

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 8th July 2020 at noon (*by zoom*)

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

The Minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2020, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved. These have been approved by the Cllrs by zoom and filed as normal and put on the Hebden website.

The Chairman suggested a change to the sequence of the items on the Agenda and this was agreed. The Discussion about the grant from Swinden Quarry was put to the end.

Matters Arising:

Low Bankside and yet further thoughts on the wall repairs: Cllr Hodge and the Clerk had met with Gavin Herd who agreed to have the worst and bottom part repaired by a waller he knew. He was already repairing a wall but would come to Hebden next. He preferred to work alone but Cllr Hodge thought he might approach him to offer help in locating fallen stones. He had contacted Hartlington Fencing to make a few repairs to the fence, it needed a couple of new posts. Cllr Hodge will meet and discuss and get a price guide.

Wayleave update for N0 5 Brook Street & Sunny Nook: The Clerk had contacted the owner of these properties and Mr S Fearnley said he'd pay the wayleave and make use of the land. I passed this information on to the Hawkins sisters who were disappointed.

Email from Ms N Dinsdale YDNP regarding village complaint at removal of garden and replacement with chippings at No 1 Bank View. She said that due to the current COVID-19 situation and work load it had not been possible to thoroughly look into this. The Clerk will send confirmation that it is now a holiday cottage with no electric car charger. It has been renamed Ives Cottage.

Update on work on the archives: All the bundles of papers wrapped in newspaper had been sorted and put into envelopes covering displayed dates. It was mainly a collection of invoices and financial statements. There were many years missing and some envelopes now contained a mixture of a few records of different years. There were 2 maps that appeared to show every tree in Hebden. The Clerk kept one out and will attempt to go and check them all and note any ash trees that appear to be dying. There was an early plan of the playground which the Clerk had also kept out.

Check how the re-opened Playground is being used and any action needed. Only a few family groups had been seen in there. It was thought ROSPA covered the safety condition of the equipment but other than a social distancing notice put there by Cllr Coney, the Council had taken no further action to date. Cllr Longthorne offered to write a risk assessment and this was gladly accepted.

Correspondence

YLCA request for information: The Society had wanted details of the Chairman so he could be added to their data base and he be personally kept up to date. The Clerk said that as of today she had not replied. All emails from YLCA are forwarded to the Cllrs anyway. Cllr Joy agreed that he was happy to keep this system and avoid further emails just to him.

There was an updated Code of Conduct that the Clerk had circulated. A printed copy will be kept in the Election File.

Email from PKF regarding exempt claim. Electors notice up 15th June to 24th July. Hebden PC had been given exempt status with the External Auditors. Unless there was a formal complaint from a resident then the Accounts 2019 -2020 passed by Mrs Isaac would be accepted without referral to them and a £200 charge. All the AGAR pages were on the Hebden website and residents had until July 24th to request inspection of all the accounts. To date no one had made a request.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@05/06/20	£1184.19
Bank statement s/a@ 05/06/20	£9606.05

Money received

Still not able to confirm £35 from YW, awaiting bank statement

Payments for approval

Annual fee to ICO for Data protection	£40.00
S. Naylor mowing x9 £50 playground,£80 verge.£22 Town Hill	
£152 +VAT £30.40	£182.40
Mrs G Isaac for internal audit	£ 60.00

Suggestions to put to Tony Sarjeant of YDNP for the Swinden Quarry grant. His email sent 01/07/20. Mr Sarjeant listed how money had been allocated in the last budget awards. Other suggestions given

- a) A project on Hebden beck
- b)Improvement to Standard Garth with bird boxes
- c)Wildlife friendly verges as was started in the village in 2008 but finished in 2011

The Cllrs felt that it could be beneficial to link with Appletreewick, Barden and Burnsall Angling Club who have been allocated £4k for tree planting and stock fencing to protect the bank from erosion in a scheme along the R Wharfe on the Hebden side below the Suspension Bridge. This land believed to belong to Mr G Herd. Cllrs will research this project. The Clerk will be back in touch with Tony Sarjeant to discuss this proposal. She will keep the Cllrs informed by email. If the project seems feasible and agreed then she will request an application form.

The next round of funding application closes on 31st July. There is £20k remaining in the budget.

Date of next meeting

19th August 2020 at NOON in the Institute

if possible Cllr Coney will arrange zoom for Cllr Longthorne