

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 14th October 2020 at noon (*by zoom for Cllr Longthorne*) in the Ibbotson Institute

Delayed meeting originally for 8th October

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Coney, Longthorne & Wilson

Apologies: Cllr Hodge

The Cllrs sent him their best wishes

The Minutes of the meeting held 19th August 2020, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on the Beck grant: The Clerk had received an email from Vanessa Jackson to say that the application has been successful. There had been no request for matchfunding and there was no time limit set. A check will be made at the bank for when the money comes into the HPC account. In normal circumstances there would be a meeting to tell the residents but this is not possible. The Clerk will write a note to pass to Pat for circulation and to Cllr Longthorne to put on the village Facebook page. Those wishing to get involved will be asked to contact the Clerk. Cllr Joy will speak with David White about the fence repair and explain it is a one off HPC expense to protect the trees about to be planted. Hartlington Fencing will be contacted to get the fence in place before planting. It was decided to order 20 alders to start with and the Clerk will again contact Nigel at the Headrow to discuss delivery and proposed planting in December. At some time we will look for suitable boulders and Cllr Wilson thought she might get help from Longthornes if necessary.

The Fence and the improved outcome: There had been no further information from Tony Sarjeant at the YDNP so the Clerk will write to get clarification of the reduced use of fencing by the river. She will also contact the Fishing Club to thank them for taking on board the views of the Council and to only fence two beach areas along from the suspension bridge. Everyone is much happier with this outcome. The Council would now only ask that there are signs to make it clear that the beach below the fence is still open to the public and the gates and fence don't indicate no access. Mr I Simpson the owner of the land is now happy with this result as he didn't want any local disagreement.

Parking on High Green The Clerk had collected the 2 signs. They will need posts and there may be some left from tree planting. One will be placed near Fred's seat and the other lower down the road. With the plan to encourage a wild flower meadow no parking will be permitted on High Green.

Brook Street Bridge (listed) and Highways permission While the bridge is listed the signs may be refurbished as "maintenance" and there was therefore no objection from Highways. Cllr Coney will buy some suitable paint for metal in black and white. It has been noted that there is a stone marker for the main bridge opposite the Clarendon and another up the bank under a tree.

Complaint about furniture and rubbish left beside Brook Street: This had been removed last Saturday.

Walls and fences for Low Bank Side and by stile opposite Thors Ghyll: Hartlington will look at the fence repairs needed and the Clerk will check with Cllr Hodge and then add it to the work needing doing up the ghyll. Phil Richards had contacted the Clerk about the wall by

the stile that has in part collapsed as they wanted to replace the existing stone step stile with a kissing gate. It was decided that the clerk will write to Gavin Herd, our tenant, as the wall is for him to repair but it will be best if he contacts Phil.

Playground safety report- main comments-uneven ground with trip points with some chain wear as before. There were no new serious problems. Cllr Coney took the report and will make any necessary repairs to uneven ground. The chains are already being monitored.

Correspondence:

The Craven Trust: This was an update on how the charity had made various donations. HPC had not applied for any grants.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@01/10/20	£885.90
Bank statement s/a@ 01/10/20	£8609.96

Money received

Payments for approval

Playsafety Ltd	£68.50 + VAT £13.70	£82.20
S Ely salary from 01/04/2 to 30/09/20		£500.00
S Ely exps same time		£ 5.99
D Hill for Emma Bancrofts advice	£280.50 +VAT £56.10	£336.60
S Naylor 4 x mowings in playground	£60	
4 x mowing the verge	£ 80.00 = £140 +VAT £28.00	£ 168.00

The Annual Charity Commission Return figures for approval

These had been previously circulated. After some discussion they were accepted and the Clerk will make the return on line.

Any further matters to discuss

Cllr Wilson had been approached by Mr Ives who offered to trap magpies and kill grey squirrels. The Cllrs said No to both offers and Cllr Wilson will pass this on to him.

Cllr Coney wanted to know if the land cleared by the bridge beside Thors Ghyll with a new drain put into the hillside, was part of Low Green and thus belonged to the Parish. Cllr Joy and the Clerk agreed to look at the map and the site.

Cllr Longthorne was asked if he wished to continue as a Cllr and he said he was. While meetings can be held by zoom as agreed by the Govt because of CV19 he will continue. However, the Cllrs will consider if they will need to co-opt a Cllr before the May 2021 election and whom they might ask. This can be further discussed at the next meeting.

Due to the increased CV19 regulations the next meeting will be held by zoom.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 25th November 2020 at noon

Cllr Coney to kindly set up the zoom invitation and meeting

