

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 6th January 2021 at noon by zoom

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

Apologies: None

Cllr Joy welcomed Cllr Ferguson as the new co-opted member of the Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held 25th November 2020 by zoom, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on the Beck grant: Tony Sarjeant has been busy and has not yet responded to the queries about the bird boxes etc. Nigel of Hedgerow has heeled in the 20 alders until such time as they can be planted. No further news from the Anglers about their spare trees. The Clerk will email Mr Wilson just for politeness and see if there is a response about the free trees. Not in the grant but the 3 dying ash trees by Brook Street and the beck will be felled in January.

Cllr Ferguson will give advice about bird and bat boxes so that removes the dependence on advice from Tony Sarjeant. The swift boxes will be the hardest to fit as they need to go under the eaves of a house. When possible there will be a site meeting to discuss tree planting and these beck matters. Prof Grey will be contacted to see if he can come as he says he'll cut back a branch near the ford and tie it to the bank.

Cllr Wilson will look into the boulder problem of finding some suitable size and then getting them in place. She will ask the Longthornes to see if they can help.

Cllr Ferguson is an expert in hay meadows so will be a great asset to the Council. The nettles on High Green are to be sprayed early in the year.

Land letting : The Clerk will write to all the tenants with the correct wording stating that the coming year is their second and the year starting 2022 will be the last for this 3 year tenancy agreement. She will state that the rent is before 01/02/2021 as there were late payment difficulties last year.

The ELS, HLS & BPS should have been paid into the bank but the Clerk hasn't yet received the statement. There is the continuing problem contacting the rpa and getting them to accept Hettie in place of Emma at David Hills. Cllr Joy who does have a CRN will try again.

Correspondence:

None.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@01/11/20	£1,814.93
Bank statement s/a@ 01/11/20	£12,969.96

These are to be updated for the next meeting.

Money received

BT wayleave	£3.00
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Payments for approval

Any other matters

Cllr Wilson asked if there had been any further action regarding the repair of the wall by the stile. The Clerk will try to speak to Mr G Herd about this.

There is the on going problem with water and then ice on the road up the ghyll. It seems a mystery where it comes from and this was not obvious at the site visit. Putting a culvert down the side was considered plus boring under the road to install a pipe. It was decided that Highways would not consider doing this work as the water came off Parish land. Cllr Wilson will check with Stuart Naylor how best to do this. Cllr Joy felt that with modern boring techniques it should not be a monumental task.

Cllr Longthorne sent Cllr Coney the password for the Hebden website. The Clerk hopes to be able to access and catch up on the missing Minutes, Agenda and then these Minutes.

Date of next meeting

provisionally

Wednesday 17th February 2021 at noon by zoom

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