

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Tuesday 9th August 2022

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wilson
Apologies: Cllr Davey, Cllr Sykes

The Minutes of the meeting held 22nd June 2022, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Update on applying for the Mid-Tier grants: The Clerk understands that Hettie is applying for the following. There will be no grants for Allen Garth, Whygill Gap as have horses grazing and The Stripe as too small to be worth the expense of applying. The Council is applying for GS5 & SP6 for High Bank Side. (SP6 is for cattle grazing at least 60% of time). Low Bank Side GS2 with the 2 areas for the orchard taken out. Low Green GS2. The fenced off corner of Low Green GS1 with money for the extra fencing and water gate. High Green is split into two areas above and below the meadow but for each WD7 & WD9 as no cattle grazing and natural growth of plants and bushes. The Clerk will confirm this is what Hettie has done and check with her the new acres to be let on Low Bank Side for next year's tenants.

Beck project and water testing: With the attendance and approval Prof Grey the boulders were placed in the beck below the cafe this morning. Mr J Longthorne helped with the moving of the boulders into position.

It was noted that the water quality testing hadn't happened and it was decided that more notice is needed with the village informed via email, Facebook and notice so that it is a totally inclusive activity. Cllr Sykes will be asked to try again to arrange this later in the year.

The meadow: This had been cut and raked with the help of Cllrs and residents. The remaining heap of hay had been removed by the Clerk and put under the tree. Ben White would not be able to give a 2nd cut this year. Cllr Wilson suggested S Naylor cut it with his mower as it isn't so big an area and this was considered a good option, particularly if he could remove the cut grass. The Clerk will contact him later in the year when the grass needs cutting. The Clerk will contact Catherine Mercer from the YDMT to return with her dock remover probably in September.

The two warning notices about soft ground are still to be placed on the meadow. It was noted someone had driven over the grass. It was thought a new notice explaining the plan to have a wild flower meadow might deter drivers.

Cllrs and a member of HEAT had cleared the weeds from around the guelder roses on the bank between the bridges. Further weeding had been done along the main road in the village. Mrs J Swift had contacted CDC and had the verge cleared by the bridge.

Cllr Sykes query on Methodist Chapel & Old Tip: This is deferred to the next meeting.

Highways and waste management: Highways had been contacted again about the hole in the road up the ghyll and the Clerk had been told that they were held up by the conduit being used by BT and Powergen but this is being resolved. Mrs J Swift had made a formal complaint.

Cllr Wilson kindly volunteered to move the dog waste bin from the bridge to its new site by the kissing gate. When this is done the Clerk will inform CDC.

New time to meet to look at Standard Garth: After the failure last time the Clerk will check a time when Cllr Sykes returns. It was thought a weekday evening best and perhaps another later date for Cllr Davey. It might be possible to park at the farm at the top of the bank.

Planning application C/41/143: The cottage has been used to care for vulnerable teenagers over 16 and rented by the DHSS for a couple of years. This change in use is to be able to house children and young adults from 14 -16 who have experienced challenging starts in life. Cllr Ferguson had spoken to the Carers and thought we could suggest activities for the children to help them become more socially independent. He said there might be links with the YDNPA. It was decided that HPC approves this application.

Short term holiday accommodation: The Cllrs were concerned that the Govt is thinking to encourage tourism with more Air B&B and other short term lets. This links in with the YDNPA Local Plan. There is insufficient housing for local people and not enough long term lets. Not just new homes are needed for permanent occupancy but also ones that come up for sale. Too many are bought with the intention of having them as holiday accommodation. It was thought there should be a national policy to protect local housing. One idea considered was if a house is to be used not as a permanent dwelling but a holiday home then a change of use to a business be required and then taxed and rated accordingly. This might discourage second homes and holiday lettings. The Clerk will draft a letter and have it sent before the deadline of 19th August. Cllr Wilson wanted more new accommodation for single and elderly residents and not just for young families.

Correspondence : Letter from rpa . This was to explain that they were modifying the terms and conditions of the grants no longer funded by the EU. They claim it will make it simpler and more efficient! One good point was that there will be flexibility to join other schemes. They have already changed the way we are paid.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/08/22	£3780.54
Bank statement s/a@ 01/08/22	£10,878.72
<u>Money received</u>	
Old Tip rent	£25.00
Powergrid – wayleave	£2.30

Payments for approval

Report from Mrs Isaac, Internal auditor.	£60.00
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Stuart Naylor grass cutting verge x2	£48.00	
Playground x 2	£30.00	+VAT £15.60
		£93.60
SLCC annual subs		£55.00

What to do with balance on the Nettleton donation for the kissing gate?
It was decided that we should paint the other kissing gate but not with the heritage oil based paint as recommended by the blacksmith but just green quick drying paint. The Clerk will ask at M&F. It was thought the playground could do with a coat of paint at the same time. Possibly the HEAT could help. Further ideas may be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28th September 2022

at 7.30pm in the Ibottson Institute