

## Hebden Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Present:** Cllrs, Richards, Stockdale, Joy, Hodge, Hargreaves

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Mr Lee and wayleave: The Clerk had written to Robert Foster explaining the position. The solicitor has asked the Land Registry to explain how Mr Lee could register the land as his when it was Village Green. As yet there is no reply.

Poor road surface: The Clerk had written to Highways and received back a letter saying they would look into the road over and just beyond Brook Street Bridge. Mrs Richardson on Mount Pleasant had fallen on uneven ground and asked Cllr Hargreaves if it could be repaired. He is to check the exact bit of road to decide if it's a Highways matter or not so as yet no further action.

Parish Council Elections: The Clerk had received notice from CDC after the last meeting and the precept budget that the cost of an election would be £847.33. If there is an election there are sufficient funds available.

Land Letting: This would be held in the Institute 7.30 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk will put up notices. Cllr Hargreaves proposed Cllr Stockdale act as auctioneer and Cllr Richards seconded. This year Backstone Edge allotment will need to be offered to comply with Natural England requirement of sheep grazing for part of the year.

#### **Correspondence:**

CDC Budget consultation: Cllr Hargreaves was delegated to complete the form as a resident of the village.

Defra guide to Cross Compliance: Mostly this wasn't relevant to our claim for the upland raised bog. There has so far been no response to the Natural England's invitation to apply for the Higher Level that David Hill had submitted on the Council's behalf.

CPRE Meeting: This is to be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm in Gargrave Village Hall. Since it is about Planning Policy and the Localism Act it was felt that what was under discussion wasn't relevant at the present time to a small village like Hebden so no Cllr wished to attend.

SELRAP: There was interest in the line but no donation to be made.

#### **Accounts:**

Bank statement @ 03/01/12 current	£ 550.13
Bank statement @ 03/01/12 saver	£2453.20
SBS 90 day saver	£5000.00

#### **Monies received**

Rpa SPS grant for "bog"	£246.50
Barclays bank interest	£ 0.32

**Payments for approval**

Stuart Naylor strimming Town Hill	£18.00
Hire of Institute for the year 2011	£40.00

The Clerk pointed out that the SPS grant last year was £504.48 and read part of the letter from defra where they are checking our claim. Cllr Stockdale said that there was a change in the way the grant was calculated and David Hill had completed the form and the reduction might be a result of the application. The letter said it might take to the end of March to resolve so the Council awaits developments.

**Any other business:**

The Parish representative for the Fountain Trust: Cllr Hargreaves proposed that the Council re-appoints Cllr Hodge and Cllr Richards seconded.

The Clerk is to ask Stuart Naylor to repair the water gate under the road bridge. The chain has broken and it is in danger of being washed way downstream.

Mrs Bullough had complained about water draining off land above their land and thought a water main was at fault. Cllr Hodge had been to look and it was decided that it was just water off the hillside from all the rain and the field being waterlogged.

The potholes outside the Travel Lodge were again a safety concern. Cllr Hodge will take photographs and send them on the relevant website.

It was noted that the streets were cleaned only a few days after the last meeting but since they came at 7.45am there were a lot of cars in the way. The road by the bus stop had been cleaned and the drain kept clear. The road between Hebden and Grassington had again flooded.

Cllr Richards reported that a lot of dug out debris and rubbish had been dumped on the Old Tip. Later it was removed but again there has been some new tipping. It was to be kept under review.

**Date of next meeting:**

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm