

## **Hebden Parish Council Minutes**

### **Meeting held Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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

Apologies: None

The Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

#### Matters Arising:

Beck project and water testing: Ms Rachel Brindle from YDNPA had come and looked at what has been done and was very impressed. She also liked that the residents are being involved and was very interested that four had been to a River Invertebrate Monitoring Workshop so could take beck samples and check the quality of the water. Cllr Sykes suggested this checking is done every two months and will set up the next date. This will be advertised to all the village as its hoped to "cascade down" how to follow the instructions. Cllr Sykes will write to Prof Grey with a breakdown of the work done with the intention of getting his final input completed and it paid for so we know how much grant money might be left.

She supported the Community Orchard and thought there could be further funding from the Swinden Quarry grant. The Clerk will contact Tony Serjeant and Ms Brindle to see if this is possible and if so request the forms. She will get costs for the fencing and gates and Cllr Ferguson will look into the costs of trees. It was thought while best to plant in the autumn it is good to get the project started.

The meadow and the docks: Catherine Mercer from YDMT came with specialised dock removing tools. A group used these and removed docks from the southern part of the meadow. She kindly left us two tools to borrow and continue the work which the Clerk has put in her shed. She took a number of soil samples so the fertility of the ground can be assessed. Cutting the grass 2/3 times a year removing the cut is the best way to reduce fertility. The Clerk will ask Stuart Naylor about using his mower to make a final cut for this year.

Cllr Sykes query on Methodist Chapel & Old Tip: He felt that the chapel is an underused asset that has been standing empty for a number of years. He gave the Cllrs notes on "Nominating an asset of community". The owner and also the Methodist Church and Church of England will be notified that the Council has an interest in a change in use to provide small workshops and so encourage younger and broader employment into the village. If the owner does wish to sell then HPC gets first refusal. The problem with parking was pointed out. The Cllrs agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Cllr Sykes felt better use of the Tip would be in parking. While those going to the cafe probably wouldn't walk the distance walkers might use it. This has been discussed in the past but the increased parking problem makes it worth further consideration. Cllr Sykes thought there might be money from the YDNPA Sustainability Fund if there were electric charging points put there. He will research and make a business case for this plan.

Electric charging points: Cllr Davey stated that there are few places residents

could recharge electric cars. He suggested a designated site on the beck side of main street under a light. Cllr Ferguson felt that a more ambitious plan for the future would be to have a cable run behind the wall with wall mounted charging points attached. Cllr Davey said he'd look into the Govt offers available for funding.

Beckside request to undertake works to reduce flood damage:The Environment Agency had sent them a letter about a flood warning service with a map indicating where there was danger of flooding. The Cllrs had no objection to the residents of Beckside reinforcing the wall defence.

Thanks to Chris Foster: The Council will send a letter of thanks for the work preparing and painting the kissing gate funded by the Nettleton donation. Another letter will be sent to Rosemary and Clive Linley to thank them for improving the paint colour and painting the other kissing gate.

Correspondence :Eyes on the Bog form to complete: This will agree that volunteers may make measurements of the condition and depth of the bog at Backstone Edge Allotment and was signed by Cllr Joy as Chairman.

ROSPA Report on the playground. Risk levels were low except for the new gate which was said to have a "violent action".The tyre on the north end of the seesaw needs putting back under the seat. These will be repaired. The Clerk will check the price of a new mat to go at the bottom on the slide. The fence has some rotten timber. The slide needs repainting and the protruding bolt at the back of the sign cut back. The Clerk will speak her contact at Colvend to get a new replacement wooden sign made and this will be varnished. It had already been decided that HEAT be asked to help with this and painting the equipment over the winter months. HPC will ask that the same paint is used with the Council reimbursing Rosemary and Clive.

#### Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 05/08/22	£4176.94
Bank statement s/a@ 01/06/22	£10,878.07
<u>Money received</u>	
BT wayleave	£ 2.30
rpa interim BPS payment	£549.10
<u>Payments for approval</u>	
Cllr Sykes reimburse tree plaque	85.00
Stuart Naylor Verge x 2 £48.00	
Playground x2 £30.00 + VAT 15.60	£ 93.60
David Hill prof work BPS £215.50 + VAT £43.10	£258.60
David Hill prof work EHL /HLS £100.50+VAT £20.10	£120.60
S Ely salary April to Sept	£500.00
S Ely expenses for April to Sept 2022 £27.22+VAT £4.01	£31.23

The Cllrs approved all these payment.

Agree the Charity Commission Return figures. The Clerk gave out spreadsheets of the income and expenses of the two charities. After some explanations of the figures they were agreed.

Any other matters:

Cllr Wilson asked about the state of the fence at the side of the footpath leading down to the footbridge by Thors Ghyll. The Clerk will contact YDNPA to see if they will repair it.

Cllr Wilson said she'd been unable to move the dog waste bin from the bridge site. The Clerk will ask CDC for a price for a new bin by the kissing gate.

Cllr Sykes thought a letter to Tom Stockdale whom we're told admitted liability for the wall damage opposite Green House asking it is repaired shortly as there are cattle in the field. The Clerk will check the wall lower down where Nigel had been asked to repair where stones had fallen out as it wasn't certain this had been done. He will be asked to check all the wall.

Cllr Ferguson wanted another meeting with Hannah Kay, Dark Skies Manager, and to invite all the residents and local businesses to attend. The Clerk will contact her and ask for some dates.

It was considered that the pavement outside Green Terrace is a trip hazard. The Clerk will contact Highways to point this out. Cllr Davey said a previous resident had removed patches of the non-slip tarmac and wouldn't want to see CDC rip up the flags and replace with tarmac. It might be possible to grind the surface to make it safe. Cllr Sykes suggested a ground glass impregnated surface as a new safety method.

Cllr Ferguson said sheep were getting through into High Green where the fallen tree had knocked a hole in the wall. Cllr Joy said he'd speak again to David White about this.

Cllr Wilson noted that a car was parked on the Green behind Rowan Cottage while they were charging their car. It will be looked into and if an ongoing problem a letter sent to the owners.

Cllr Joy wanted to be sure the planning consent for the Herd's barn didn't have any conditions attached. The Council had not received any correspondence on this application and had seen nothing on the web site.

He reminded the Cllrs about meetings they'd been sent telling them about planning and enforcement rules on zoom and a meeting in Grassington Town Hall of the YDNPA Forum.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

at 7.30pm in the Ibottson Institute

Signed.....

Date.....

