

Hebden Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 7.30pm at Ibbotson Institute

Present: Cllr Sykes, (Chairman), Cllr Davey, Cllr Joy, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wilson.
Apologies: None

The Minutes of the meeting held 21st August 2024, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising:

Village "gates" and follow up from Highways: Cllr Foster had been in contact with David Cairns of Highways and was in agreement that these could be erected but only by them at a cost of £2000 each. Cllr Foster said that he would be able to fund this next May with £3000. The Cllrs looked at the examples and decided that from Grassington to place a white one on the left verge with a message "Please drive carefully" and before the 40mph. On the Pateley side replace the Hebden sign with a white gate and speed limit on it and "Hebden welcomes careful drivers". It was discussed that the Hebden sign could be transferred to the end of Ranelands and put up on posts above the wall. The Clerk will talk to Mr R Stockdale about this. She will also contact Cllr Foster and Mr Cairns.

Whereas CDC had said they would repaint the white lines this spring NY county had not taken over this work. Mr Cairns has said he will raise the matter and ask for it to be done by Highways.

An email had been received about speeding on NY roads. HPC endorses Cowling in their letter to NY stating that speeding and anti-social driving is a problem in the villages. Our earlier communications about reducing the 40mph speed limit to Cllr Keane Duncan (Executive member for highways and transport) had never been answered.

ROSPA Report: There were no serious risks but the projecting bolt head on the slide needs reducing. As before, the spaces between the rubber mats need infilling. The Clerk will ask Stuart Naylor if he could deliver a bag of sand to put in the gaps. Cllr Sykes will also look to see if he has any spare.

Information board and YDNPA: The Cllrs decided on a "table" design but it will have to be stock proof as it is to go beside the footpath down towards the beck. The Clerk had spoken to Phil Richards at Colvend and he said YDNPA could make the board. The Clerk will ask for a quote. He said they could also help with the design of the content. Cllr Joy and Cllr Sykes will work with Chris Foster. There will be a focus on the beck and orchard as a start. Possibly Cllr Ferguson's wife could help with art work.

New Trustee from HPC for the Fountain Trust as Mrs E Sandoe has resigned: This needs to be someone who lives in Hebden. The Clerk wondered if Mrs Fiona Hoole or Mrs Isaacs might be willing. There are only 4 meetings in the year. The Clerk will put up signs asking for volunteers.

Street lighting: This matter has been raised after 2 cars were stolen from the house opposite the Church. There used to be a light in the yew tree paid for by the Church but this hasn't worked for many a year. The decision reached was

that this theft was "to order" and having lights on all night would not make the village more secure. So while the Cllrs sympathise with the owners for this theft and their distress, overnight lighting would not have helped as there are no street lights near their house. The lights will continue to go off at midnight in keeping with the Dark Skies YDNPA policy.

The Cllrs thank Mr Ives for his request for CCTV in the village but this will not be undertaken.

It was noted that there is a lot of lighting in the area of the Longthornes yard.

There will be an effort made to cutback the twigs that surround the two street lights in main street to improve the lighting and the times they go on and off.

Reported overhanging branches in Road up the Gill by Mr White: Cllr Sykes and Mr Jowett have cut back some branches. The problem of large delivery vehicles driving up the road by Town Hill is made worse with cars parked on the roadside. The bushes on Parish land will be cut back to help with the access. Since Webbers still haven't cut down the overhanging elm branch further up the gill it was decided not to ask them to do this work.

The state of the pole safety fence was discussed. "Fliss" will be asked to make a new section as he did such a good job with the fence lower down.

Mr White will be asked to fill in the large hole his tractors have created opposite the gate into his field nearby the lower seat in High Green. Cllr Joy will discuss this with him while saying we hope to remove the overhanging branches

The fence that was destroyed by the falling sycamore will be replaced by Gary Birtley and Michael Hargraves with the Council paying Hartlington for the stakes. The Clerk will put up a notice saying Hebden residents can help themselves to the wood from the sawn up sycamore for their own use. Cllr Sykes wondered if it would be possible to winch the remaining log up the hillside and have it carved into a seat.

The Clerk will chase up Nigel at Hedgerow for the tree quotes. Since there is still grant money available the trees will be ordered for November planting.

Correspondence None

Accounts

Bank statement c/a@ 01/10/24 £ 1,676.66

Bank statement s/a@ 01/10/24 £ 13,170.89

Beck balance £2140 Orchard balance £3204 Swift balance £176.02

Money received

rpa delinked BPS 2024 £339.91

Donation Stockdale family £465.46

Payments for approval

Playsafety Ltd for Playground inspection £93.60

£78.00 + VAT £15.60

Stuart Naylor grass cutting June July -new churchyard

£60 +VAT £12

£72.00

Stuart Naylor grass cutting August £130 plus concrete bench base

£409.37 + VAT £107.87

£647.24

These payments were approved.

Any other matters

Problem with people not picking up after their dog. The Clerk will ask the YDNPA Ranger, Adam Water, for signs Cllr Ferguson said he would have. Cllr Sykes has been gifted a petrol strimmer for use in the village. A thank you to Tracy Hirst for this.

Cllr Sykes met with Michael Hargraves and Mr M de Montfort to look inside the toilet and see what will need doing. It will be cleared of all the contents by 31/10/24. Michael will get a quote from a plumber to install an accessible toilet,urinal and handbasin. Doorways will need to be widened for wheelchair access and possibly a ramp. The electricity will be transferred to HPC. Michael will pull down the stone wings and sell the stone to help off set the costs. The wall inside will be 2/3 along with 2 windows for the toilet and one for the store room. The roof is secure. Payment will be by card so a special door will be needed.

When the quotes have been received Cllr Sykes will apply for the Sustainability grant.

It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4th December 2024 in the Ibbotson Institute 7.30pm

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