

## **Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm at Ibbotson Institute**

Present: Cllr Sykes, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Joy, Cllr

Apologies: Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Davey

The Minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

### Matters Arising:

Toilet update: Mr Montfort had telephoned Cllr Sykes to say he wanted to continue with the lease and was getting a quote from Michael Hargraves. He is to be asked to have arranged the repair costs by 01/08/24 and Cllr Sykes will monitor. The works are to commence by 01/11/24 and be finished by 28/02/25. If these deadlines are not met he will be given one month's notice. Cllr Sykes took the lease document to be able to apply for the grant. If we took back the toilet we would have to find 25% of the repair grant plus the problem of ongoing maintenance costs.

Benches: Two benches have been ordered from TDP and will be delivered 30/07/24. Stuart Naylor has been contacted and will make the concrete base to the left of the playground. Mr Herd has been told about this. Donations for the benches will be given by the Stockdale family and the Hebden Sports committee. They will also cover the cost of fixing.

Clearing nettles: Cllr Ferguson had previously raised the problem of who would be using the petrol strimmer as only he had recognised qualifications. Meanwhile the Clerk will ask Stuart to quote for the work. This would be a one off payment from the beck grant. Cllr Sykes will look into the cost of a NVQ course.

Gateway signs into the village: Cllr Foster had been contacted as he said he had some money. He said he'd speak to David Cairns of NYC who would know the Highways and planning requirements. The Cllrs would prefer a stone wall for the sign. There are different options as to what could be written on the signs and where they would be put. It will be further discussed when HPC hears back from Cllr Foster. The Clerk will again chase Highways to have the white lines repainted.

Split sycamore: Mr J Webber had looked at this and said half of it needed removing and quoted £1030 plus VAT. The Clerk had emailed Lee Johnson of YDNPA who had given his permission and this was forwarded to Webbers. The wood will be left for villagers to collect.

Correspondence The on line RPA survey had been filled in concerning the various fields giving no change from the previous year and had been successfully submitted.

The Clerk had received a letter from NYC about precept arrangements and stating that while the council tax won't be set till February 2025 they want the precept amount by 31/12/24. It is assumed HPC will not be requesting one.

### Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/07/24

£ 2154.05

Bank statement s/a@ 01/07/24 £ 13,121.82

Cllr Sykes requested that the amounts held on balance for the beck, orchard and swift grants be included in this section. The Clerk will do this for the next meeting.

Money received

VAT recovery £1157.32

Payments for approval

Stuart Naylor Grass cut Verge £100 and playground £100 + VAT £40	£ 240.00
Stuart Naylor grass cut Churchyard £120+ VAT £24	£ 144.00
TDP for 2 benches and to be repaid by donors £930.92 + VAT £186.18	£1117.10
Laptops for Teachers -update laptop to Windows 10	£ 70.00
GDPR data protection annual fee to ICO	£ 40.00
David Hill advice from CS £165.80+VAT £33.16	£198.96

More problems with Barclays Bank who had stopped the cheque to Clear Insurance because they said the Clerk's signature didn't match the one they held. The other cheque signed at the same time was not questioned. Another cheque was signed and posted and on later enquiry to Clear had been cleared.

The Cllrs reviewed the Charity Commission figures and they were agreed.

Any other matters

Plans of the two orchard area had been made by Mr G Birtley so it will be possible to put the metal name plates to the tree. They will not be attached to the tree. The type of apple tree will be checked to see which are cookers or eaters. The top area needs strimming. The Clerk had again asked Lee Johnson to look at the trees and comment on the apparent disease and death of one. The Clerk will write to Mr Birtley with the Council's thanks.

Cllr Wilson said that the bee hive in the orchard was empty as the bees had died over winter.

Date of next meeting

**Wednesday August 21st in the Ibbotson Institute 7.30pm**