

Hebden Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Coney, Hodge, Longthorne, Wilson

Apologies: None

Before the meeting opened Mr & Mrs De Montfort gave their plans for the Toilet. He explained that asbestos had been found and it would cost about £5000 to remove. He was advised by his solicitor to seek freehold. It was explained to him that the Toilet is on Low Green and as a Village Green the land cannot be sold. The Council could give him a long lease for say 99 years. He would like to split the building between a toilet and perhaps a craft room. The request for a piece of land behind the building and down to the beck could be given on wayleave. He would fence it.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 11th January 2017, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters arising:

Land letting and High Green: As seen on the attached form the land letting had raised £2131. It was decided to continue with the plan to keep High Green for tree planting. After many emails with Mr Alistair Bowes of Natural England on how to offset the loss of points in the Environmental Agreement the Clerk visited Emma Bancroft of David Hill and got her advice. This is to fence off a piece of land below the toilet block under EK1 and also enter the fields Low Green, Low Bank Side and Allen Garth for a lower input level as EK3. This would mean no spreading manure and no feeders on the ground but otherwise no difference. It was felt that this would not be a problem with the land used for horses/ponies. High Bank Side and Whygill Gap could be likewise put on a lower input as EL3. This was agreed so the Clerk who has already signed the form will contact Emma with these details and the map. The Clerk will write to Mrs Bullough to explain this plan and to Ms Kirton to inform them of this. In the absence of further response from G Garrett from YDNP, Cllr Joy will contact Carole Douglas of the Yorks. Dales Millennium Trust for advice on tree planting and grants available. Cllr Wilson suggested a disabled path could be put in and down to the beck where a seat might be provided. As it's an official footpath the YDNP would do this.

Protection of Village Green at Town Hill: It was noted that Stuart Naylor with his trailer had made mud tracks across the Green. Now that the Council had the funds both Nigel Fairbanks and Stuart Naylor are to be asked to quote for a stone wall on the corner and separately for setts or other suitable material to be laid to delineate the Green boundary. Stuart is to be asked to reinstate the grass.

Charity Commission confusion and why in a charity? At a previous meeting the Clerk had reported that as the income was less than £12,000 there was no need to send in a return but only keep the details up to date which had been done. After emails and a phone call to the Charity Commission it transpired that the notice is confusing and that an annual return was needed and done before the deadline which she did. Cllr Joy said that the land had been a charity for a very long time and would have to stay as such.

Update on tree safety: The Clerk had written twice to AON and had only just received an email stating that they confirm that 3rd Party Property Damage is covered under the Public Liability Section. They also stated that the trees need to be inspected on a regular basis to make sure there were no obvious hazards. The Clerk had asked Emma as Mr Garrett hadn't replied and she suggested Nick Taylor of Wharfeside Trees. She will write to him to arrange a meeting with a Cllr to point out the location of trees on Parish land. In response to a request from Mary Kitching Cllr Hodge will further cut down to base the tree already felled in

Orchard Lane. He will also cut up the fir that fell from the beck towards the ghyll and check the leaning fir next to it.

Ash tag project: There were 2 ash trees that the Cllrs thought could be tagged so the Clerk will contact YDNP and ask for 2 tags so they can be monitored for Ash die back.

Check the Minutes of last Annual Locals meeting: It was noted that all the points raised had been considered and action taken. The problem of Town Hill will hopefully be nearer being solved by then.

Extra electric work: Most of the PECs have been fitted so the lights go off at midnight with long term saving of electricity. There was no news yet of the grant applied for and this might yet be several weeks. It was agreed to change the lights in Brook Street and Chapel Lane so they can also be fitted with the new system and will cost £630 + VAT for them both. Cllr Hodge will contact Peter Ball. The light in Brayshaw Lane is still not working so this will be reported to him. There will need to be a new street light itinerary listing the new low wattage bulbs and the new PECs to ensure the correct billing at the end of the year.

Martyn's request for free hold land: He had been told that this is not legally possible as the land is Village Green. As earlier discussed he would take over the £10 a year from CDC and the Cllrs agreed to giving him a wayleave of the land behind the toilets at £5 for five years. It was also agreed that there was no objection to his request to provide a stone stile between his forecourt and the playground, which should be built to match the existing stile from the main road.

Transparency Code – 13/03/17 2-4pm: As advised by the SLCC the Clerk and Cllr Hodge will attend this meeting in Grassington Town Hall.

Correspondence:

Spring Forum meeting in Grassington on Wednesday 19th April. Cllr Hargreaves attended last year and it was decided to put this on hold to the next meeting.

Julian Smith MP has arranged for the Farming Minister George Eustice to attend a meeting at Craven Suction Mart on 16th March 11.30-12.30. While it may concern our Defra grants it was felt it would be more relevant to local farmers.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@20/02/17 C/A	£423.73
Bank statement s/a@ 20/02//17 D/A	£9112.69
Monies received	
SBS bond cashed in for	£5479.60
Payments for approval	
Already agreed by email	
NYCC invoice for electrical work	£4044.74
And paid as it was nearly £1000 net of VAT less than the estimate	
John Gardner for internal audit	£50.00
CDC election expense	£380.00

Any other business:

Cllr Hodge commented on the siting of Christine's bench and the Clerk said that Stuart had said he was thinking of a concrete base to sit it on and bolt down to. The Clerk will chase him up for a cost so that Mrs Stones can be informed.

Date of next meeting

This will be in the Ibbotson Institute on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm for the Residents annual meeting followed by a normal Parish meeting.

