

Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church

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

Apologies: Cllr Davey

The Clerk arranged this meeting at St Peter's Church as the Institute is still not available.

The Minutes of the meeting held 19th July 2023, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Revised bus timetable: The result of the Parish contacting the Integrated Transport Service, the 72 from Skipton arriving Grassington at 16.18 will connect with the 72B that will now wait 10 minutes and not 2 as in the timetable. From 04/09/23 there will be an additional service on Mon, Wed, Fri to provide an additional journey back from Skipton.

NY Council speed management strategy: They are asking for "a positive step forward to help make our roads safer and more accessible for all". The Parish will request again a 30mph speed limit through the village with a SLOW sign on the B6265 approaching from Pateley and the white lines redrawn. The road crossing in the middle of the village is a major safety concern as the visibility is poor. The Cllrs also wanted to request the de-restriction sign moved down the hill to beyond Hodges Row. The Council had already approved of "20 is Plenty" campaign for along the village main road. It was also suggested that there should be warning signs at 100 yard intervals to warn drivers of the approaching speed limit. The Clerk has the name to contact, Cllr K Duncan, an executive member for NYC Highways. She will also contact Highways again and add the need to also repaint the line outside the playground.

Town Hill: The posts and chain had been put in place within a week of its being agreed. The posts allow an emergency vehicle entry. The local residents have the padlock number. They have said they are pleased with this protection of the Green. The Clerk will add the Cllrs thanks to Mr Parker on his cheque letter for the speed at which this work was accomplished.

Longthornes access letter: There is a complaint that the lower orchard fence blocks their access to the bottom plot. There was some discussion about the route across and the watercourse down the field. It had been thought possible to drive above the fence but this is disputed. Initially the Council will ask the Longthornes for a copy of their Deeds showing this right.

Trees for the orchard: The Clerk said that there was £4500 in the grant for trees. There were a number of pamphlets with recommended fruit trees suitable for our orchard. Lee Johnson from YDNPA had sent an interesting list of ancient apple varieties. Cllr Davey had told of a walled garden in Helmsley with a good selection of fruit trees. Cllr Sykes will phone the specialist nursery near Pickering and discuss our needs. It will not include pears as these don't appear to thrive in Hebden. The area will support about 40 trees. The plan is to buy small trees rather than whips and Cllr Sykes will ask about guards and stakes and delivery in October/November. When a price has been agreed local

residents with gardens will be offered a chance to buy fruit trees at the same time. Gates to the orchards should be open until planting begins.

Update on the beck project: Prof Grey had been and conducted a water survey which showed a good increase in fish numbers. He was pleased with the work undertaken by the beck project. He sent a graph showing these figures and Cllr Sykes will put this on the Notice Board. He will return in October to fell a dead ash branch near the ford as paid for in his invoice. There is still £2000 in the fund. After weeding there might be more guelder roses planted between the bridges. Alder trees are being considered for the beck side bank opposite the cafe with another oak this side to compliment the one planted for the Queen's Jubilee.

Cllr Ferguson asked the Clerk if she will contact Tony Serjeant at Colvend to see if there could be a bat survey undertaken next summer to complement the bird survey undertaken this July.

Thanks were given to Cllr Wilson who drove with the Clerk to Giggleswick to collect some free wild flower plants and potted trees. The plan is to put the meadow sweet by the road side and later the knapweed into the meadow. The Clerk had been collecting yellow rattle seeds and starting them off in trays and sprinkling some where docks had been removed. Cllr Ferguson noted the Hospital meadow hasn't been cut so its possible to collect more rattle seeds. The Clerk will ask Mr J Metcalfe in Linton if he has a small bailer so HEAT doesn't have to rake up the arisings and if so to ask him to mow later in September.

Accounts:

Bank statement C/A @ 01/08/23	£ 2286.81
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Bank statement D/A @01/08/23	£15,924.87
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Payments for approval

Stuart Naylor for mowing the Churchyard as agreed	£ 120.00
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He will be asked to resend the invoice made out to HPC and including the VAT figure.

Rosemary Howard reimburse slide paint	£ 23.83
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Philip Parker for post, chain and padlock Town Hill	£ 73.00
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These payments were approved.

The Clerk is still trying to get the cheque for the over paid street lighting. This matter goes back to June and has been chased by the Clerk's contact at NYC. A new invoice has been received but no repayment. The Clerk has written to Head of Finance of the new NYC.

The Clerk gave the Cllrs the figures for the 2 village charities so that she can make the Annual Return on line. The Cllrs agreed the amounts and Cllr Sykes thanked the Clerk for her work.

Any other matters.

Cllr Wilson was thanked for her work at removing the wire guards around the holly trees that have "taken off" and grown a lot this year.

A letter will be sent to thank Rob for the work he chose to undertake on the Church door. His wood polishing skills were much admired.

Cllr Wilson noted that stile up the diagonal field towards Scar Top is still very difficult and nothing had been done after YDNPA had been contacted. The Clerk explained it has taken a long time to replace the Ranger who left. Likewise the kissing gate hasn't replaced the stone stile.

Cllr Ferguson wanted the deep groove at the side of Back Lane, made by heavy vehicles delivering concrete for the new barn, to be filled in. It will then regenerate naturally. HEAT could help. It wasn't decided if Gavin Herd be asked to supply the soil.

Cllr Sykes brought up the parking problem for further consideration. He suggested signs outside Green Terrace to deter daytime parking by tourists. He also advocated 2 electric charging points opposite. He wondered about oblique parking. These matters will be discussed again later.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday October 11th

at 7.30pm. Venue to be decided nearer the time.

