

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 5th July 2017

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

Apologies: None

Martyn de Montfort came and the lease for the toilet was discussed. It was decided that this was now to be worked out and agreed between HPC and himself as his solicitor was making it difficult and expensive. He said there would be a workshop with a toilet but he had plans to open a kiosk and disabled toilet in his land beside the cafe. We agreed a 60 year term with the same £10 annual rent.

After he had left Cllr Joy read out the original plans which clearly stated there would be a public toilet in part of the building. Cllr Joy and the Clerk will look at the old agreement and the one Cllr Longthorne had researched and devise one suited to the needs of the Council.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 24th May 2017, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Insurance matters: The Clerk hadn't received a satisfactory reply from AON about insuring the toilet block. The Cllrs decided to take the offer of Mr Montfort that he would insure the building and his contents. The Clerk is to make a diary note to check out other insurance companies for next year.

Seven sisters tree: The dead and dangerous branch had been removed by Mr R Stockdale so was no longer a problem.

Website update with YLCA input: The grant application had been approved and money for a laptop, scanner and training etc. Cllr Longthorne had been working on a new website and also agreed to look at the form and see how the money was to be spent. It was agreed he would buy the laptop and scanner at the agreed figure and be reimbursed probably before the next meeting. The Clerk asked him to get an invoice and if at all possible to name HPC. (See the attached form). It would be possible to have the laptop and the Clerk's computer linked to the same printer.

Trees up the ghyll and donation request: Carol Douglas had informed us that the YDMT had recommended our application for funding and the Trustees would confirm this on 13th July. It was agreed that a donation of £250 from a gentleman wishing to support tree planting in the area where he could walk would be accepted. An email from Geoff Garrett implied that the YDMT thought protection for the trees ought to be more substantial. Another site meeting would be arranged after the 13th to further discuss tree size, variety and numbers and how best to plant them. Cllr Hodge said he'd do some selective dock and thistle spraying. Cllr Coney will ask Mr Simpson to borrow his petrol strimmer to clear the grass around the seats. The Clerk is keeping a watch on the tagged ash tree and will report any sign of the disease.

Wall in Brook St : The wall at the beckside below Bernard's wayleave has been washed out. It would need larger stones at the bottom and Nigel Fairbanks is to be asked to make the repair.

Fred Singletons seat: This is in need of repair. Cllr Joy will contact Andy Singleton and see if the family want to repair it or not.

Correspondence:

CDC appointment of Parish Members. The Cllrs voted for M Rooze, R Simpson and R Stead. Celebrate Craven is being held on Tuesday 11th July in venues across Skipton. The Clerk will put up the notice in the telephone box.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@03/07/17 C/A	£ 350.23
Bank statement s/a@ 03/07/17 D/A	£9362.69

Monies received

Environmental grant ELS /HLS ½ year £889.40 The Clerk will contact Emma Bancroft to see if the new levels had been accepted to replace the points lost with High Green being tree planted.

Payments for approval

IOC annual payment for data protection £35.00

Still awaiting invoices from NYCC for electrical work done.

New VAT payments with bank details were required. The Clerk had checked the website and sent off for the form but not received a reply.

Any Other Business:

The playground fence has now been repaired.

The Clerk will access the Area 5 NYCC website and the Parish Portal to be able to report Highway problems and will do so with the potholes through the village.

Cllr Joy feels the old milestone by the footpath behind the garage is deteriorating so the Clerk will contact Miles Johnson of YDNP for advice.

The old adit to Horse level has been made secure by Cllr Hodge with a chain and padlock.

Cllr Coney has researched a special scroll for Andy Hodge for the Freedom of Hebden and it was agreed that the design at £35 looked the best. He will devise the wording. It was decided that 2 would be ordered, one to give to Andy and the other to be framed and kept in the village. Cllr Coney will find out how long it will take so it can be arranged to be presented to Andy when he is in Hebden.

Cllr Hodge had heard from Peter Bell that Brook St street light will need further work. He will finalise an itinerary of the new lighting hours and wattage to make sure of the reduction in the account. Mr Ball says he's already told NYCC accounts dept.

The result of some phone box paint negotiations, Cllr Hodge will get back the paint but has been given a donation of £10 to be paid into the HPC a/c.

Date of next meeting

In the Ibbotson Institute on THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST at 7.30pm