

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 18th August 2021 in the Institute at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 28th June 2021, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update from working group on the new domain: Cllr Coney said that they were looking to find how to register and find a suitable hosting domain that is acceptable to the Govt.com. It is premature to suggest costs and they will return to the Council when they have done their research and come back with more definite ideas. Meanwhile the current website has been updated and corrected.

Highways- for moving 30mph signs & dog waste bins: The Clerk had contacted Area 5 and been told the request to put the 30mph sign near Hodges Row would not be possible as it didn't meet the criteria of housing next to the road nor a history of accidents. While there is a pole for the dog waste bin near the kissing gate below the cafe there won't now be a sign near the path to the suspension bridge for the other. A post will need to be erected so that needs further investigation.

Police and cones: The Clerk had spoken with the local community officer and been told it is not a police matter but for Highways. Their solution was for double yellow lines. The problem with the bus will be monitored. Cllr Ferguson will ask the bus drivers to make an official complaint if they have difficulty getting round the corner into Church Lane.

Carolyn of David Hill and latest information on grants: Hettie has passed our grant problem to Carolyn. She phoned me and said that she had applied for us to extend the existing grants an extra year but had heard nothing. She said she couldn't give us any costs till they knew what the ELM scheme involved. Cllr Joy said that up to now the Council had never asked for a quote but accepted their advice and their costs which had always seemed reasonable for dealing with the rpa.

Backstone Edge Allotment: The Clerk had covered the hole in the underpass on the track up to the allotment with hazard tape to alert the public to this danger. The Council will find out if the underpass is actually used and if not get it filled in.

Mr Robert Stockdale had replied to the email from the Clerk stating the wire left lying on the ground "will soon grow in and disappear and it shouldn't be a problem to any sheep."

The Peat Partnership had finally responded but their ideas were for a greater scale and using contractors to place bunds and plant lots of sphagnum moss. Since there is hardly any water flow nor bare peat land it was decided to leave it as it is. There is the greater problem and expense of repairs to the wall to the north. This is to be kept under review while future grants may become available. Moving the gate was considered.

The Beck Project now we can meet up: The Clerk will contact Prof Grey to see if a training session can be arranged in the Institute and by the beck and get his advice about the best time to do this. To keep up village interest its hoped to get it organised before Xmas, The swift box is up on the Institute and the other two would now be on hold till next spring. Cllrs Coney and Sykes plan to put the owl box up in the Old Tip (Longthornes agreed) and on a tree in High Green. Cllr Ferguson will put up the bird and bat boxes before the next meeting.

The snowberries have died off and left a bare area below Brook St Bridge. It was decided that low bushes and grasses would be the best cover. The Clerk will talk to Nigel of Hedgerow, who supplied the alders. and see what he suggests and come back to the next meeting when shrubs/plants can be ordered with some more trees. Six tree whips will be needed to replace the 3 felled ash and more beck planting is under review.

Ideas about a Village Plan: Cllr Sykes was thanked for the considerable work he has undertaken in producing the Paper on Locality Neighbourhood Plan funding. This is now being put on hold as the Govt has created a new North Yorkshire unitary council and the role of Parish, Local and District Councils is uncertain. The YDNPA will still be responsible for Planning and Cllr Sykes will attend their zoom meeting on 23/09/21.

Old maps and Minutes - to be kept safe: The Clerk has collected the Enclosure Award map from Mrs Hodge and Mr C Foster has been digitising the Tithe map. She will liaise with him about these old maps and what has been digitised.. All the Cllrs agreed that there should be a fire/damp/proof box in which to keep these old records of the village. The Clerk will make enquiries with Grassington PC and the SLCC for advice..

Trees in Hebden – ash trees: The Clerk gave the Cllr a map from her records that locates the trees in Hebden. She had marked one ash by the footbridge over to Thors Ghyll that may need felling as it is beside a public right of way and is on Parish land. Cllrs Sykes and Ferguson will look at it and report back. One by the ford and other ash trees will be monitored and where possible be left to die and fall naturally.

Andy Singleton's comment about the seat: The plaque put on the seat was not to anyone known in the village. While Andy Singleton didn't object it was considered a precedent not to be encouraged. After some discussion the Chairman stated it should be removed and await to see if anyone complains.

Correspondence: None

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 07/07/21	£3045.01
Bank statement s/a@ 07/07 /21	£11,870.89
This includes the Swinden Grant balance of £4400	
<u>Money received</u>	
Longthornes old tip rent	£25.00
<u>Payments for approval</u>	
Suteliffe Play for 2 new swings VAT owed and paid	£88.63
Reimburse G Coney for latch £7.72 + VAT £1.54	£ 9.26
Mrs G Isaac internal audit	£60.00
Stuart Naylor 4 cuts playground £50 verge £60 and Town Hill	
£23.00 +VAT £26.60	£159.60
SLCC annual membership	£45.00
Stuart Naylor 2 verge cuts £40.00 2 playground £25.00	
Spraying snowberries £150.00 +VAT £43.00	£258.00

(Snowberry spraying to be paid from Swinden grant money)

New Barclays Bank Mandate needed Cllr Ferguson volunteered and as a Barclays customer the Clerk will arrange the paperwork.

Any other matters

Cllr Ferguson noted the path by the beck had been strimmed. The Clerk had previously contacted the YDNPA and requested this doing after a local resident said it was “dangerous”.

The Clerk will write to Mr I Simpson to thank him for strimming around the seats.

Neighbours at No 9 Brook Street had left and the new owners were second home owners. The Clerk will update the Wayleave list.

It was noted that unfortunately, after not getting permission to extend their living quarters, the Montford family is moving to Threshfield. It is hoped that at some time in the future the toilets will be repaired.

The Clerk had received a complaint about the state of some of the tenanted fields. She will write to them all reminding them they need to spot spray the nettles, thistles etc. She will also remind them that next year is their final year of their 3 year tenancy agreement. She will again contact Hartlington Fencing about the fence in Low Bank Side.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday October 6th 2021at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute