

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Hebden Local electors
held Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute

Eleven local electors present: Cllr D Joy(Chairman) Cllr G Coney, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr M Longthorne, Cllr L Wilson, Ms S Ely (Clerk)

Mrs M Hargraves, Mrs P Hodgkins, Mrs L Morgan, Mrs J Swift, Mr M de Montfort

Apologies: None

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and Cllr Wilson proposed acceptance and Cllr Hodge seconded.

Cllr Joy introduced the Councillors.

Matters Arising:

Town Hill: After a site visit to look at the state of the lane the Cllrs had received a quote of £2800 +VAT. This is a private road and a bridle path. YDNP had been contacted and they said they would pay for some repair work to the bridle path if all the residents who use the lane contributed first. The Green has been protected with a wall at the corner and hawthorns along the edge. In the absence of interest by those who use the lane the matter is closed.

Pot holes :Cllr Hodge had contacted J Smith MP and the Clerk had written to Highways and been told repairs will be undertaken in June.

Toilet: Mr de Montfort explained that he had been very busy but he'd made sure the roof was watertight and the electrics up to date. The asbestos is in the fascia board and soffits but was no danger to the public. His wife, an architect, was making some drawings as the windows will need changing in the storage end. The plan is for an accessible toilet for males and females and disabled. He said he hoped there to be some progress by the end of the year. He was also going to apply for an extension to the cafe to include toilets.

Dyke Barn: Mr Richardson had raised this planning application at the last meeting and the Clerk had contacted YDNP. It transpired there are 2 barns named Dyke and the one in question was in Grassington Parish.

Parking: There seems to be no solution as there is no HPC land suitable for increased parking. Mrs Swift asked about land around the village but it was all privately owned and so not available. Mr de Montfort will remove some seats to make more space in the cafe forecourt.

Bus Shelter:The repair is on going with new fascia board and wooden lintel needed before the gutter can be replaced.

Chairman;s Report.

Cllr Joy said the activities of the Council were explained in the Newsletter which was sent out to residents by email, thanks to Mrs Hodgkins and printed copies were placed in the telephone box. All Agendas and Minutes are also to be found on the Hebden website. The Year End Accounts are also to be found there. Residents are able to view the accounts if they make an appointment with the Clerk. Cllr Joy thanked the Clerk for her work and Cllrs Coney and Longthornes for all their work on the website.

The next election of Cllrs will be in 2020 so this is the last year with the present Cllrs.He hoped that some younger residents might come forward for election.

Matters of Public Interest

Mrs Morgan was concerned at the number of cars at speed using Back Lane and then turning round by the church and speeding back. It was assumed this is a SatNav error. This will be further considered as there used to be a Cul-de-sac sign at the road entrance.

Mrs Swift asked about fast broadband as she says there is none across the main road where she lives. There is a fibre optics box at the end of Brayshaw Lane. The Council will write to Open Reach and point this out to see if it can be rectified.

She also raised again what she thought was a poor roadside appearance to the entrance and exit of the village along the B6265. The Councillors will consider what might be done in November if any planting is to be undertaken.

Mrs Hargraves stated that the “jungle” is still there by the beck side between the two bridges. This will be discussed by the Cllrs at a later meeting.

Mrs Hodgkins thanked the Cllrs for their work.

Cllr Joy thanked the residents for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.