

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 1pm by zoom

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

The Minutes of the meeting held 17th February 2021 by zoom, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on the Beck grant: The 20 alders had been planted with the help of 17 local residents and had survived the recent flood. Prof Grey was still hoping for boulders to be placed in the beck suggesting access down the track across Low Bank Side. Cllr Coney has already put one in. Cllr Longthorne suggested we ask Hanson at Greenhow for some suitable sized boulders and Cllr Joy said he had a contact name so the Clerk will get in touch. The Clerk had phoned Hartlington Fencing to see why no fence had been erected and it was to be "looked into". She will phone again in a week. More trees could be planted in the autumn. Ben White is to give the "meadow" a rough cut when he thinks its due. There will have to be another village gathering to look at the trees and also when Covid rules allows put up the bird and bat boxes. The Council will need to find out about straps for attaching the owl boxes to trees.

Water on the ghyll road. Mr M White has been in contact with Yorkshire Water who have been to look and see if it is water from a leaking pipe. They say it's water running off the land and advised contacting Highways who are responsible for drains and rain gullies. The Clerk will contact them..

No Parking on the Green: The signs had been removed but were found in the beck. Some people had found them instrusive so after some discussion it was decided to put boulders a short distance back from the road and perhaps put one sign back near or even attached to the bench. This will be decided after a further look and safety considerations.

Bernard's decking: The Clerk showed the Cllrs the proposed plan and there were no objections. In the letter to Mr Otulakowski it will be made clear that he doesn't own the land adjacent to the beck which is part of High Green. The wall is to be reinstalled if he leaves.

Wall by stile and ownership query and apology. The Clerk has apologised to Mr Herd about the letter not being posted in the correct letter box. She has contacted Mr R Stockdale who it is now thought is responsible for the repair but as yet has not had a reply. The Clerk will phone again but it is a busy time with lambing.

C/41/8F non compliance with planning and replacing the garden - date 04/02/21 passed and only a low wall built. The Clerk has sent 3 emails to Ms Dinsdale, the Enforcement Officer, one with a letter attached and a separate one to the YDNPA office in Bainbridge. There has been no response. She feels she will have to contact the Planning Dept directly to see if Ms Dinsdale is still working and why there has been no reply.

Website : The Parish Council website, hebden.org. was discussed and it was agreed that we would like to change the site so that it will allow the contents to be more quickly and easily updated. Cllrs Coney & Longthorne explained that a content management system (CMS) would allow easy updating of the content by authorised people (be they Cllrs or other authorised people). Cllr Longthorne and Coney said they'd look into free CMS systems and report back.

Hebden representative for Fountain Trust and suggestion from the Chairman. The Cllrs agreed to his suggestion of Mrs Emma Sandoe and supported an independent person from Hebden. The Clerk will ask if she is willing to be the Parish representative.

BT poles across Whygill Gap: Cllr Joy had met representative from Openreach about taking fibre broadband to Scar Top. After dismissing using the lane it was suggested 2 poles be erected on Whygill Gap. The Cllrs agreed to this and there will be a one off payment of approx £400. The Clerk will inform the BT representative and give him the relevant details. The Clerk will write to Mrs J Pope, as the tenant, advising her of this decision.

rpa and the new grant system: The Clerk had phoned Hettie at David Hill and she has suggested HPC might apply for an extension to the grant that ends November 2022. This gives more time to receive more substantial information about the proposed Tier system. The Clerk has replied to a "Scoping Questionnaire" about the "bog". The new grants will be environmental based. The Cllrs will have a site visit on Good Friday meeting at 10am at the bottom of Baxton Edge Lane.

Bus shelter update: Thanks were given to Cllr Coney and Mr M de Montfort for putting up a new wooden lintel and painting it. Unfortunately they could not put back the metal gutter so it will have to be one of plastic.

Correspondence:

CDC Remote meeting protocol; There has been discussion about the ruling for the next meeting. See below.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@20/03/21	£4449.22
Bank statement s/a@ 20/03/21	£13,870.19
<u>Money received</u>	
<u>Payments for approval</u>	
Stuart Naylor cut down snowberries £720 +VAT£144	£864.00
Swinden grant now £4820.00	
S Ely 6 months sal + exps	£509.52
Nigel Fairbank- wall repair Allen Garth	£160.00
YLCA subs for 2021	£127.00

Any other matters

There had been a request for metal detecting on Parish land. HPC doesn't object but feels the tenant should be informed so the Clerk will see which fields are being considered.

Cllr Ferguson said it was now too late to be felling the 3 ash trees as there are nesting birds. The Clerk will contact Mick Williams and suggest mid-August. However if there is a H&S issue they might have to come down.

Cllr Joy thanked Cllr Longthorne, who is not standing again, for all his time as a Cllr and in particular the help given with the website and attending at not always convenient times.

Date of next meeting of the new Council
and election of Charman
May 12th at 7.30pm by zoom

Signed.....

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