

Minutes of Hebden Parish Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 29th May 2019

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

Apologies : None

Appoint the Chairman for the coming year: Cllr Wilson proposed Cllr David Joy and Cllr Coney seconded. Cllr Joy accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 24th April 2019, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising from the Annual Meeting of Electors

Double yellow lines along part of the main road through the village: The Clerk had contacted Highways at Area 5 and it was agreed to have a site meeting with Mr Mellor. The morning of 12th June was suggested and the Clerk will email him to see if is convenient. At the same time the state of the coping stones to the B6265 bridge and the wall above will be checked, plus the culvert alongside the main road.

Appearance of the village along the B6265: The Cllrs did not see this as a problem as the verges were a Highway matter and Hebden was a working village, not part of a Villages in Bloom contest.

Problem of broadband speed: The Clerk had written to Open Reach but had no reply. As it was an individual problem no further action would be taken.

The “jungle” by the beck between the bridges: This had been cleared before and the large fir tree felled. It will be considered in the future if it becomes a problem.

Cars speeding on Back Lane: It was thought to be a GPS error. Mrs Herd was going to put up a sign in the lane. It was not possible to have a No Through road sign as suggested at the meeting because Back Lane continues past the Church.

Other Matters Arising

Green Apple award: Hebden is a Silver Winner in recognition of the tree planting up the ghyll. CDC was impressed with the Council's initiative and the benefits the planting would be to the environment. They will submit our entry into the National Green Apple award. Cllr Joy attended a tree planting in Malhamdale and later a reception where he was presented with a Ceramic green apple on a wooden plinth of cedar wood from Airville Park and a framed Silver Award Certificate. These will be displayed in the Institute. The Village has been told by email. Mrs Jowett contacted Cllr Joy saying she felt that the trees would block light to Brook Street. The Cllrs felt that the planting was far enough back from the lane to not cause such a problem. Mr Gardener was pleased with the tree planting and made a query about the village archives. Cllr Joy will contact him to explain where the archives are stored.

The Clerk had contacted Mr G Garrett to ask about larger guards for the holly bushes planted on High Green and he's said he'd have a look some time. He thought that plastic covered chicken wire might be used.

Correspondence

YDNP - Rosemere Barn C/41/12F/LB the addition to the earlier application has been approved.

YDNP- Craigmar C41/81B the change to the flat roof has been approved

CDC Dog fouling – The Cllrs hadn't felt it was necessary to have a “walk about” with a CDC representative so had not booked a time.

YDNP – tree work. Permission had been given for crown reduction and dead wooding of an ash tree situated in a field to the south of 6 Brayshaw Lane.

NYCC has renewed the subsidy for the following local bus services

- 72A Buckden-Grassington-Skipton
- 72B Buckden – Grassington -Hebden
- 74A Hebden -Grassington- Ilkley.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 24/05/19	£884.99
Bank statement s/a@ 24/05/19	£11090.05
Monies received	
rpa Stewardship 2018 pending	£416.91
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor mowing playground £37.50 and verge £60.00 =£97.50+VAT £19.50	£117.00

Internal audit from Mrs Isaac. The Clerk gave the Cllrs a copy of her report. The Clerk had explained that HPC receives 2 rpa grants and one is now paid in 2 amounts with the second of £416.90 sent in the following financial year. She handed out a spread sheet of the 2 grants explaining this. She also explained that there were 2 major street lighting works done last year and only one invoice had been received from NYCC to date. Mrs Isaac noted that the accounts “were accurate and neatly and efficiently presented”. The Clerk will place all the relevant papers on the HPC website in due course. The Clerk will write to her giving the Council's thanks. The previous External auditors, PKF, had been sent the signed exemption form as HPC's income is less than £25,000. It was noted that the Transparency code grant had now all been used on equipment and training.

The Clerk had received the NYCC invoice for the actual lighting for 2018/19 of £380.92 but had queried one entry and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed to pay it once this matter is resolved. There was still a quoted amount of £3155 outstanding for new street lights.

Any Other Matters

Ash trees on Hebden land: The Clerk thought that it might be a wise precaution just to check where there are ash trees on Parish land and near a road or footpath and keep them under review for ash dieback.

Cllr Joy noted that a sign advertising the Clarendon pub had been bolted to the Parish wall near the cattlegrid as the road went up the ghyll. He will have “a tactful word” with the landlord.

Date of next meeting
10th July in the Ibbotson Institute

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