

Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.30pm at Ibbotson Institute

Present: Cllr Sykes, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Joy, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Davey

Apologies: None

The Minutes of the meeting held 10th April 2024, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Highway matters: Kester Horn from No 1 Brook St had a topographical survey done that showed the poor line of sight through the village on the B6265 and 40mph was not a safe speed. Attempts by the council had failed to get the speed reduced. Cllr Foster had said at the AGM he didn't think it would be reduced but was to be asked about "gates" at the entrance to the village to highlight its approach. He has said there was some money available for this. It was decided to contact via Facebook etc to ask the residents on their thoughts about this. A sign warning drivers of the approach to the narrow section of road to Grassington with no white line in the middle was considered.

The damage caused by the increase in heavy traffic, due to Kex Gill closure, to the culvert by Whygill Gap and wall on The Stripe had been reported but Highways said they were not responsible for the repairs. The route through Hebden is not the signed diversion. Mr Martin from Area 5 stated he'd see to getting the white lines "refreshed". Concern was also noted about the speed of cyclists and other users going down the hill towards the river and along the Scuff as previously discussed. This is on hold for the next meeting.

The request for an official crossing of the main road was denied with numerous reasons given.

The position of the new free standing dog bin to be supplied via Cllr Foster will be near the kissing gate.

Standard Garth: No reply had been received from the local gamekeeper about the tree planting in the copse. Cllr Wilson will get the address of the owner so the Clerk can write and explain the wood belongs to the Council. "Fliss" has been to look and, as agreed at the last meeting, he will put up a wooden fence with a small gate across the gap in the wall. When the weather improves he will get on with the fence repair up the gill.

Meeting with Caroline Sunter to discuss grants : The Clerk had met her to discuss the form to be sent to continue the Mid-Tier application. It has been slightly increased in value. She also suggested applying for a new grant just made available for the Backstone allotment. The Eyes on the Bog information, she thought, might help as monitoring is being already undertaken. The capital grant for the sheep gate and fence was more than expected but might be because the fence allowance has been increased. Basic Payment scheme is being reduced to nil.

The meadow: After the last work party of so few the Clerk had suggested spot spraying but this has been definitely turned down. Further efforts and a meeting to get helpers involved in dock and nettle removal will be undertaken with HEAT asked to help. Cllr Sykes and the Clerk will cut back the weeds

surrounding the benches.

The donated bench might be moved towards the meadow away from the area of nettles. Cllrs will look to see if this is possible.

Recycled plastic benches: The Clerk had circulated websites to the Cllrs and Glasdon had one they liked in brown with metal arm sides. Mrs Stockdale wanted to donate a seat so the Clerk will show her the model. Cllr Sykes said the Sports Committee had agreed to buy one for the village.

Trees in Churchyard: YDNPA had given permission to remove branches of six lime trees overhanging the highway, wall and neighbouring property. Webbers were to undertake this work at an appropriate time at a cost of about £500. To help raise funds it was noted there is a coffee morning at Church House 29th June and donations of cakes etc. would be appreciated. There is an Organ recital on 22nd June 2.30pm on the very special St Peter's organ.

Toilet lease and repair: Cllr Sykes suggests HPC applies for the grant of 75% costs. Mr M de Montfort will then be asked to make the 25% difference. He will also be asked about the maintenance, cleaning, toilet paper provision etc. Michael Hargraves will make out the costings, subcontracting out the asbestos removal. The Clerk will write a letter explaining this suggestion and giving him till the end of June to reply. He has already been given notice and hasn't complied so there is the possibility that HPC cancels the lease and takes over the toilet. Cllr Ferguson said there was a charity, Changing Places, that helps with the cost of putting in a hoist for wheelchair users.

Correspondence

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/05/24	£ 2571.33
Bank statement s/a@ 01/05/24	£ 13,072.93

Money received

Rent from Mrs J Pope	£ 120.00
Capital grant rpa for fence and sheep gate	£906.30

Payments for approval

Clear Insurance (was BHIB)	£457.50
North Yorks Council electricity 2023/4	£280.27

These were approved.

VAT Return submitted 13th May

Internal audit Report. The Clerk read out the Report. There was no action needed now Mrs Pope has paid her rent.

Any other matters

The Clerk has been having IT problems and not been able to use daelnet. After a visit to Skipton to discuss this she was told that the server is out of date and the software will need to be updated. She has contacted Skipton Laptop services and hopes to get the matter resolved. Cllr Davey thought the

hardware may be the key to the problem and would mean a replacement laptop. The Cllrs all agreed that if a new laptop is needed then this should be done.

The beck testing is planned to be undertaken when the water level falls. Cllr Ferguson had been discussing the lack of removal of the fallen wire by Openreach, now 3 years since it fell.

Cllr Wilson reported water gushing out of the pipe at Town Head and flooding on to the road. This had happened in the past and in a cold spell the water had frozen and been an ice hazard. It will be looked at.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday July 10th in the Ibbotson Institute 7.30pm