

**Hebden Parish Council Minutes for meeting
to be held Monday 3rd August 2026 in the Ibbotson
Institute at 7.30pm**

Apologies: Cllr Davey

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

The Minutes of the Meeting 15th June 2026 were approved and signed off.

Planning applications C/41/114C North Barn porch. There was no objections to this application.

Matters Arising:

Update on toilet refurbishment: Joe Daw has finished the building work and been paid. He allowed us £500 for the unused stones. When the bank statement comes through the Clerk will apply for the final £4749 SDF grant money. Yorkshire water demanded in total over £4000 to reconnect the water and sewer which has been paid. Cllr Sykes has applied for an extension to the original SDF to help with this unexpected expense. YW will put the connection point in the road so it is their responsibility. It will be connected in the next two weeks, they say. YW will be contacted to ask about a reduction of costs for a Public Convenience.

The cash reader is in place with the donation money going directly into HPC bank account. There will need to be signs made to encourage the public to give us money explaining there will be costs to run the toilet. Cllr Ferguson says he and his wife will undertake this task.

NYC will not add the toilet light to the street lighting account.

Cllr Wilson said she would buy the necessary toilet rolls and cleaning materials etc. from Aldi as she says they are the cheapest. There will need to be a small lockable cupboard to keep these safe. Mrs Ives says she will clean the toilet and after an initial monitoring we will know how often this will need doing.

Cllr Sykes has made signs for the toilet stating the grant came from YDNPA.

A bench that belonged to Mr I Simpson has been donated to put inside the work shed space and there is a donated canopy that will be erected on the south side. HEAT will be asked to help with this and in the tidying up.

Cllr R Foster has donated £400 from his NYC community fund. Cllr Wilson suggested asking Swinden Quarry for some funding. The Clerk will contact the responsible member of YDNPA at Colvend to see if there could be any money.

Cllr Joy gave his thanks to Cllr Sykes for all his efforts in reopening the toilets and that has been a "rough road" and now "an extra challenge" with the unexpected YW costs. The other Cllrs and Clerk also gave thanks.

Enclosure map – After discussion the Parish Council agreed that the 1857 Enclosure Award should be deposited with the North Yorkshire Records Office where it will be properly stored. This is on condition that the Council be provided with digital images for displaying on the Hebden History website to ensure that it continues to be readily available for consultation by local government electors. It is also agreed to authorise John Gardner to pursue this matter. The authorisation form has already been signed by the Chairman

allowing a long term loan The Council would like the digitised format to be put on a memory stick for their records.

Correspondence -YDNPA -Catchment partnership – The Clerk will study this new Sustainable Farming Incentive to see if there is any funding available on land owned by HPC.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a	01/08/26	£1872.31
s/a	01/08/26	£1985.47

Beck balance £1755 Orchard balance £1893.88 VAS balance £0

Money received

YDNPA interim sustain. grant toilet £6276.00

leaving £4749 to claim on completion

Longthorne Tip rent £ 25.00

Payments for approval

Payment made by Cllr Sykes to YWA for reviewing application water for toilet connection to be reimbursed £646.80pd

ICO for data protection £ 52.00pd

Mrs Isaac for internal audit £ 60.00

Stuart Naylor grass graveyard Apl & May

£128.00 +VAT £25.60 £153.60

Stuart Naylor grass verge £108 playground £108

£216.00+VAT £43.20 £259.20

Payment made by Cllr Sykes for YWA connection £3143

VAT £388.60 £3531.60pd

Final pay JK Building Services £2700+VAT £540 £3240.00pd

internal audit report. The Clerk read the report stating that “The accounts were accurate, neat and efficiently presented”. They complied with the AGAR requirements.

The AGAR Accounting Statements were passed round the Cllrs and the Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and all the Cllrs agreed there was a sound system of informed control for the preparation of the annual accounts. This was then signed by the Clerk and Chairman. It will be copied on to the website. The public has already had opportunity to look at the accounts.

Any other matters

Closure of field by Burnsall bridge. This does not seem to have had a any great effect on parking in the village. It was decided to make the signs on the road side by the meadow more visible. A white line was considered to be applied to the road outside the toilet to discourage parking there.

A dog waste bin down near river had been requested by Mr Ives. However this has been considered in the past and Highways refused to put one up in an area beyond the 30mph sign. It might be possible to ask for one again outside the Travel Lodge, although last time Highways removed it as they said it wasn't being used often enough. The suggestion was for photographic evidence to show there is a need.

Parking on Town Hill had been a problem with a camper van on the bridle path and obstructing access to the cottages nearby. It is not there now. It was decided that if anyone saw obstructing vehicles left for more than unloading time to speak to the resident and request removal.

YWA are busy repairing sewers on HPC land and were supposed to have contacted Mr Herd as it is on their rented field.

Prof Grey had written and enclosed a graph showing that despite the hot weather there has been an increase in the Young of Year Trout and suggested we plant more trees right by the beck side to give shade and keep the water cooler. He also suggested bird boxes on the back of the toilet. The Clerk will speak to the Bird Group and ask them to fix what they think will be used.

A reminder of the Register of members interests has been sent by NYC. The Clerk will forward the form to the Cllrs and give Cllr Wilson a printed copy to see if it is necessary to update the information.

The dates of the next few meeting have been changed from those agreed earlier in the year

Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 9th December