

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th April 2016

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

Apologies: none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2016, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters arising:

Town Hill and the Village Green: The Cllrs met for a site visit and decided that wooden posts should be erected to stop the erosion on to the grass by vehicles. It was also decided to place one in front of the gate of Peter Bowdin's garden to stop the possibility of vehicular access. The possibility of providing parking spaces was also considered. The Clerk is to write to Mr Whyte, Mrs Jowett & Mr Bowdin to inform them of this decision. Cllr Hodge had a Land Registry plan of the Green so that the posts could be positioned correctly. Stuart Naylor will be contacted and shown where the posts are to be placed. A 6x6 post will be erected at the bottom corner where the Green has been most eroded.

Agreement that Stuart Naylor puts up the Xmas tree lights: This had been circulated by email previously and the Cllrs agreed that they would cover half the cost. Cllr Stockdale pointed out that the tree had to be clipped in the summer so this will be passed on.

The Toilets and Martyn's plans: The Clerk had replied to CDC but it was felt that Martyn needed to have further discussions with CDC about the long term responsibilities. The Cllrs wanted it made clear that he would be taking on all ongoing costs and wanted a full proposal. They had nothing in principle against it. Cllr Hodge will speak to Martyn.

Wall repairs – The Stripe: It was thought that since the wall is close to and below the road that Highways were responsible for its repair. The Clerk will contact Highways.

Up date on the electricity works: The Clerk gave out a review of electricity costs in recent years and the expected expense of the work to be undertaken to put in the new line and separate the toilet from the 3 street lights LP7 LP8 & LP9. It was decided to tell Stuart that his quote is accepted and that he can start as soon as he's able on digging the trench. Cllr Hodge has the pipe and hazard tape.

Reply to Highway issues: The repairs to Dibbles Bridge were finished but Highways were not prepared to put up a special warning for cyclists. Repairs to the potholes down main street had been made.

Update on the new web site: This was now up and running as designed by Duncan Lawson. All the Cllrs agreed that it was good and confirmed that they would pay £150 as previously agreed. The Clerk will ask daelnet for a new email address for Hebden PC so she can be the contact. Cllr Hodge and Coney will help in the updating and Mr Lawson will be paid £25 to hosting the site for 2 years. Cllr Coney will ask Mrs Carlisle if she would like a page for the Neighbourhood Watch. Businesses in the village can be asked to be on the site for a small fee that could go to the Council/ Mr Lawson.

Correspondence:

The Parish had received a Commemorative medal for the Queen's birthday. Cllr Hodge took it and will circulate the village to see if any residents would like one.

The Clerk had received the forms for the Annual Return. It was agreed to ask Mr J Gardner if he would be so kind as to act as Internal Auditor again.

YDNP had given permission to cut down the cherry tree opposite East View but it will now wait till after it's flowered.

The New bus service: The Clerk will contact Shelagh Marshall to express the village concern that the last bus back to Hebden from Grassington is at lunch time (MWF) and it goes via Bolton Abbey and takes over an hour.

The Boundary Walk will be on Sunday 12th June, the day after the Street party. This now has official road closure from Chapel Lane towards the main road.

The Forum meeting that Cllr Hargreaves had missed was much about climate change and very little concerning Hebden but Cllr Joy said he would attend the next meeting.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 14 /03/16 C/A	£877.45
Bank statement s/a@ 14/03/16 D/A	£5611.02
SBS bond	£5000.00
Monies received	
Rpa basic Payment Scheme (the bog)	£1011.03
YEDL wayleave	£17.52

Payments for approval

NYCC street lights 2015-2016	£718.19
Duncan Lawson web site and 2yrs web hosting	£175.00
AON annual insurance	£334.93

It was decided not to pay this as a better offer had been received by Zurich of £226.67. The Clerk will contact them for a full quote as the renewal date isn't till June 1st.

End of year figures and forms to sign. The Clerk gave out the annual summary and apologised for a date error on the Payments and corrected it before Cllr Joy signed. He also checked and signed the VAT figures and the Bank Reconciliation.

Any other business:

Cllr Coney had been asked to complain about the dog waste opposite the Clarendon. It is not a Parish matter so the Cllrs are not responsible.

Cllr Hargreaves was concerned about the second homes/holiday homes in the village and the lack of community. He felt that a second high tax should be added to homes not permanently lived in. Sadly is not within the powers of the Council to do what's needed.

Cllr Joy thanked Cllr Hargreaves for his time as a Cllr. He also said it was an end of an era with the resignation of Cllr Stockdale as there was no longer a farmer on the Council. He also was thanked for all his help given and he was asked to remain as an advisor on farming matters. He has been on the Parish Council 61 years. It was thought that Victoria Benn should put a note in the Craven Herald to this effect.

Date of next meeting: The Clerk explained that there was a time limit after the election and that she was away when the meeting would need to be held. It was decided that Cllr Joy would chair this on **Wednesday May 11th** until they elected the new Chairman. The Acceptance notices could be signed and retained for the Clerk and the Register of interests given out for the Cllrs to fill in and return on the next full meeting. No further business would be conducted unless something urgent came up.

The next full Parish Meeting would be held on **Wednesday June 8th**. Both meetings would be at 7.30 in the Ibbotson Institute.