

Hebden Parish Council Minutes

Meeting held Wednesday 15th March 2023

Present: CllrJoy, Cllr Davey, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wilson

Apologies: Cllr Sykes

The Minutes of the meeting held 1st February 2023, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

The Old Tip: Mr Buckley had called to discuss this with the Clerk. Mr Walmsley is contacting her next week. Both want a site visit. Before this happens it was decided the Cllrs meet there on **Monday 20th March at 5.30pm**. Cllr Ferguson wondered about improving the surrounding woodland with any available grants as there seems to be money for trees.

The Community Orchard update: The Clerk sent the Swinden grant application form the beginning of February but Rachel Brindle at the YDNPA had been on holiday. It has now been passed with maps to Robyn Guppy and the Parish should hear the result in the next 6 weeks. If the money is agreed the Clerk will email Mr Benson about the fencing. Before he starts the 2 blocks will be marked out with canes and the gates to be placed at the west end of the top plantation and the bottom corner of the lower one. Cllrs and HEAT will put up the fencing around the individual tree groups.

Outstanding work on Beck Project and the invoice: Prof Grey had told Cllr Sykes that he will fell and tie back the branch and help with the inception pools in April. Since he has not charged for the initial inspection and the mapping work it was agreed that the invoice received be paid. We are also still waiting for the beck results to go on the national data base. A regular water testing routine will be arranged once the beck levels drop.

Local concerns about a tree being felled opposite pub: Residents had contacted the Clerk with their concern at the felling of the cherry tree at the back of this new building site. The Planning Dept replied that there was evidence sent to them by the tree surgeon that it had a major crack in the trunk near the base and so could be felled on safety grounds. There will need to be a replacement tree planted. There was no reason to fell the remaining sycamore.

C/41/136 3 Mill Cottages: The Cllrs were pleased to have actually received this application from the Planners and also that the residents of No 3 Hodges Row had applied for permission to extend the back decking and alter the doorway. There was no objection and the Clerk will contact the Planning Dept. with this decision.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/03/23	£6441.83
Bank statement s/a@ 01/03/23	£ 10,895.64

Money received

ELS rpa environmental grant 2022	£1525.97
Barclays interest for year	£ 23.80
<u>Payments for approval</u>	
Wild Trout Trust (Prof Grey)	£1450.00
S Ely salary for 6 months to 31/03/23	£ 500.00
Expenses for same 6 months	£ 9.81
Reimburse S & P Wiegand swift project exps	£ 429.98

Any other matters

New bus times: The frequency is to be reduced in April to 2 hourly for the 72 Grassington to Skipton and last bus from Skipton will be 17.25 and last from Grassington 18.00. There is no plan at the present to change the other services in Hebden and Grassington.

The Enclosure maps: These are now with the Archives Dept in Northallerton.

Woodland Trust survey: Cllr Wilson had wondered if the Council should partake in this but it was decided our small area wasn't really relevant to their request even including Standard Garth woodland.

Trees on the Tip. Cllr Wilson had been told an unauthorised request had been made to Webbers to look at cutting back branches in the Tip and then contact the Council. Mr Longthorne has already had Webbers cut back branches on the Orchard Road side without permission from the Parish. He has been asked to contact the Parish first for further work on local trees on Parish land.

Open Reach : Cllr Ferguson reported that the line brought down by Storm Arwin still had not been replaced and was lying on the ground under the fallen branches. While Brook Street residents were back on line it was a poor wifi reception.

Main Street wall repair: Mr Stockdale has asked Nigel Fairbanks to mend this gap. It was thought a good idea to ask him to make a visual survey of the walls on Hebden land and in next year's financial forecast budget for some more repairs. While the tenants are responsible for repairing walls under their tenancy agreement they cannot be responsible for all old wall maintenance. The Clerk will write a carefully worded letter to Mr Fairbanks.

Kissing gate opposite Thors Gill: Cllr Ferguson noted that YDNPA had requested this new infrastructure over a year ago but there still hasn't been a new gate fixed. At the time they had been told to contact Mr Stockdale. The Clerk will contact Colvend to see what is the delay.

Road repairs up the gill: There is still the hole above the culvert and it is growing. The previous excuse was that Highways was waiting for Open Reach and a utility company, that had used the culvert, to remove their wires. The Clerk will contact them again to make a formal complaint that this has been on going over 18 months.

Coronation Day Street Party May 6th: This will take place with the usual format

of a Jacob's Join. Road closure has been granted. There is money available from the local fishing group and will be used to subsidise the food. Street cleaning to be done by Cllrs early mornings when they can before cars are parked.

Date of next meeting which will also be the

Residents Annual Meeting

Monday 24th April 2023

at 7.30pm in the Ibottson Institute followed by the

Parish Council Meeting.