

Minutes of Hebden Parish Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Coney, Hodge & Wilson
Apologies: Cllr Longthorne
The Clerk apologised for the change in the date of the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 21st August 2019, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising

New slats to bench in ghyll: Cllr Hodge had bought the wooden slats and these were fitted to the bench. Mr Tarr's son has reimbursed the Council. The YDMT has also reimbursed the council for the grass cutting and this concludes the tree planting grant. The Clerk had received a note from YDMT saying that 5 trees had been planted in Ormsgill Wood as a winner of the Green Apple award.

Fixing the 2 new Keep Access Clear signs: Cllrs Hodge and Coney will put these up outside the playground entrance and in front of the Institute.

Reported traffic problem outside Institute: Mr M White had contacted the Council after a car had swung round the corner from the B6265 on to the wrong side of the road nearly causing an accident. Apparently the driver has since been spoken to and has apologised. The suggestion of speed humps or a change on the lay out of the road was considered but no action to be taken.

Housing needs survey: There had been only 8 responses so on this basis the landowners agent has been told and there will be no development of affordable housing.

Tree problems- Since concern was raised about the hole in the copper beech after a second branch came down the Clerk had found the name of the man who did the tree survey in the past, Mr Ian Coldicott. She will write to him requesting the cost of another tree survey for the village. Last time he did not charge.

Obstruction of bus in Church Lane: The Clerk had received a letter explaining that the twice daily bus service to Grassington will continue. There had been an obstruction by a parked vehicle. The owner had said that Church Lane was not a public road and it was not a bus route. Mr Vetch of the 72B bus service stated that the route has been approved by NYCC and the Traffic Commissioners. If the problem persisted then they would have to reconsider if they are to continue to operate this service. The Clerk will write to all the residents on Church Lane to explain this position.

Defibrillator battery: Mr de Montford had asked Mr John Dean of Linton Council if it would be possible to have the battery out of their spare Defibrillator but had received no response. The Clerk will write and ask. If there is no action then the Council will have to buy a battery. This was not explained when the defib. was fitted.

Bus shelter repair : The Council has decided that they can no longer wait for Mr Hargraves and the Clerk will contact Mr D Charnley and ask him to meet Cllr Hodge to look again at the necessary repair work. The Clerk will write to Mr Hargraves to let him know.

ROSPA report: The equipment had a low risk category on all except the toddler swing and some uneven ground which was given a medium risk. Cllr Hodge and Coney will inspect and resolve these matters.

Correspondence

Climate Emergency: This came from the Friends of the Earth and wasn't relevant to a parish as small as Hebden.

YDNP tree preservation at the Old Lodge: Permission had been granted to fell a horse chestnut and

they have recommended a replacement with a native species.

YDMT and rural housing: There was scheme being set up by the charity to help with affordable housing. The survey done by CDC makes this no longer relevant.

CDC Champion awards: This had been previously considered but no action taken then nor now.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@18/10/19	£1694.35
Bank statement s/a@ 18/10/19	£5101.01
Monies received	
Mr J Tarr for bench repairs	£179.24
Payments for approval	
P Hodge to reimburse wood slats from M&F and reimbursed by Mr Tarr	£179.24
YDNP for 2 wood signs	£32.40
S Ely salary Apl to September 2019 and expenses £500 + £5.73	£505.73
ROSPA report £68.50+ VAT £13.70	£82.20

Any Other Matters

Any conditions for letting tip: It appeared that someone employed by Longthornes of Hebden was living in a caravan on the tip. The Clerk has, as yet, not found any tenancy agreement. The Clerk will write a letter stating that the Council was not happy with this situation and would not be held responsible. It is doubtful that the YDNP would approve.

Complaints from residents at the lack of YDNP action over the Enforcement Order EC/41/30B on the garage up Chapel Lane. The Clerk will write and ask why this has not been rectified.

Land letting 2020. The Clerk will check the official wording of the kind of bid so that the Council does not have to accept the largest bid. Then notices will be put up and the existing tenants reminded that a new 3 year agreement will be available on the Parish fields in 2020. The shooting rights will also be on offer.

Mr M de Montfort will be contacted to say that a fence must be in place before the new tenants take over Low Green. Since this has been ongoing for so long it must now be erected or the Council will have it done and charged to him.

Cllr Wilson said that Mr Gardener had suggested a tree immediately by the gate on entering the ghyll might need coppicing. When the tree survey is done this will be considered.

Cllr Coney said that he also queried why the light by Manor House hadn't been changed to a LED in the recent upgrade. There was still a spare lamp so this is at present on hold.

Cllr Coney added that Mr Gardener felt the telephone kiosk needed a repaint. Cllr Hodge had driven many miles to obtain the correct red paint and he still had spare tins available. Mr Gardener might like to speak to Cllr Hodge. The existing opening and closing "mechanism" was considered a local feature!

Cllr Coney had signed off William Hoole for his community work of tidying the village and he had also collected plastic tree guards. These are hopefully to be replaced with degradable plastic tubes in the future.

Our preparation for a No Deal Brexit for which the Council had enabling powers was considered but no action to be taken.

The village is to be vigilant after Mrs P Kitching had her honesty box stolen and a garden tool has been taken. The Clerk will ask Pat Hodgkins to send out an alert.

Date of next meeting
Wednesday December 4th