

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 20th July 2016

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Longthorne, Hodge, Wilson

Apologies: Cllr Coney

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 8th June 2016, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters arising:

Town Hill Green: After considerable discussion about the rights to park and access, it was decided that there would be no posts. It was felt Mr Burridge's concern over safety were excessive and that he had an interest in the outcome as his house was for sale. Oil tankers would still be able to deliver to the residents of Town Hill. Bushes and pots outside the wall had decreased the width of the track and were indeed on a public bridleway. As no one resident had been parking there for 20 years the Clerk will check with SLCC about easement for parking, not just access. There will be another site meeting with S. Naylor to further discuss his idea of a low wall at the corner and to place stone flags up the track to delineate the Village Green and to ask for a quote. The Clerk will work on a diplomatic letter to the residents. Cllr Wilson was concerned at the possible extra parking if No 1 becomes a holiday cottage.

Further discussion about the Toilets: Mr Montford didn't come to the meeting as he said he would. It was decided that the matter had gone on long enough and it seemed best to consider his worries about having CDC sublet to him. He would maintain the building and even if in the future he gave it up, the village would have a building in a better state than at present. HPC would need to draw up a new lease for him. The Clerk will contact CDC and get a Deed of Surrender. She will inform Mr Montford of this decision.

Grass cutting in the village: There had been complaints at how the grass verge looked. Mrs Hodkins had written a letter to the Cllrs and had spoken to Stuart Naylor who was willing to do this work for £20 a cut. She would arrange the initial cut and its cost. This suggestion was accepted.

Highway matters and speed checks: A Highways official had called the day after and stated that on Orchard Lane there "were no problems with the condition of the track that would require any repairs at this time"

The Playground sign is now visible but the Clerk will complete the form sent after the last letter of concern and request a 20mph limit. Cllr Longthorne had looked into this and said that there would need to be a speed bump within a set distance.

95 Alive had replied that after their speed data had been analysed the small number of vehicles exceeding the 40mph limit meant no further action would be taken. Mrs Taylor had asked for a Community Speed Watch, as described by Cllr Foster at the Annual Meeting 2015, and after discussion this was held over to the next Annual meeting as it required 6 local residents to be trained in the use of the equipment. Cllr Longthorne felt that drivers would slow down as soon as they saw anyone with the "gun" so making the test rather useless.

Correspondence

YDNP trees: Permission had been granted to fell 2 sycamore trees in the grounds of the Old Lodge and to crown raise 1 sycamore on land adjacent to North Barn.

YDNP planning matters: Permission was granted to remove a Leylandii hedge and replace with a stone wall at the Grange. Permission was granted for the conversion of a barn to a house at Moorside Farm. Permission had been granted for the replacement of a prefabricated building at The Garage, Longthornes of Hebden.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@15/07/16 C/A	£461.94
Bank statement s/a@ 15/07/16 D/A	£5011.61
SBS bond	£5000.00

Monies received

Interest	£0.59
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Payments for approval

Stuart Naylor grass cutting x4 & trench	£555.00
ICO freedom Information fee	£35.00

New mandate agreed so Cllr Joy, Cllr Hodge and the Clerk can now sign cheques and Cllr Stockdale and Cllr Hargreaves have been removed.

Any Other Business

Cllr Joy thanked Cllr Hodge for his work on the electricity supply and the speed of the erection of the new street light No 9. Cllr Hodge will contact Mr Ball to see when the next connection works will be done. Cllrs had trimmed off lower branches to make access easier. Nothing further had been heard about the seat in memory of Christine Smith but the Cllrs were happy with the recycled model her cousin had chosen.

A new bus running timetable to Hawes on a Saturday in the summer had been put up on the notice board.

Stuart Naylor will tighten the bolt with a spanner on the gate to High Green.

The Chairman and Clerk had been invited to the Licensing of the new Rev to Burnsall Church on the 25th. The Clerk will write a thank you letter but decline.

Cllr Longthorne pointed out that the drains near the bridge were blocked. The Clerk will write to Highways.

Cllr Hodge wanted the Council to look further in to a Statutory Declaration for the land behind the Institute. After 12 years the land could belong to the Council. Past investigation gave ownership to 3 men from Bradford who were declared bankrupt. Cllr Joy will look into his file from the last time this was raised when he'd asked Mr Foster, solicitor.

Date of next meeting

This will be in the Ibbotson Institute on **Wednesday 31st August at 7.30pm**

YDNP Planning C/41/9C Extension of existing car park:

This was discussed after Cllr Longthorne had left. Cllr Hodge pointed out a discrepancy of ownership on the Land Registry map but there was no objection. The Clerk will email a letter stating this. There was concern that car parking might further increase into what is a valued and historic open space of the village. It was mentioned that this would make a good parking area for visitors at the weekend when it wasn't used by Longthornes employees.