requires all the other HPC land be entered although no claim is made on it for BPS. The Clerk had received a Livestock form from Natural England and had asked Mr R Stockdale what sheep he was putting up on the land between May & September. He said he’d have 6 hill ewes and the form was filled in but not sent. Another letter had come from Nat Eng stating DEFRA had agreed to postpone introducing this new requirement. The Clerk has emailed Emma for an update.

Brook street bridge response: Mr Mellor from NYCC Highways had a reply from Bridges to say Brook St Bridge was capable of carrying 40tonnes and that they cannot impose a weight limit as it would have to be a traffic safety issue and they didn’t believe it was. Highways is committed to repairing the bridge in Aug/Sept and Cllr Hargreaves felt that possibly after it had been done they might reconsider. There had been no reply to the request that the refuse wagon didn’t cross over. The Clerk had heard that central collecting refuse points are being introduced by CDC and wondered if Brook St might be included.

Update on Bridge End House: The oil tank and boiler had at last been removed from the front and was believed now to be inside the house.

Telephone box - successful move! Lamberts had resited it at no cost and Cllr Hargreaves & Cllr Hodge had given him case of beer as a thank you. Cllr Hodge had cemented it in and driven to Knottingly to buy the special paint as agreed by the Cllrs by email. Cllr Hodge will wire brush it down and repaint it. The hydraulic closer fitted on the inside is not possible to repair but the bungee rope is keeping the door shut. Cllr Coney will make a notice to put up inside to tell the public that the defibrillator is kept in the School House cafe porch.

Update on Wayleaves: The Clerk had sent an email to Mr Hare and he had agreed to pay the Backstone Edge underpass wayleave so an invoice was sent and it has been paid. The brother of Mr Sharpe has paid the wayleave for the land by the beck of No 1 Brook St.

Reply from Julian Smith about bus consultation: He had sent on the Parish concern to David Bowe of NYCC and stressed that these are remote communities and he wouldn’t like to see them without an adequate service but it is the Councils decision which will be made in December.

Concern at the increase in cycling in the Dales: The Clerk had received an email from the Clerk to Appletreewick asking if Hebden shared their concerns for the impact of the increasing number of cyclists riding through the local parishes. The Clerk is to reply that while HPC sympathises and will discuss it with the parishioners and the next annual meeting it feels that there is no way they can be stopped.

Playground: The work had been carried out on the see-saw but then the Clerk had read in AON insurance that the playground must be checked every week. She said she’d do this.

Cattle gate over the beck: Cllr Hargreaves has spoken to Stuart and he will send an estimate for a new fence to the Clerk.

The caravan in main Street: It is hoped that as it is again on ebay it will this time be sold and removed. If it is still there at the next meeting then the Council will take action.

Correspondence:

NYCC Parish rep: There were no nominations

Standards Committee: CDC had written again as there had been no nominations in the previously sent out request. There were no nominations from HPC.

Wind turbines- Julian Smith had written to say that the Govt will see to the law being changed to give local communities a final say over the planning decisions for new on shore wind farms. The law will be changed to end billpayer subsidies for new on shore wind farms from April 2016.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 07/07/15 C/A	£ 323.66
Bank statement s/a@ 07/05/15 D/A	£3709.38
SBS bond	£5000.00

Monies received

Mr Hare –wayleave underpass Backstone Edge	£2.50
Mr Sharpe No 1 Brook St	£5.00
Mr Longthorne rent for Tip	£25.00
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor grass cutting 15 th & 27 th May	£30.00
Peter Hodge for telephone box siting and paint	£94.15

The Clerk had looked up the electricity costs with repairs over the last 8 years and handed out to the Cllrs her spreadsheet. It was agreed that a further amount of £500 be put into the annual precept budget to cover the costs of street light repairs.

Any other business: Trees were again growing out of the stonework of the main road bridge. Cllrs Hodge & Hargreaves agreed to cut them back and kill the stumps. Cllr Stockdale felt that the alder growing between the bridges should be removed as it obscured the classic view of the old bridge. The Cllrs agreed to go to look at the tree after the meeting and consider this proposal.

There had been another resident complain about the parking in the village but the Council had tried in the past to resolve this matter without success.

Cllr Hargreaves was concerned that while Brook St Bridge was being repaired traffic would have to use the Orchard Lane which wasn't really suitable and would need attention before use. This would be a Highways matter.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 19th August 2015** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.