

Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Ibbotson Institute

Present: Cllr Joy, Cllr Davey, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Sykes.

Apologies: Cllr Wilson

The Minutes of the meeting held 20th November 2023, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

The Community Orchard update: All the 40 fruit trees have been planted and Mr G Birtley has made a plan of the lower area showing the position of the different varieties. He will do the same for the upper area. It was decided that there should be some metal markers to show fruit name, harvest time and eat by date. Cllr Sykes said he'd check the information with Rogers the Nursery and then get them made.

On 6th January Epiphany was celebrated by wassailing the trees in the bottom plantation. It was well supported with about 15 wassailers from Appletreewick and about 25 residents. Photos and a short article were put in the Craven Herald and their web site.. It was noted some creature had been trying to dig up the matting. It could be rabbits but will be monitored.

NY Council and Waste disposal sites reduction: The Council was against any closure of sites. There are only 2 in our area at Skipton and near Harrogate. Plus the Cllrs were against the idea of only allowing local residents to use the facility after proving their address. It will only result in fly tipping and cost more for local councils and landowners.

Cost of tree survey: One quote was for £2400 and the other for nearly £800. It was decided to check with our insurance company to understand their rules of cover. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Closure of Barclays Skipton and response from J Smith MP -Need to contact Barclays Business Team: He said it was crucial that residents and businesses are able to access suitable banking. He has been in touch with Barclays who have informed him that they plan to open an interim site in the Swadford Centre prior to March 7th closure and plan to open a second permanent site in Skipton but this will be solely a service-provision site and will not handle cash. Barclays intend to use the Post Office to handle all cash based services. Cllr Sykes said he thought you could set up a system when only one person can be make the transaction and another Cllr be contacted automatically. He thought one can get a card to facilitate cash transactions at the Post Office. The Clerk will contact YLCA as this must be a problem for other councils. She will also phone Barclays Business Team.

Correspondence

Email from Area 5. In response to the matters raised by HPC the reply was that the disabled parking will be considered when the Planning Application has been passed. The fence up the gill was not designed as a physical barrier to traffic so its not necessary to replace it. The Clerk will ask Mr Parker, Handy Lad Services, to look at it and see if he can make it more secure. Area 5 have

raised a works order to look again at the flooding outside the Tea Rooms. Letters from rpa: The Clerk contacted C Sunter as it stated HPC had not returned the form for 2023. C Sunter assured me she had and since we then received in December the BPS grant money they obviously had. The Clerk will go over the other forms that she had worked on with Hettie as she thought the Mid-Tier grant was not as much as was expected.

Letter from Barclays: This was to offer HPC £150 in recognition of the problems the Clerk had experienced while dealing with banking matters. The account number was wrong but another phone call ensured the money had gone to the correct place. It has and was paid on 27/12/23.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/11/23	£ 1,070.40
Bank statement s/a@ 01/11/23	£ 13,024.22

Money received

RPA BPS advance credit	£421.60
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Payments for approval

Old School Cafe pd by S Ely £25.58 +VAT £5.52	£31.10
for drinks for tree planters on 1 & 2 Dec	
Philip Parker for making playground gate	£91.00

These were approved.

Cllr Sykes had paid for some beer for the wassailers and it was agreed to reimburse him.

The Clerk is still trying to get VAT invoice from York UK Hosting

Any other matters

Cllr Joy wanted to know if there was any progress with the Toilet repairs. Cllr Sykes will speak to M Hargreaves and again to M de Montfort.

There has been a safety concern raised by a resident about the speed of traffic and bikes down the hill out of the village. It was decided to contact Highways with a request to move the 30mph sign on to the Scuff near the entrance to Ranelands.

Cllr Sykes had been to look at Standard Garth and noted there were some new spruce trees planted in there. The gate no longer existed. The Clerk will try to find out who planted the trees. Putting up a solid fence was considered and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Ferguson wanted advice from Rogers and Lee Johnson about pruning the fruit trees. Cllr Sykes will contact the Nursery and depending on their reply the Clerk will speak to Lee Johnson.

The next HEAT meeting will be on February 12th at 6.30pm

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2024 7.30pm