

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 19th August 2020 at noon (*by zoom for Cllr Longthorne*) in the Ibbotson Institute

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Coney, Hodge, Longthorne & Wilson
Apologies: None

The Minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2020, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Further discussion of Swinden quarry grant and beck biodiversity plan: After the Cllrs noted the costs as given by Prof Grey (and attached) and tree costs etc it was agreed to ask for a medium grant £2000 to £10,000. The total of Prof Grey's costings are £1150 with alders at 100-120cm costing £2.50 each with Stake and tree guard £4.50 each from The Hedgerow. He thought it might be possible to fell the ash branch overhanging the beck and we might do this "in house" and move boulders into the beck in LowGreen from the field above ourselves. There will be a site visit next week to look at this work. The fence above the beck that needs attention is thought to belong to David White so he will be contacted. It might be possible just to straighten it up. It was also thought to ask for the grant to include cutting the grass and removing it from in front of Fred's seat. This could then be a start of a hay meadow with wild flowers or seeds possibly sourced from YDMT. Cllr Joy felt that Carol Douglas who promoted the village tree planting might be a contact. It was hoped to include a session with Prof Grey on water quality testing and including local involvement, as with the tree planting etc.

The Fence : Cllr Joy said that it had been badly handled by ABBAC and YDNP. The email sent before the Craven Herald article was never received. While the club says it wants to reflect local interest and has club members from Hebden the response from many local people and the Dales Way Association was that they didn't want a fence all along the river bank from the suspension bridge to the end of Ian Simpson's field. It was too late for this to be completely stopped by Mr Simpson as requested by Cllr Wilson. Cllr Joy was of the opinion it would now be illegal to break even a verbal agreement. The view of HPC is that the fence shouldn't start till past the culvert and there be no fence at the pinch point. Cllr Hodge had discussed with Neil Heseltiner, Chairman of YDNP and would ask for 6 gates of entry to the river to improve access for local families. While ABBAC claims that the trees and plants will grow and obscure the fence the Cllrs would still like there to be a time limit on its life of 5 years with a review then. The Cllrs also wanted to have a say on the trees to be planted with limes added to the existing list. Cllr Joy is going to draft a letter to Tony Sarjeant about these concerns and a copy will also be sent to Mr Wilson for the ABBAC.

Parking on High Green Time being short with Zoom it was decided a site visit would be best to look at this and at the same time a look at the proposals of Prof Grey. This was arranged for Wednesday 26th August at 1pm by the copper beech.

NYCC devolution letter sent to CDC: The Cllrs had been contacted by email and a letter sent to Cllr Foster of CDC outlining the proposals for a new area of Richmondshire, Craven and Harrogate being preferred. The devolution plan put forward by the Govt. for one unitary council of NYCC to cover the whole area from Settle to

Scarborough was not approved.

Correspondence

YDNP Planning application Daisy Barn C/41/122G Cllr Longthorne not included in discussion There were no objections to this application and the Cllrs approved the construction of a new barn. However they wanted it noted in the letter that the land shown outlined in red is not all in the ownership of the Longthorne family.

Linton Camp: This is on going with site vsits for those interested last week. The application is now expected to go to the Planning committee in October.HPC had no comment to make.

Accounts

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Bank statement c/a@15/08/20	£887.09
Bank statement s/a@ 15/08/20	£9608.64

Money received

Longthornes for Old Tip rent	£25.00
Yorkshire Water for wayleave 2018 – 2025 @ £5 /yr	£ 35.00 !!!
Powergem wayleave	£ 2.30

Payments for approval

Annual fee for SLCC membership	£44.00
S Ely set of ink cartridges for Epsom HPC printer	
Amazon £44.78 + VAT £8.96	£53.74
NYCC LP14.15, 7 & 2 all new LED 15W lamps	
£789.54 +VAT £157.91	£947.45

Cllr Coney had photographs of bridge liability markers from the past. These are cast iron posts by Brook Street bridge showing WR 's liability. He suggested the village should adopt them and paint them as has been done in Burnsall.The Clerk will write to the YDPN and ask for permission.

It was decided that when the updated summary about the Fence has been written then the Clerk will ask Pat Hodkins to circulate it to the village.

She has a new latch for the phone box and Cllr Hodge will drill and fix it.

Date of next meeting

THURSDAY 8th October 2020 at NOON in the Institute

if possible Cllr Coney will again arrange zoom for Cllr Longthorne