

Hebden Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 16th March 2016

Present: Seventeen local government electors, being Cllrs Coney, Hodge, Hargreaves, Joy, (Chairman) Stockdale, Ms S Ely (Clerk)
Mrs M Hargraves, Mr I Simpson, Mr J Richards, Mr M White, Mrs J White, Mrs B Jowett, Mr J Jowett, Mrs S Moore, Mr M Longthorne, Mr P Bowdin, Mr C Goodwin.

Apologies: none

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2015 were read and Mrs Hargraves proposed their approval and Mr Coney seconded.

Matters Arising:

Many matters from last year had been done. Brook Street Bridge has been repaired with some final work to be done in the summer. The phone box was in place and used for newspaper collection. The pot holes had been repaired and the village now has fast broadband reception. Trees had been planted and the defibrillator is now properly installed with some residents attending a morning session about its use. There is to be a separate meeting about the village shop at the Clarendon. Residents had been updated with a circular about the Institute finances and how they could help.

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. There will be no precept again this year. The land owned by the Parish provided the income and the main expense was for the street lighting. The four year term of office comes to an end in May so election information about necessary paperwork from CDC will be posted on the Notice Board for any prospective councillors when it is received by the Clerk.

Matters of Public Interest

An email from Rosie Jowett suggested that branches overhung the road up the ghyll opposite East View and needed cutting back. This would be discussed later. Mr Jowett proposed that NYCC had a duty to keep roads clear and Cllr Hargreaves seconded. This would be discussed later.

Mrs Taylor had complained about traffic speeding through the village and 95 Alive had gathered speed data and the NY Police would analyse this and get back in touch. Mrs Hargraves proposed that there should be danger signs erected for cyclists on the approach to Dibbles Bridge and Mr Jowett seconded this. Cllr Joy said that while it was outside Hebden Parish it was in the village interest to ensure the safety of cyclists. Mr Simpson asked if a Cllr had attended the inquest on the latest fatality and was told no. The Clerk will write to the Welcome to Yorkshire about this matter with the Tour de Yorkshire using the hill on 29th April and passing through the village. Mrs Hargraves was concerned about broken walls at the road sides and the Cllrs will look to identify specific places.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr M White concerning High Green and access to Mount Pleasant. Mrs Jowett suggested that posts and a chain with a padlock be put in the relevant place to protect the Green and 2 local residents keep

keys. Mr Jowett said a combination lock would be better. The agency who let the holiday cottage No2 have been told about the problem of visitors driving to the property and hopefully they will correct their information and directions. Mr White thought his only right of access was up the grassy slope and will check with his deeds. Cllr Stockdale wondered about the legal rights to the properties and the width of the bridleway and this will be further investigated. The Cllrs will have a site visit when the days are longer. Cllr Joy appreciated and thanked the residents for coming and explaining the situation. Mrs Hodkins had circulated residents about a way for anyone who bought goods on line could get about 1.5% for the Institute by using a given web address. It was an easy way for the Institute to get money. Cllr Coney said that it would be possible to put a link on the new website being developed. It was hoped more social events could be organised like Cllr Hodge's Antarctic talk. Mrs Hargraves would appreciate any photos of old Hebden for her exhibition later in the year.

Mrs Hargraves asked about drainage on High Green but Cllr Joy replied that it had been an exceptionally wet winter. Mr Bowdin said that the drainage undertaken by Stuart Naylor had worked at Town Hill.

Mrs Moore asked for a dog waste bin on Back Lane and felt there should be more signs erected. There was a fear that these bins might be removed as part of NYCC cut backs. Cllr Coney had been asked about moving a bin to the bottom of the hill by the gate to the river. This would be discussed later.

Mr Simpson wanted to know if there was any progress on the Toilets. Mr de Montfort was looking into the possibility of taking over the building and making a unisex/disabled toilet in half the building and storage in the other. He is in discussion with CDC and they are to contact the Parish. Mrs Hargraves wanted the Toilets reopened for visitors. She also asked about the state of repair of Backstone Edge Lane and was told nothing had been done by the Parish in years.

Mr Simpson asked about the name change of Mount Pleasant from Town Hill but Cllr Joy said that Town Hill was the name of the area round the Green and as far as he knew the terrace was always Mount Pleasant.

Mrs Hargraves thanked Cllr Hodge for the work he'd done in the moving of the telephone box and its repainting. All agreed and gave their thanks.

Mr J Richards pointed out the potholes in the gaps left unrepaired by NYCC down toward the river and likewise on Back Lane. This is a matter for Highways.

Cllr Joy thanked everyone for attending and Mrs Hargraves thanked the Cllrs for their work done for the Parish.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.26pm.