

## **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT HEPTONSTALL J I & N SCHOOL, 2 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Present** : Councillors S Slater (Chairman) A Baldwin J Crowther B Cutts  
J R Dunford M V Edwards M Hughes N James & B Stott

### **71/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### **72/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A Churchwarden of St Thomas' Church spoke to his letter to the Council regarding the responsibility for Church Street & Back Lane.

There was concern the public may be misinformed over the responsibility for this lane, and he confirmed he had been advised of the legal position from the Church Commissioners - it is not a responsibility of the Church (or the Parish Council).

He has passed the information to Calderdale Council and will keep the Parish Council informed of the outcome of Calderdale's response.

**73/19** The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 5 August 2019 were approved as a correct record.

### **74/19 CONDITION OF CHURCH STREET/BACK LANE, HEPTONSTALL**

The Clerk reported CROWS did not have the technical knowledge to tackle the rainwater problem near the top churchyard gate, but would be willing to help if such advice was obtained.

In the light of the information received from the Churchwarden (minute 72/19) it was resolved that, once responsibilities were notified to this Council, such information would then be made public.

### **75/19 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment :

R M Greenwood	Salary (¼)	£1,352.80
	TalkTalk Broadband (¼)	£ 90.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£ 338.20
CPRE	Annual Subscription	£ 36.00
Lambert Print & Design Ltd	Newsletter Publication	£ 175.00

## **76/19 TERM DEPOSIT**

Following advice from The Clerk regarding cash flow, it was resolved to transfer £2,000 from Term Deposit to Current Account when the current 6 month investment expires on 18 October 2019.

## **77/19 PLANNING**

**(a) Planning Decisions :** Decisions made by the Planning Authority were reported to members.

**(b) Planning Applications :**

**PA 19/00749/HSE :** Balcony to rear – Poppyfields, 29 Slack Top, Heptonstall

No objections arose.

**(c) Hebden Royd Township – application 19/00758/FUL : eight 3 storey dwellings – land adjacent to Rose Villas, Heptonstall Road, Hebden Bridge**

It was acknowledged this application relates to Hebden Royd Town Council and there is an extremely limited time for the submission of comments, but there are distinct consequences for passage to Heptonstall Parish and beyond. It was agreed to pass comment to the Planning Authority as follows :

- It is strongly recommended that a professional study is undertaken to ascertain the stability of the land at this site
- Parking – double parking in Heptonstall Road would be chaotic for the free passage of vehicles travelling beyond this site and restrictions should be put in place to prevent such occurrence. Additionally, parking availability within the site is inconsistent and would add to the 'Heptonstall Road problem'.
- Drainage – water from the site would spill onto Heptonstall Road as well as the A646 giving the risk of a skid pan effect.
- Disruption – it is considered there would be a highly significant disruption at this juncture when works are undertaken.

## **78/19 Arising from correspondence received :**

**Future compilation of Parish Newsletter** – It was resolved to consider the provision of funding the necessary IT provision to conduct this task at the next meeting of this Council. In the meantime The Clerk was instructed to survey the cost of a suitable laptop and Microsoft Publisher software.

## **79/19 REQUEST TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT : Knowl Top to Draper Corner**

Speed checks had been undertaken and results passed to members. It was agreed to copy this information to the original correspondent.

#### **80/19 RAW SEWAGE LEAK : HEBBLE HOLE, COLDEN**

Following an inspection of the offending site it was confirmed the previous long-standing problem had now been remedied.

#### **81/19 OFF-ROAD CYCLING**

Members were provided with a report of the meeting held by the Chairman and Councillor Cutts with Dave Anderson (who had previously addressed the Council).

As a consequence it was resolved to arrange a meeting with the appropriate officer of Calderdale Council (who could deal with legalities relating to the passage of mountain bikes over Common Land) and the Chairman of Local Access Forum.

It was further resolved to receive the latest correspondence from the correspondent at Sunnybank.

#### **82/19 REASONS FOR ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS**

The Clerk provided a report (as well as a copy Section 75 LGA 1972) to members in advance of discussion on this topic.

It was resolved to continue with the existing acceptance of approved reasons of absence, namely :

- Illness of self or close family member
- Bereavement
- Emergency working

#### **83/19 REGISTRATION OF 'THE GREEN' UNDER THE COMMONS ACT 2006**

Councillor Cutts reported he has not yet had the opportunity of taking this matter forward.

#### **84/19 ROLLING LIST OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**

The Clerk provided members with an updated list of actions which was accepted, recognising that further revision would occur as issues were settled, introduced or changed.

#### **85/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Councillor Slater confirmed provided the latest information in respect of the inertia currently encountered.

She concluded by reminding members that there was little chance of progressing the Joint Plan until after Christmas 2019.

She was thanked for her report.

**86/19 DATE & TIMES OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of Council would be held as follows :

Monthly Meeting 7 October 2019 at 7.30pm.

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**(Chairman)**

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**(Date)**