Hebden Parish Council Minutes held Wednesday 6th May 2026 after the resident's AGM in the Ibbotson Institute at 8.30pm

Apologies: Cllr Davey

The Minutes of the meeting held 11th March 2026 which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising from the Electors AGM:

Putting a hedge on High Green was discussed with Cllr Joy pointing out that hedges were not really part of the Dales landscape. Cllr Wilson wanted the hedge to go along the roadside to stop vehicles going on the grass. It was thought there is a good variety of vegetation already providing bio-diversity and there would have to be gaps for the mower and for road safety at the top end. A hedge would change the character of the open grassland and need looking after so is on hold.

Other matters.

Shooting rights are not going to be reintroduced for the Allotment (the bog) although some local interest had been shown. Since no one cuts peat any more trying to abolish the Rights of Turbary will be shelved.

It is hoped to have the toilet open by the end of the month. One invoice has been paid and when there is a bank statement an interim grant payment will be requested.

There are some pallets that need removing by Mr de Montfort. Possibly they can be cut up for firewood.

The Hebden History website is excellent and is said to be the best in the Dales. It promotes Hebden. There will be an increase in the cost of increasing the web storage of £31.Cllr Wilson said HPC should pay the total amount of £90 and all agreed.The Clerk will contact Mr Gardener and arrange to pay this.

The Chairman and Clerk will meet Eva from the Millennium Trust on the afternoon of Friday 22nd May to discuss the scrape.

A letter had been received from Sir J Smith explaining that there is £1b of funding to help communities develop their own clean energy. This will include grants and loans to help and to give expert advice. The Clerk will check the given website for more information. It might be possible to put solar panels on the toilet roof. The problem discussed was that the energy goes into the National Grid and doesn't benefit the individual but it might help pay for the toilet electricity.

Mrs Davey had held a meeting to discuss what the Parish wants to do with the Church and how to make greater use of the building. There doesn't want to be competitive use against the Institute but one body to be accountable for the planning. It was pointed out that there is a limited number of willing volunteers in the village and all are older. Younger members are busy with work and families. It has had a successful series of concerts but to develop this further the building needs a water supply and toilet and even a kitchen. Such

investment seems unlikely.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 07/04/26	£ 9187.12
s/a	£ 7956.41

Beck balance £1755 Orchard balance £2843 VAS balance £0

Money received

Farrar for Allen Garth & Whygill Gap	£425.00

Payments for approval

RV Roger for replacement fruit trees	£289.00
NY Council street lighting 2025-26	
£162.01+VAT £62.40	£194.41
Clear Insurance for annual fee	£610.56

Continued e-on next invoice for £345.56 to be ignored.

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YLCA subs £151.00 it was decide not to continue as the Clerk had not received help when requested.

The Clerk was having problems with the printer but Cllr Sykes had printed off TheYear End Summary and all the Cllrs had a copy. This was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Chairman also signed the AGAR form for exemption as the Parish income was less than £25,000.This will be posted to Littlejohn. The VAT return will now be completed by the Clerk and Chairman.

The Clerk will check that Mrs G Isaacs is still willing to be our internal auditor although she will soon no longer live in Hebden but is moving to Grassington.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15th June

Signed …..... Date.....