

**Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held
Monday 16th June 2025
at 7.30pm at the Ibbotson Institute**

Present: Cllr Sykes, (Chairman), Cllr Joy, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wilson.

Apologies: Cllr Davey

The Minutes of the meeting held 30th April, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Toilet update: To date 6 builders have been to have a look at the building and the plans to convert to a unisex/disabled toilet with the entrance from the front. As yet no quotes have been given. Colin Richards and Ben Walker have just been to look so the Council is still hoping to be able to move forward. Cllr Sykes will then contact the Planners at YDNPA. The road side wall will need a new opening and Nigel Fairbanks will be asked to do this.

Cllr Foster grant money as now not having VAS: The white SLOW sign and 40mph roundels have been painted on the road. As yet no invoice has been received for this work as indicated by Mr D Griffiths at the meeting when the VAS idea was dropped. Highways will be asked to repaint the white line outside the playground costing £271 + VAT. No decision was made about a line outside the Institute.

Notice board information work: Cllr Joy is working on the wording for this introduction to the Hebden Village and is hoping for 3 residents to help. An idea is to have a map from the Suspension Bridge to the Miners Bridge with Low and High Green marked. Then pointers made with links to Cultural History, Land management, on going Projects (Beck & Orchard) etc. A QR code could link to John Gardner's History of the village website, if he agrees. Cllr Joy's grandson can help with this. When there is a draft format YDNPA will be asked about a final design.

New fencing up gill: The Clerk had spoken again to "Fliss". He suggested putting up posts linked with chain in front of the existing fence. After much discussion the latest idea is to remove the existing fence and put in wooden posts with reflectors. At the same time remove the plastic bollards and put in similar posts. "Fliss" will be asked to contact Cllr Sykes about removing the metal poles as he will assist with their removal. The Clerk will inform Highways of this plan.

Trees opposite Town Head: Tree Tops had met the Clerk and discussed the complaint about the trees obstructing light. It was agreed to accept the quote of £315 + VAT to "Raise the crowns over the road". This would maintain the statutory height of 5.2m above the road. He would apply for the YDNPA permission, put up signs for the public and remove any rubbish. The Clerk will write to Mr Jowett about this action to be taken.

Wall gap in Old Tip: The Clerk will contact Longthornes as they rent the Tip and ask them to make the repair. It isn't very big.

Correspondence – There had been a letter from our MP Sir Julian Smith promoting the public consultation about the Violence and Community Safety Survey including specific questions about violence against women. He asks

that the survey is shared via local networks with residents encouraged to take part. The Survey can be accessed at

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ViolenceSurvey It will be sent to Pat to send round and the letter will be placed on the Notice board.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 02/06/25	£ 2822.40
S/a	£ 17,310.98

Beck balance £1755 after paying for plugs

Orchard balance £3132 Swift balance £59

VAS balance £1330

Money received

Yorkshire water rent for 5 years	£25.00
NYC precept	£4000.00
Mrs Pope rent Allan Garth	£120.00

Payments for approval

NYC street lighting paid as correct according to office	£194.41
£162.01 +VAT £32.40	
Clear insurance paid as due 01/06/25	£ 599.89
YDNPA make info board £900 +£180 VAT	£1080.00

Internal audit completed and AGAR forms put on the web. Report stated accounts well kept but noted the slow payment for Allen Garth and suggesting action next year. It is the 3rd and final year of this tenancy agreement so this may change and no longer be a problem (See attached).

Any other matters

C/41/58C Planning application to extend Phoenix Cottage. This won't be seen from the road and complies with rules on building materials. The Cllrs had no objection.

C/41/74A Highfield. Again the Cllrs had likewise no objection to the addition of 2 rooms in place of the garage.

Since it is not easy to download the applications using the Portal the Clerk is to ask for paper copies of these applications to be sent to Colvend for her to collect.

Cllr Ferguson noted how good the meadow is looking with some of the plugs in flower.

Cllr Wilson said that Joanne Kent's son wants to do some work in the village for his D of E award. With assistance from Cllr Sykes he'll be asked to clear public footpaths.

Cllr Ferguson said there had been 2 HEAT meetings and Hebden was leading the way in making "Homes for Birds" with Ian Court telling the group there was

money available for this new project. Swift boxes are up with some successful use and now 2 housemartin cups on Green House.

A letter of thanks is to go to Clive for his work on the orchards, attaching names and putting up the plans .

Date of next meeting

Monday 28th July 2025

at 7.30pm in the Ibbotson Institute.

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