

**Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held
Wednesday 27th August 2025
at 5.30pm at the Ibbotson Institute**

Present: Cllr Davey , Cllr Joy, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wilson (who took the Chair).

Apologies: Cllr Sykes

The Minutes of the meeting held 28th July which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Toilet update : Deferred till next meeting in absence of Cllr Sykes

Notice board update: A company in Skipton, Simon Signage had been asked for a quote to mount the notice with given marine ply dimensions and suitable cover. "Fliss" will be asked to fix into the ground after a site meeting to decide where is just the best place. The Clerk will arrange a meeting.

New AGAR rules and IT policy: The email address of the Clerk should be available and HPC should have its own site with a gov.uk domain. All these new requirements are met by the Council. The Clerk will write up the IT policy as regards HPC. As the Council has its own laptop and only the Clerk has access to this and the Hebden web site that is updated with Agenda and Minutes and other relevant information. After rewriting the template she will deliver at the next meeting. After the problems with the missing exemption form the Clerk received an email dated 21/08/25 that PKF Littlejohn had received it !

Parish Precept: The Cllrs thought it would be a nil amount and NYC will be told before the end of December 2025 on the form that is annually sent.

White line repainting The clerk had received an email from Mr David Cairns saying that the line outside the playground will be undertaken without cost to the Parish. The Cllrs assumed that the 40mph and Slow white lines added since the VAS meeting with D Griffiths will not be charged for as no invoice has been received. So there is still the £1330 from Cllr Foster to spend.

River quality testing & Mr R Ives: The YDNPA volunteer, the Clerk has discovered, is Mr Ives. She has spoken to him and he has access to the national database. She asked him to speak to Cllr Sykes who has our results to add. He also said he would like some help with this surveying. This is yet to be organised.

Correspondence -Sir Julian Smith had written about local pub awards. The Cllrs had no pubs to recommend.

NY Fire & Rescue service- another consultation about changing the automatic alarm responses and reviewing stations. It was considered unlikely that Threshfield station will be closed. There is until 01/09/25 to respond but the Cllrs had no comment.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 07/08/25	£1279.32
S/a	£17,310.98

Beck balance £1755 Orchard balance £2247 Swift balance £59

VAS balance £1330

Money received

RPA de-linked £326.32

RPA delinked payments 2025 reduction of 76%

Payments for approval

Hartlington Fencing for 20 stakes £14.40 +VAT £2.88 £17.28

Any other matters

Cllr Ferguson asked about the branch cutting up the gill outside the Jowett property which are in a Conservation area and TPOs Tree Tops are waiting to hear from YDNPA and when the Clerk checked the list it still isn't there. She was told there was a backlog.

Meadow and when to cut. The Clerk has been collecting seeds from the flower plug plants so it should be possible to ask Gavin Herd to mow it in the next few weeks. The new hay rakes will need assembling.

After further rain it is hoped HEAT will plant the trees the Clerk has been looking after. Fruit trees in the orchard will be checked and any that have died can be replaced in November getting them from Hedgerow.

Cllr Joy noted that the land for sale for £1M near Hebden is the moorland to the west of Grimwith Reservoir. Since grouse shooting has been so poor the last few years this seems a bit optimistic! It wasn't known who is the owner and selling this small plot.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15th October 7.30 pm

in the Ibbotson Institute

Signed.....

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