

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Monday June 28th 2021 in the Institute at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

The Cllrs observed social distancing and the Clerk had cleaned the tables and chairs and the door was left open.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 19th May, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved after an error was pointed out. There is a wayleave for some Brook Street residents to cross the Pinfold but this privilege of road does not extend to the rear of the houses.

Matters Arising:

Further ideas about about the new website with new domain: A working group of Cllrs Coney & Sykes plus Mr J Gardner had met to look into this. The Minutes will be sent to the Council. HPC gave its agreement to apply for a domain of Hebden Parish Council.gov.uk.org and will apply with Cllr Coney as Administrator of the domain. The main purpose of the new website is to fulfil the legal obligations of the Council. The cost will be £80 up front for 2 years then £40 every two years after. The website working group are still researching the best way forward for the website and will report back at the next meeting and/or when any decisions need to be taken by the Council. Mr Gardner has put a proto-type site on the working group's computer which will be looked at after the meeting. His expertise is much appreciated. Links, say, about the history of Hebden, will be possible.

Beck project update: The stones had been cleared and put in two piles. There had been complaints about disabled access in the long grass, neither had this deterred cars from parking. Ben White is to make a second cut and will be asked to remove this roadside swathe. Villagers will be asked to help removing the mown grass again. Cllr Coney will ask Mr Simpson to strim around the seats. When restrictions are removed Prof Grey will cut the ash by the ford and make a "kicker" of a branch into the beck, plus give instructions about monitoring water quality.

Playground and new swings agreed: Before the order can be delivered the Clerk and Chairman have had to sign an application for a new account with Sutcliffe. Then hopefully the swings and chains will be delivered. There is VAT to be added.

Memorial tree policy: The Clerk had spoken to Mr Holmes and Sandra and the peony rose has been removed. Sandra explained the purpose of the plaque photo to help relatives find the tree but this can now be removed. Mr Holmes said he would do this. Cllr Joy thanked her for tactfully sorting this problem. Cllr Ferguson has drafted a policy and does not recommend memorial woodlands. This will be discussed at a later meeting when the Cllrs have had time to study it and will put on the next Agenda. Cllr Ferguson said we need a map showing where the trees are and digitise it. There are TPO s on trees within the village. Cllr Joy thanked him for this work.

Problems with parking in village: This is an ongoing problem but has increased partly with the success of the Tea Rooms. Various parking sites were suggested, like the Powder field, the Old Tip but none considered suitable. Parking on both sides of the road near the junction of Church Lane has created obstructions for farm traffic and the local bus. The Clerk will contact the Police to ask for 10 cones to place by the junctions. Charging to park was considered but VAT would be due on the takings so it was left with donations in the wheelbarrow for the Institute

Plant a tree for the Jubilee and grid ref needed: It was decided to plant an oak offered by Cllr Ferguson but also request one for the Jubilee and to plant on the specified day. Cllr

Sykes will get a grid reference for a site on Low Bank Side near the road.

Village orchard: This was suggested at the Annual Meeting of the residents and the Cllrs agreed it was a good idea. A corner of Low Bank Side was thought a good site with the area being fenced off. Trees will be bought by HPC and residents will be offered chance to buy a fruit tree also. Since the tenant will need to be informed it will be put on hold till the next Land Letting in 2023. Cllr Wilson wanted brambles to be planted on the wallside.

Highways and 30mph signs: The Clerk had contacted Highways about moving the 30mph signs as agreed by the Cllrs but as yet had no response. She had phoned CDC about relocating the dog waste bins to below the cafe and down by the suspension bridge. The Council will need to supply 2 poles or show how they are to be fitted. They will need to be beside the road for easy access for emptying. The Clerk will look for a suitable site down near Hodges Row. Then CDC will need a location map before agreeing.

Correspondence: None

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/06/21	£2579.73
Bank statement s/a@ 01/06 /21	£13,870.54
This includes the Swinden Grant balance of £4400	

Money received

Payments for approval

Agreed at Residents meeting to pay Sutcliffe Play for 2 new swings

VAT will need to be added. £443.12

ICO for GDPR for year £40.00

D Hill for ELS & HLS £100.60 plus VAT £20.12 £120.72

D Hill for BPS £200.50 plus VAT £40.10 £240.60

These were agreed and Cllr Joy pointed out that in the future the rpa grants may change as the Govt is rewriting the agricultural grant policy, which is as yet unclear.

The AGAR Year End accounts have been on display and accepted so The Clerk will write giving the Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Isaac and she will be invited to send her invoice.

Any other matters

After the Clerk had sent in a "Scoping document" to get an idea of the new grants available Natural England has responded with much enthusiasm and suggesting an Archaeological survey of the Hebden Allotment, the "bog". The Clerk has sent an email to Hettie at David Hill and is waiting for her to get back. Meanwhile there will be an advertised village work party to remove the fence, meeting Sunday 25th July at 10.30 at Backstone Edge Lane end. HPC will look at the northern wall with a view to repairing any gaps.

Cllr Wilson wanted the road edge cleared but this will be delayed till the autumn and leaf fall.

With the letter about the 30mph signs the Clerk had again raised the problem of the leak with potential ice on the road up the gill and the need for a culvert.

Cllr Ferguson wanted the village Facebook to be used more to advertise HPC events and link with the new website to encourage greater engagement with the village. "The Bog"

working party will be advertised there.

Cllr Coney said that Mr M de Montfort again mentioned putting seats in the playground and was again asked to write to the Council with this proposal.

The wired gate below the toilets had been adjusted to make it easier to open. Cllr Coney said he'd fit a latch.

The Clerk explained that the pallet by the kissing gate was put there by Mr Herd to stop his sheep climbing on the heap of road sweepings and escaping into the road. Removing this was considered.

Cllr Sykes would come back with a draft proposal of a Local Plan to further encourage participation and involvement of the residents.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th August at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute.