

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 7.30 in the Ibbotson Institute

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

Apologies: none

The Minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2020, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising.

Tree advice from Nicola Child of the YDNP: She came to give her advice on the two leaning trees Mr Slingsby had recommended felling. She went to the base of both the trees and used a tool to check the stability. For both trees she said the tree would have put out roots to counterbalance the lean. She didn't think they needed felling. If we wanted to cut back 2 branches of the tree near the bridge to Thors Ghyll she would not object if we sent in the appropriate form. The Cllrs thanked her. The decision is therefore not to fell the trees. Cllr Hodge will look at the tree beyond the first gate on to High Green, on the right, and will cut it back. The branches of the tree by the bridge will not be cut.

Town Hill The Clerk had emailed Phil Richards at YDNP and Mrs Jowett to say that the offer of money to repair the bridle path was no longer required. Mrs Jowett has since taken over the matter.

Fence below toilet .: This is now almost completed with only the bottom section still to finish when there is some better weather. There is a gate near the middle to allow access.

Problems with land letting- The wall to Lower Bank Side is in a poor repair and has been for some time. Mr J Longthorne the new tenant did not want to be held responsible with the need to repair it, as is in the Tenancy Agreement. The Council have agreed to make good the wall. The Clerk said that HPC should check the fields every year and particularly the state of walls towards the end of the 3 year tenancy. Meanwhile she had checked with YDNP to see if there were any grants for wall repairs. There aren't any but was told it might be worth an application to the YDNP Sustainable Development Fund. The Clerk will follow this up.

LED lights on remaining posts Cllr Hodge will ask Peter Ball of NYCC to give an estimate to replace the lights in Main street and top of Chapel Lane with LEDs.

Date of the Residents Annual Meeting: It was decided to hold this on Wednesday April 8th at 7.30 and follow it with an ordinary meeting. After the election on May 7th the next meeting for new Cllrs to sign in and to elect a new Chairman will be on Wednesday 20th May.

Offered -free 1st aid instruction plus use of defibrillator. Jo Chamley of Hebden Park has offered to give a first aid instruction class and use of the defibrillator. The Clerk will drop a line to say thank you and see how best to arrange it. She also said that next time batteries are needed she could get them cheaper.

Double glazing in Institute: The Institute committee are hoping to replace the windows with double glazing and have made an initial query to the YDNP. Costs for wooden frames are twice that of plastic. Mrs Hodkins had spoken to the Chairman with the idea of HPC paying for the Application as it would cost half the amount. The Cllrs agreed that this would not be possible as the building is not owned by HPC.

Happy to chat bench: It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Catherine Johnson and a laminated sign be attached to the bench by the bridge. Cllr Wilson will check with Mr Henfrey that they agree to this.

Commemorative 45th anniversary of Dibbles Bridge Crash: There is a plan for a gathering being organised by Mike McGrother, a singer/songwriter on 27th May. He has been in contact with Pat Hodgkins. They may want to hire the Institute or the Church and are

considering making a documentary of the event. The Cllrs suggested Mr John Jameson. The Cllrs gave their support and the Clerk will contact Pat.

Correspondence

CDC Standards Committee- Parish Representative No Cllr wished to be nominated.

NYCC bus timetable improvements- The Clerk will ask Pat to put a note round the village regarding any suggestions for change. So far its been requested that the 74A to Ilkley run every day and not just Mon. Wed & Fri. Also that the Wharfedale Venturer waits to connect with the 3.15 pm arrival of the bus from Skipton. The form has to be returned by 9th March.

Accounts

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Bank statement c/a@20/02/20	£2902.96
Bank statement s/a@ 20/02/20	£8103.55

Monies received

Taylor wayleave priv of road	£2.50
McGowan wayleave water pipe	£2.50
Bullough wayleave cattlegrid	£2.50
Ferguson land by beck and Priv of road wayleave	£7.50
McLoughlin wayleave priv of road	£2.50
G Herd rent yr 1 for High Bankside and Low Green	£580.00
J Longthorne rent yr 1 for Low Bank side	£370.00
L Kirton rent 1 yr for Allen Garth	£270.00
Mr&Mrs Crampton rent 1 yr for The Stripe	£151.00
D Ogilvie wayleave land by beck	£5.00
J. Pope rent 1 Year for Whygill Gap	£305.00

The Cllrs were given the new land letting chart.

Payments for approval

Any Other Matters

The Clerk had at last received an email from Ms N Dinsdale of the YDNP regarding EC/41/30B. As reported back in October Mr Ives was going to apply for retrospective planning but nothing has been received by HPC. Ms N Dinsdale now says that she has had no response from Mr Ives and the Agent confirmed that they are waiting for Mr Ives to pay the application fee. In the event of this not forthcoming, "then a view on expediency will need to be taken." The enforcement goes back to December 2017.

Cllr Hodge & Coney will again look at the swing and the rubber matting in the playground. Cllr Wilson thought the Under 14 years sign needs to be repainted and paint was offered.

Cllr Hodge had phoned and left a message to Mr Charnley about the bus shelter gutter but had not received a reply.

Cllr Joy noted that water is running off Town Hill which might freeze. A drain has been put in so it seems the excess rain has caused the drain to fail.

Cllr Longthorne is offering his resignation and will write to Cllr Joy to confirm this in writing.

Date of next meeting and Residents Meeting

Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Institute

Meeting after the elections 20th May 2020 7.30pm

Signed.....

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