

## Hebden Parish Council

### **Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Hargreaves.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> September, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Electricity supply to street lights : The 3 street lights were off from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> October and a letter from npower was due but hadn't come. Cllr Hodge will follow this up with Rachel Wallbank of CDC. Cllr Hodge was thanked for all the work he was doing regarding the lights. He was awaiting the estimate from P Ball from NYCC to give an estimate for a new pillar and underground wiring to the light no 8.

The Clerk mentioned that the wayleave paid to residents for a light on their property was due at the end of December. Since many of these lights are no longer working and there was now some query about absent residents it was decided to put this matter in abeyance.

Highways and the bridge works on the main road and Brook Street: Work had started on the Brook Street Bridge repairs and a letter from NYCC stated the road over the bridge could be closed for 4 weeks with access via Orchard Lane. Pedestrian access will not be affected. It was noted that while Highways had recently sent a letter in reply to the Council saying no work needed to be done to the culverts by the main road bridge this had actually been undertaken only a couple of weeks later.

NYCC reply about parking : The reply stated that there was "no funding allocated to assess or implement residents parking schemes. This position will be reviewed again early next year" The Clerk will hold this on file for the Annual Residents meeting in March.

Retaining wall between Brook Street and the footbridge: A quote from Stuart had been received for doing the job for £96 inc VAT. All the Cllrs agreed to accept this and the Clerk will inform him. It was noted that the fencing by the beck still needed doing and it was assumed Stuart was very busy.

Visit by G Garrett and tree work to be done plus tree planting: Cllr Hodge had made a plan of the agreed treework as all the Cllrs walked around with Mr Garrett. Cllr Joy had signed a form and been told the Council would receive a report which as yet hadn't arrived. When the leaves are down Cllr Hodge & Cllr Coney will undertake to do the branch trimming as had been agreed.

Cllr Hodge will ask Tina if she still has the lime trees as these could now be planted on the bank to replace the felled chestnuts. The main cost will be the post and rail to protect them and it was agreed this could be bought from Daggetts as before. It will be further discussed at the December meeting.

NY Police Safer Neighbourhood team and visit : The Clerk will reply that a visit could be arranged in the spring/summer and will be back in touch in due course. The Cllrs would then raise again the speed limit through the village.

Queries about Land Letting: This had been rolled over for an extra year and some villagers had been unhappy that this had been done without their knowledge. The present tenants will need to be informed in January that the agreement will end Jan 2017. The Clerk will contact Emma Bancroft to ensure the use of the correct wording for this termination. It was further discussed that there could then be another sealed bid auction to last 3 years rent from 2017 to 2020.

Report back on Parish Forum Meeting: Cllr Hargreaves had attended and sent the Cllrs a brief report. The main points raised were to do with affordable housing. Cllr Hargreaves

felt it had been worthwhile attending and volunteered to the next meeting in 6 months time.

### **Correspondence**

Netherside Hall are having an open day on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> with tours at 10.30, 12.30 & 2.00pm. There will be a family bonfire from 3-4pm.

Yorks Dales Access Forum Membership: No Cllr wished to apply.

BPS update: A leaflet had been received showing a timetable and payments should be come out in December. The Clerk had asked Emma who emailed that the Council could expect about £1060. Someone from Natural England had phoned the Clerk asking about the “bog” as she hoped to visit it that day. She seemed a bit surprised she couldn’t drive there. There has been no follow up from her.

YDNP planning-Garage at no 5 Chapel Lane: There was some surprise that these hand drawn plans had been accepted but the replacement garage was considered an improvement so there were no objections.

### Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 28/09/15 C/A	£218.98
Bank statement s/a@ 28/09/15 D/A	£2710.27
SBS bond	£5000.00

### Monies received

YEDL wayleave	£86.36
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### Payments for approval

Playsafety Ltd for annual inspection	£78.00
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The report was given to the Cllrs and it was carefully considered. There was no remedial work that needed doing and all were given low risk status but Cllr Hodge took the report to review further. Stuart still hadn’t replaced the rusted bar. Cllr Hodge & Coney will continue to monitor the safety of the playground.

Due consideration was given to discuss the precept figures as prepared by the Clerk. It was pointed out that the 3 year land letting meant that the rent was known and secured over that time. It was decided that for the coming year it wasn’t necessary to pay for a tree inspection after the visit by G.Garrett and the permitted branch cutting. Cllr Joy said that the council needed to keep a reserve of £2000 for unknown expenses. While the estimated expense exceeded the income for 2016 the bond of £5000 was still there if the electricity costs were greater than that allowed in the figures. By the next meeting in December it was hoped to have the estimate from NYCC for the new street lighting works of a pillar and underground wiring. This work could wait till the spring to be undertaken. It was agreed that the Council would not need a precept for the coming year.

Martyn had been in touch to say that he was planning a Defib meeting at the Threshfield Fire Station sometime in December. When there was a date the villagers would be informed. Cllr Coney had made a new notice to go in the phone box and all agreed it was better and he was thanked for this.

**Any other business:** Cllr Coney suggested they wait till all the leaves were down and Cllr Hargreaves there to help before they swept the village street.

Cllr Hodge had done the evaluation of the bus service on behalf of Hebden but he said he’d heard nothing more about a follow up meeting. There was no mention of Hebden. NYCC had another meeting in December but it was felt the cuts would happen regardless of these meetings and objections.

### **Date of next meeting:**

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.

