

## **Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm at Ibbotson Institute**

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

Apologies: None

Elect a Chairman

Cllr Davey proposed Cllr Sykes and Cllr Joy seconded. Cllr Sykes accepted this post for the coming year. He has the support of all the Cllrs and was given the keys to the Institute. Cllr Wilson kindly offered to remain as Vice Chair and this was gratefully accepted.

Cllr Davey proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Joy for all the many years he has been Chairman and a Cllr on the Hebden PC. His expertise and knowledge of village matters has been much appreciated and is hoped he continues to give his support on council affairs. Cllr Sykes seconded this and the other Cllrs gave their thanks.

Minutes of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Any follow up from the Electors meeting: The idea of Cllr Foster to put up gates to advertise the arrival in the village was further discussed but the problem of location on the Grassington side considered with a sign in the Sport's field. This was dismissed as the owners live distantly and don't have any interest in Hebden and never respond to queries. There is an added traffic flow problem with the closure of the A59 at Kex Gill. Cllr Wilson was concerned about speeding cyclists on the road down to the river but Highways would not extend the 30mph limit as requested by HPC. The Clerk is to write to Highways and request a Pelican Crossing outside the Clarendon Hotel. Mr Horn has been researching this speeding problem so Cllr Davey will discuss it with him.

Path obstruction: As discussed at the last meeting the fence put up around the new build on the corner was no longer needed as no work has been undertaken this year and the wall is finished. After attempts to contact the owner had failed, the Clerk sent a photo to Highways showing it was an obstruction to the pavement and therefore a hazard to pedestrians. It was removed within 24 hours!

Non payment of rent: The rent of £120 for Allen Garth has not been received and Mrs Pope has been sent two reminders. Cllr Ferguson said the field needed grazing. The Clerk said that when she took over the field from Laura Kirton last year it was in a poor state. She was told she could spot spray the nettles and thistles. Cllr Sykes will visit her to see what is happening.

Barclays Bank: The Clerk has visited the Hub in Skipton to undertake bank transfers. Today she has received a card to enable her to do telephone banking. Cheques and cash can be paid in at Grassington PO. She has also today received another letter saying the signatures of herself and Cllr Joy don't match what they hold on record. The Clerk will get the new form signed and hopes to resolve the matter.

Standard Garth: The Clerk had written to Mr Binns as the local gamekeeper for Copper Gill to explain that the wood belongs to the Parish so by rights no new trees should have been planted there without our consent. She hadn't received a reply. There is a gap in the wall that Nigel is going to repair but he has an ongoing toe problem resulting in his being off work 3 weeks. The gate no longer exists. The Clerk will ask "Fliss" to quote for a fence as barrier with a small opening by pedestrians.

Work to be done on the meadow: Gavin Herd will be asked to cut it again later in the year with the risings removed hopefully by HEAT. When the ground isn't waterlogged there will be another working party to remove docks and nettles.

Correspondence: None

#### Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/04/24	£ 1988.53
Bank statement s/a@ 01/04/24	£ 13,072.93

#### Money received

Annual bank interest	£177.29
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#### Payments for approval

S Ely half year to 31/03/24	£500.00
Expenses for above	£6.00
YLCA annual subs	£136.00

#### AGAR return

The Cllrs were given the Year End Summary and an updated Governance and Accountability check list. The AGAR Exemption form was signed as the income is less than £25,000 and this will be posted to PJK. After some study, they approved the AGAR Annual Governance form.

Mrs Isaac has agreed to be our internal auditor so all necessary forms and paper work will be given to her shortly.

#### Any further comments

Planning and funding for the Disabled access to the Toilet has been stopped. There has been no longer a demand shown for this new entrance.

The new larger dog waste bin will be sited to the north of the kissing gate just to the side of the pole.

The query by Mrs R Jowett about the crown raising of the trees was considered. The Clerk could remember a request to remove a branch overhanging the road but nothing about crown raising. The branch was not considered a danger so nothing was done. It seemed the request was to improve light but there is no requirement of the Council to do this. The nearby holly tree that was frequently asked to be cut back/down for a likewise reason was refused.

Date of next meeting

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30 in the Institute.

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