

Hebden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 16th October 2013

Present: Cllrs, Joy, Hargreaves, Stockdale, Coney, Hodge

Apologies: none

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 28th August, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters and Brook St Bridge: The Clerk had received a letter back from NYCC Highways again stating that Mill Lane was not a priority as its score at 71 was “below the threshold of scheme identification”. There is to be survey data next month and if the condition score is a priority it will be “delivered” in 2015/16. The Clerk is to write and say that the state of the road is a disgrace and an even greater safety issue for cyclists. It is a signposted and recognised cycle route. The repairs to the road up the ghyll and then none down the village bear no relation to traffic use. The Clerk is to also contact Sustrans and tell them the very poor state of the road and that it needs an emergency inspection and urgent action.

Update on safety posts for up the ghyll: The 3 reflective plastic posts had been removed and were lying down near the beck. The Clerk is to write and ask why Highways hadn't pursued the insurance company of the driver of the car that had demolished the fence and used the money to replace it exactly as it was before.

Brook Street Bridge: The Clerk had received no reply to the letter sent to Dr Green of English Heritage after the last meeting. NYCC stated that it would have a regular condition survey in September and if this identifies any required works they will be undertaken.

Trees for the village: The Woodland Trust will be sending the saplings between 4th and 8th November. Guards and posts will be bought when we see what is necessary. The YDNP Tree Advisor had to cancel the meeting as she was ill. Another meeting is to be arranged preferably in the early morning with her giving a choice of a couple of dates.

YDNP Local Plan – 7-9pm 28th Oct meeting Cllrs Hodge and Hargreaves will attend in Grassington. The Clerk is to write about the re-use of traditional farm buildings depending on their location, encouraging local employment such as developing Linton Camp for light industry and helping with business growth by getting optic fibre broadband. Regarding visitor facilities there is the need for toilet provision. It is important to protect open spaces and these should stay in the Plan to preserve the historic character of the village.

YDNP planning issues- The summerhouse up Chapel Lane isn't in breach of planning control. The Cllrs had no objection to the application to the Barn, Hebden. Permission had been granted for the extension at Fell View.

New bus times and routes: The new times will no longer connect with trains and there are to be no buses to Ilkley. The Clerk is to write to NYCC to object to the cutting of rural services. The changes to the school travel funding will further discourage families from coming to live in the Dales. The YDNP tries to encourage visitors to leave their cars behind and yet buses are being cut. The Clerk is to check if it's true about the restricted times passes can be used.

Correspondence: Julian Smith had written to say he was in discussion with Yorkshire Water

and their non- payment of corporation tax. No reply was needed.
NYCC had written to say it was going to change how the Household waste recycling centres are to be run. It was felt that by charging for the waste and/or closing more often will only encourage fly tipping. The Clerk will fill in the questionnaire.

Accounts

Bank statement @14/10/13/13 current	£343.66
Bank statement @ 14/10/13 saver	£3305.74
SBS investment	£5000.00
Monies received	
Rpa SPS 2005	£3.54
Nat England AG00412213 Env Scheme	£893.34
Barclays -interest	£0.40
Payments for approval	
Stuart Naylor grass cutting 01/08, 14/08, 30/08	£43.20

Any other business:

Cllr Hargreaves had suggested to Stuart Naylor that the brush cut down by the beck side could be left in piles to compact and rot and make good habitats. He had explained to him where the posts are to be placed above Rowan Cottage. Mr Kent had not replied to the letter sent about this matter.

Cllr Hodge and Coney will check the playground equipment and the Clerk will check the inspection date with ROSPA.

It was noted that the YDNP had laid stone flags on the footpath down the cut.

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to hold this meeting on **Wednesday 27th November 2013** in the Ibbotson Institute at 7.30pm.