

**Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held
Wednesday 15th October 2025
at 7.30pm at the Ibbotson Institute**

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

Apologies: None

The Minutes of the meeting held 27th August which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Toilet update: Cllr Sykes had drawn up the plans and submitted them to the YDNPA The application form has been put on the Toilets as required and a photo taken to prove this. A copy of C/41/147 was also put up on the Notice board. It is'nt thought there will be any objections. The SDF grant should raise 80% of the costs. HPC will have to fund the remaining 20%. The Clerk will again contact Cllr Foster to see if the VAS £1330 can be transferred towards this. Quotes for £15,000 , £17,000 and £50,000 had been received. The last one received presumably didn't want the job. Before work begins the contents will have to be cleared. It is hoped work might start this winter/spring to be ready for next summer. The need for its use was considered to be great. There will be ongoing costs for electricity, cleaning and "rates".

Notice board update: Cllr Sykes fitted it so it is now in place and walkers have been seen stopping to read it. It was good to be there before half term. The Joy family were thanked for all their expertise. We are waiting for the invoice from All Signs of Skipton for £50 for mounting the notice.

New fencing up gill: This is deferred to the next meeting.

ROSPA report: There were no serious issues raised but one of the links of the toddler swing were shown as worn. The Clerk had looked and didn't think there was any danger of it breaking but she and Cllr Wilson will take the whole Report and check it over and report back at the next meeting. The fence will have to be replaced and moved about 1m away from the swings. The Clerk will contact the company who put the fence round the orchards.

Correspondence None

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/10/25	£ 910.04
S/a	£17.310.98

Beck balance £1755

Orchard balance £2247 Swift balance £59 (to be paid and cleared)

VAS balance £1330

Money received

Delinked payment BPS	£339.91
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Payments for approval

SLCC annual subs	£76.00
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Sheila Ely sal from 01/03/25 to 30/09/25	£500.00
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Expenses for same time-including ink cartridges	£63.19
Playsafety Ltd £80+VAT £16.00	£96.00
Stuart Naylor churchyard July /Aug £120+ VAT £24	£144.00
Stuart Naylor verge /playground/Town Hill July & Aug £235 +VAT £47	£282.00
Replace the lost chqs100476 & 100477 previously agreed J Ferguson £102.80 S Sykes £42.00	

Any other matters

The figures for the Charity Commission Return were handed out for the Cllrs to look at. A few queries were answered and it was agreed they could be submitted which the Clerk will do on line.

Cllr Sykes asked about the missing street light towards Hebden Lodge and he was told that the light outside Braemor had been removed. It was considered unnecessary to have any new lights. The Clerk pointed out the low cost of the street lighting thanks to the work done by Cllr Hodge in the past changing all lights to LSD.

Mrs Birtley had contacted HPC about the sheep gate in the gill that has been washed away. It was decided it was on land owned by Mr R Stockdale and Cllr Sykes said he would contact him to have it repaired.

Mr Ives will be contacted about the river fly survey and he will be given the results the Parish has to put them on the data base. Cllr Sykes and the Clerk will speak to him about future surveys.

Thanks were given to those members of HEAT who turned up to plant trees and try to clear the Meadow of the "topped" grass. It was felt that action is needed to speed up the reduction of grass and to reduce the nutrients in the soil. The Clerk had twice contacted the YDMT who gave us the advice initially but hadn't received any reply. She believes her contact Catherine Mercer has left. She will try again. Getting it "scalped" to remove the top layer of grass was considered. Perhaps having a trial area so treated was thought a possibility but until professional advice is received it is on hold and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

A new footbridge has been erected over the beck near Bolton Gill. There is a problem at present as any walker has to go through water/mud to reach the bridge.

YDNPA has approved the removal of the branches cutting light from the Jowett house. It is hoped TreeTops can now carry out the work. They will be asked to look at the branch of the dying ash tree hanging over the gill road just above the plastic bollards, and give advice. It probably has a TPO. Cllr Ferguson asked about a Tree Survey but one was done a couple of years ago by Webbers.

Date of next meeting

26th November 2025 7.30pm Ibbtson Institute

