

Hebden Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 28th February 2018

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

Apologies : none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 17th January, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Town Hill and hawthorn planting: Cllr Joy and the Clerk had planted the hawthorns and a holly tree along the side of Green at Town Hill. Cllr Wilson had explained to a nearby resident the need to leave the protecting stones alone along with the hawthorns as they were there to protect the Village Green.

YDMT had sent an email saying that Mr Tarr and his son had been and were happy with the planting but asked about the plaque. Cllr Coney said that he would get it placed on the back of the seat shortly and the Clerk will reply to inform them of this. Cllr Joy had spoken to Ben White who gave an estimate to apply spray to the area and roundup to around the trees for £350. He would charge another £50 for topping around the seats. The Clerk will write to YDMT to ask for an extension to the grant till 31st March to pay for this.

Advice from Emma Bancroft and letters sent out to tenants: The Clerk had written to the Tenants reminding them of their need to comply with the Natural England stewardship agreement plus 3.9 of the agreement stating only livestock belonging to the tenant may be grazed. A letter from her asked for the information for BPS be checked so the Clerk will call at the office as requested. There was also a letter from Natural England giving new addresses and explaining the late payments.

ROSPA report: The Clerk had requested a copy and this had been received. There was a low risk assessment but Cllrs Hodge & Coney will inspect the playground. Cllr Hodge thinks there might be a need to replace the small child's swing.

Correspondence

Parishes Liaison meeting CDC- no one would be attending this meeting on 21st March. The Clerk had booked in Cllr Hodge & Coney to the YDNP Form on 25th April at 7pm in Grassington Town Hall.

Update from Julian Smith MP- he had been visiting the local Grammar schools and supporting the Tour de Yorkshire. He listed his Surgeries in the area.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@23/02/18	£ 2190.45
Bank statement s/a@ 23/2/18	£9164.07
Monies received	
Farm rents received	
Kirton	£260.00
Crampton	£151.00
Bullough	£855.00
Herd	£420.00
Shooting rgts £425 +£85VAT Otalowoski	£510.00
Toilet rent M de Montfort	£ 10.00
Barclays interest	£ 1.38
Payments for approval	
Play Safety £66.50 +VAT £13.30	£79.80
Paid as agreed as ROSPA report has been received	

Clerk's exps 01/10/17 to 28/02/18	£ 7.02
John Gardner internal audit	£60.00
Cllr Joy to reimburse him of the hawthorns	£78.60

Transparency figures and payments again

Sam Yeoman's quote for electrical work for new laptop & scanner of £ 155 was accepted so the Clerk will contact him so the work can be done. The Transparency code grant will pay for this work. The salary for Clerk was discussed as for above grant. It had already paid her £300 for Transparency work. The Cllrs had agreed at a previous meeting to increase the salary to £1000 pa. The balance of £200 was agreed.

Any Other Business

Review last years Annual Residents Minutes: It had been agreed to plant wild flowers on the verge which the Clerk had started but unfortunately Stuart had strimmed them. She will plant and seed again and protect with canes and string. The Clerk said the Mr M de Montfort had informed her that the asbestos will be removed from the toilet later this month so that work can continue.

Cllr Wilson said that the YDNP 2nd homes issue had been dropped so the subject was no longer under discussion. It was thought improved broadband to encourage local employment was needed to encourage more younger residents into the area.

Cllr Wilson had been asked about a For Sale post at Town Hill. The house had been sold so it was up to the estate agent to get it removed.

Cllr Hodge had taken photographs of all the potholes in Main Street (32) and asked the Clerk to send them to Highways. He had already reported a large pothole on the B6265.

He had been asked if the fallen larch on High Green could be cut up for firewood. The tree specialist had warned the Cllrs about not cutting this tree as it was unstable. In the past the village had been sent an email to that effect but this resident would not have received this. Cllr Hodge will report this danger to the resident.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 5th April 2018

7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute

First the Annual Residents Meeting followed by the Council Meeting