

Hebden Parish Council Minutes for meeting held Monday 15th June 2026 in the Ibbotson Institute

Apologies: None

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

The Minutes of the meeting held 6th May 2026 which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

It was noted that C/41/151 had raised no objections from the Cllrs (excluding Cllr Davey -conflict of interest-) the Clerk pointed out that she had not received the amended application from YDNPA. There were no objections to this.

Matters Arising

Toilet update: There is a card reader to be attached to the wall and the necessary information for the bank is being collected by the Clerk. As yet the ceiling hasn't been painted but Cllr Sykes said he would see to this. He had had to pay YWA to come and agree to reconnecting the water supply. The present electricity supplier is e-on next and the toilet is now connected. Cllr Sykes said he would look to see if he can find a cheaper utility co. The Cllrs asked the Clerk to speak to her contact at NYC for street lighting to see if the toilet lighting could be added to this account. Cllr Sykes will inform YDNPA that the work should be completed at the end of the month. There will need to be a sign stating that the Toilets are free but donations welcome. The card reader will have £1 minimum with options of £3 & £5.

The need for a cleaner was discussed again plus the general running of the toilet, organising toilet rolls, disposal bags and a bin etc. It will need to be monitored when it first opens to assess the use. Cllr Wilson suggested using S & J Distribution in Skipton for supplies. In further discussion Christina Birtley will be asked for the tel no of Bulloughs to see if they will undertake the cleaning and supplies.

Highways and speed down through village update: The Clerk had been in contact with Cllr Foster, who had volunteered at the last meeting to speak to Highways about this problem. Unfortunately the Dept was undergoing staff changes and hadn't yet been able to come out on a visit. She will email him again. Cllr Sykes considered having our own signs made by the company who made the Hebden notice by the footpath. He thought 3 signs saying "Vehicles and cyclists slow down please" could be fixed at suitable posts from Manor House down the road. Cllr Davey said that it was obvious from the frequency of police speed checking vans in the area that there was a speeding problem.

Painting the telephone box: Clive had agreed to undertake this but the weather hasn't been good for painting. He will get the necessary materials and HPC will reimburse him.

Further discussion about John Gardner's Hebden web site and the Enclosure map: In the event of his being unable, and the threatened demise of the website, the Parish Council will undertake the cost to keep this going. The Enclosure map that Chris Foster was attempting to digitise is now with Mr Gardner. Again the Council will help with this scanning as necessary.

Wayleaves due and agree about land below toilet: There has been some confusion after Mr Montfort gave up the tenancy of the toilet. Since he had not removed his belongings from the toilet he was charged £10. In the past the land below for £5 went with this agreement so now since 2024 is no longer available to him. He has put the rubbish from the toilet on this land which is part of High Green. The Cllrs have an obligation to keep the area open for recreation. Cllr Sykes will talk to Martyn.

The Council owes some residents for having a street light attached to their property and will be paid the £1 due for the next 5 years.

YDMT and Eva's visit and plans for scrape and meadow: After the site visit the Clerk informed the Cllrs of the suggestion made. Eva was also keen to use the digger at the same time to remove a small portion of the topsoil on the meadow to then reseed with wild flowers. She told the Clerk that a plan would be sent showing the extent of the scrape, the position of a fence and the need for a bit of tree pruning. As yet this hasn't been received and emails sent to her have gone unanswered. The grant situation needs to be clarified.

Problems with the printer !!! Cllr Davey has spent considerable time trying to solve why only certain documents are printed. Since the Clerk can divert some of the files to her own laptop and then to the printer that then works, it has, therefore, been decided the problem is with the HPC laptop. The Clerk will phone her computer contact in Skipton to ask about a suitable new laptop for the Council.

Succession: Clerk said she has been the Clerk for over 10 years and the Cllrs might want to be thinking about her successor. Meanwhile she will stay. It is likely that the new laptop will need new software.

Correspondence

HMRC has written to confirm HPC may continue to make annual VAT returns.

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 05/06/26	£ 5682.51
s/a	£ 7956.41

The Clerk made a £6000 transfer 15/06/26

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

Money received

HMRC VAT repayment	£909.56
Playground televis for filming in village	£200.00

Payments for approval

JK Building services £6276.00 +VAT £1256.20	£7531.20
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to be paid in 2 chqs

The Clerk has been told that the interim payment of £6276 from YDNPA will be

in the bank 16th or 17th June. The final grant amount £4749 will be applied for when the work is complete.

Cllr S Sykes to be reimbursed for the YWA reconnect fee £648.80

He is to request a VAT invoice as the Clerk wasn't able to get one

Cllr Sykes reimbursed for the sumup cash reader £59

+VAT £11.80 £70.80

Mr R Foster lamp wayleave for the next 5 years £1

Mr Otulakowski lamp wayleave ditto £1

MrJ Longthorne lamp wayleave ditto £1

Other lamps have been removed

Any other matters

The Tip rent is till under review and no agreement found in 1962 when it was first leased. Cllr Sykes also wishes to discuss with Mr G Longthorne the triangle of land by the bridge where he keeps his bees and where there is an old unused green house that might be repaired and made available for the village.

There was a very unclear map sent asking about work to be undertaken on waste water sewers. The Cllrs thought it was land below the playground and grazed by Mr G herd. The Clerk will reply to this effect.

Date of next meeting

Monday 27th July

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