

## **Hebden Parish Council Minutes**

### **Meeting held Wednesday 2nd December 2022**

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

Apologies: None

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

#### Matters Arising:

The Old Tip and Highways comment about access. Unlike their previous comment about visibility there was no objection to this initial query to its use as a Car Park. After discussion about the number of spaces possible, restricting parking in the village, electric charging, and the general cost benefit, the Clerk is to write to Mr Buckley and Mr Walmsley to get a quote for laying out the area in chippings.

Further update on the Chapel as a "Nominated asset of the village". The Cllrs were told that Mr Buckley was surprised that the Council should have any thoughts or plans for the Chapel he has bought and it had been suggested to him that if he wanted further information he write to the Clerk.

The Community Orchard and fencing. After Hartlington Fencing had rejected quoting for the work the Clerk had been in touch with Benson in Cracoe. He has quoted £3.45/m and £295 per gate. For the enclosure of the two areas and some smaller ones the fencing was reckoned to cost about £2000. Cllrs Ferguson & Sykes will meet with the Clerk to fill in the grant application before the next HEAT meeting 31<sup>st</sup> January. The decreased area of Low Bank Side will be noted in the new bids for the fields.

Painting the playground equipment and new signs. Clive and Rosemary would provide similar paint as on the kissing gate and HEAT will help. It is planned for work in the spring. Cllr Sykes had put up the No Dogs sign and said the old sign could be sanded and re-varnished. The new sign would then be placed at the cafe entrance. The Clerk will ask Mr Coney if he would be so kind as to make another gate to go in the gap from the cafe car park.

Charity Commission update to remove the rights of turbarry. Cllr Sykes had replied listing the following purposes:

'Realising stewardship awards from all suitable sources to carry out the purpose of advancing the environmental protection of the flora and fauna of the Hebden Allotment'

'Relief of poverty through the distribution of excess funds obtained through stewardship awards of the Hebden Allotment'

It was also noted no peat has been cut for a number of years. The Clerk pointed out that the Cllrs were Trustees and not her. At the General Meeting of Residents there had been no objection and there was support for mitigating the climate emergency and protecting rare species of flora. The Cllrs agreed that Cllr Sykes continues with this application.

Update on Prof Grey to get his final input/invoice: The Prof had not replied to the last 3 emails sent to him by Cllr Sykes and only came when the boulders were put in the beck. He still hasn't given us the information to get our water

sample results put in the national data base. Cllr Sykes will make another attempt to get him to finish the work he initially said he'd do by emailing him with a "polite deadline" to complete the work and send in his invoice as HPC needs to be able to reckon the remaining Beck Project Grant money.

HEAT plans and room hire cost. Cllr Ferguson had spoken to Fiona and there might be a cost now the meetings were more regular. It had previously been stated that HPC and HEAT were separate entities so Council insurance would not cover their activities. At the next meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January HEAT becoming an "Unincorporated body" can be discussed.

Walls and next year's tenancies: The Clerk will write to the existing tenants to tell them their closed bids need to be in before 31/01/23 to start a new 3 year term on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. The hectares of Low Bank Side will be 1.034he after taking out the Community Orchard. The fields will have new environmental restrictions to comply with the new rpa grants and these will be made available to all interested parties and attached to their agreements. Notices will be displayed. All walls are to be in good condition. It was noted Allen Garth's wall had been repaired so it is Low Bank Side that needs attention along with Low Green. The Clerk is to write again to Mr Stockdale requesting the repair is undertaken before the new letting starts. In line with the changes with the Backstone Edge Allotment and hopes for new grant funding as previously discussed, HPC will not be offering it for shooting rights. New wording about how to keep down nettles and docks will be added to the agreements. Catherine Mercer will be contacted as she gave advice about this for the meadow.

Standard Garth; The Clerk had phoned 3 times to the Craven College Arborist named contact and left messages and had received no reply. Likewise Cllr Sykes had heard nothing.

Grants from rpa: The Clerk and Hettie from D Hill's have been working on the new rpa Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier options. Apart from incorrectly including Whygill Gap in the total area it is not listed in the field option codes. Since some have 2 codes and the fields split into up to 3 different categories the Clerk has been busy linking the rpa definitions to the field names. She will phone Hettie about the total number of hectares and then sign the form as agreed by the Cllrs and post it!

#### Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/11/22	£3289.66
Bank statement s/a@ 01/11/22	£ 10,882.13
<u>Money received</u>	
Northern Powergrid wayleaves	£103.85
BT wayleave	£ 3.00
rpa Basic payment scheme 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	£538.90

#### Payments for approval

Cllr C Davey to reimburse him for the UK Hosting – they do not accept

chqs	£71.40
YDNP oak wood sign for playground £60+VAT£12	£72.00

These payments were approved.

#### Any other matters

Following on from the village bird survey a grant for swift boxes and song call recording tapes was being applied for from the Yorkshire Naturalist Society. It was agreed the Clerk would help in the administration of the funding.

Cllr Joy reported that the tree planting in Edy Field scheme that HPC had supported was running into difficulties put forward by Natural England. He is pursuing the matter.

The request for money to Support Grassington Town Hall will be put to the residents at the Annual Meeting.

Cllr Davey reported that the PCC had not anticipated such village interest in St Peter's Church. He will give an update when the PCC gets back with their plans for the Church. It was noted it is being used this Friday for festive singing.

Cllr Sykes pointed out that Gavin Herd had repaired the wooden fence behind the seat at the end of Back Lane. He suggested putting a Hebden Welcome sign there and thanking Gavin for his work and this was agreed.

The Clerk said that the planning application C/41/142 had been withdrawn and the Council had not been informed. YDNPA apologised and said again the manager of the software had failed to send this on to us. Apparently they no longer inform the Council of outcomes other than withdrawals.

Mr K Longthorne had given Chris Foster some old maps and these were passed on to the Clerk. She and Cllr Joy will look at them and decide where best to store them.

Date of next meeting  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023  
at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute