

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 24th August 2017

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Coney, Hodge, Wilson
Mr Foster (CDC Councillor) and Mr Boulogne a local resident

Apologies: Cllr Longthorne,

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2017, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising

Toilet lease and THE FENCE! And now the gate ! M de Montfort has signed the lease and the Clerk has sent him the invoice for 6 months rent plus the wayleave for 3 years. The quote from Hartlington was over £1000 as it included a water gate and was not accepted. It was technically correct that there should be public access to the land and it was suggested a gate be put in the fence by the toilet. The Clerk will discuss with Mr Montfort the present use of an electric fence and the council will review in 6 months.

YDMT Tree grant and donation: A grant of £1000 had been given for tree planting on High Green and there will be a meeting with Geoff Garrett from the YDNP to further discuss the type of tree, size and density on 30th August at 10am. At the Parish AGM it was agreed to plant about 15ft apart. The Agreement will be checked for grant money to be used for maintenance of the land for at least a year. It will be agreed at this meeting where to put the plaque.

Website: Cllrs Longthorne and Coney are working together on this, changing the format of past Minutes to pdf files and working on the best “hosting”. The laptop and scanner had arrived but the laptop proved faulty and was returned. The replacement is yet to arrive. Both Cllr Coney and Longthorne were thanked for this work.

Number of Councillors: It was suggested by CDC that 7 Cllrs might be better. Looking at the other Parishes listed nearly all had 5 and it was agreed that this was the most efficient number that had worked for many years. The Clerk will fill in the Questionnaire stating this.

Parish Portal: This new form of communication with NYCC had proved a failure as first Hebden PC wasn't on the list so didn't exist for their programme. Then on second attempt it claimed it had already been allocated so the Clerk gave up the attempt. She continues to contact Area 5 direct by email.

Scroll and Freedom of Hebden: This expense came under the discretionary 137 code. All the Cllrs had agreed and the villagers had been sent an email telling them of the expense and no objection had been received and many had said they thought it a good idea. The Chairman and Clerk signed the 2 copies and one will be presented to Andy Hodge on Sports Day at about 2pm. There will be a request that the other go up in the Institute so Pat Hodkins will be asked.

Further insurance matters: The Clerk had received a letter to inform the Council that AON will no longer be insuring local authorities. The Clerk has made a diary note to try Zurich, NFU and Aviva next March in time for the renewal. She will check future cover to include Parish trees falling on parked cars.

BPS and further update on the “bog”: Payment was to stop as it was claimed this land was a Common. The Clerk had sent Emma Bancroft (of D Hill) copies of receipts going back to 1880 showing the land was not used for Common grazing. Mr Stockdale insisted that in the 1955 Registration it was not included. She says that if there's no other claimant then HPC should get its grant. Cllr Hodge will check the Register of Common Land.

Potholes: The Clerk had reported potholes in the road through the village and along the Scuff near the parish boundary. The reply was that they weren't deep enough to require mending. Cllr Wilson added another up the B6265 near Mr Henfrey's Farm. The Clerk will write again.

Milestone: Miles Johnson from YDNP said that being underground had protected the stonework and that cleaning off lichen caused more damage. It was agreed to have it listed with the NPA and the Clerk will contact him about this and also the photographic record.

Correspondence

The YDNP had approved the removal of overhanging branches at Crag Cottage. CDC is revising its Taxi Licensing Policy with a deadline for comments 2nd September.

The next Parishes Liaison meeting is at CDC offices on 20th September and the YDNP Forum meeting in Ingleborough 21st September. No Cllr wished to be present.

Accounts

PKF had agreed and signed the Year end A/cs at no cost and the Clerk will fill in the form and put up on the Notice board letting residents know. It will be scanned and put on the website.

Bank statement c/a@21/08/17 C/A	£ 1128.97
Bank statement s/a@ 21/08/17 D/A	£10262.69
Monies received	
YLCA for Transparency Code grant	£1803.76
Donation re paint	£ 10.00
Longthorne tip rent	£ 25.00
Payments for approval	
Hartlington Fencing for playground £430 + £986 VAT	£516.00
SLCC annual subs	£38.00
David Hill help with BPS and Nat England £279.50+£55.90	£335.40
Stuart Naylor grass cutting May/June x7 £113.5+£22.70	£136.20
Stuart Naylor grass cutting July x4 £75.00+ £15.00	£90.00
CommuniCorp for scroll £75.80+£15.16	£90.96
NYCC electrical wks £1543.56+£308.71	£1852.27
Reimburse M Longthorne for laptop + scanner awaiting new invoice but was again agreed.	
Ian Coldicott for tree advice- No invoice had yet been received	

Any other business:

Cllr Joy had contacted Andy Singleton and he will repair the seat up the ghyll and replace the memorial plate.

The damaged seat at the bridge corner had been removed and will be replaced by one donated by Mr Henfrey. The 2 plaques to Mr Wall and Mr Barlick have been cleaned by Cllr Hodge and he will ask Pat Hodkins if they might go inside the Institute where they would be protected from the weather.

Cllr Coney asked what was happening to the beck wall repair in Brook Street. Mr Fairbanks hadn't sent his quote but had been on holiday and is awaiting a hip replacement. It is pending.

Date of next meeting

In the Ibbotson Institute on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm