

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2009
at THE LITTLE THEATRE, HEBDEN BRIDGE**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; S Press, (Chair), Allison, Mrs Bampton Smith, Beacroft-Mitchell, Boggis, Foster, Gabbi, Groves, Jones, Oosthuysen, J Smith, and D K Young, Electors; Elizabeth Dodd, Michael Elder, Stella Massey, Anthony Rae and member of the public Fran Watson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs; Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell Dixon, Fekri, Dr Smith, Sawer and Trickett

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk to the Town Council reported that the Public Notice of the Annual Town Meeting had been posted on the Town Notice Boards in accordance with statutory requirements and also on the Council's and the Hebden Bridge websites.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
7th MAY 2008**

The name of Cllr Jones had been omitted from the list of persons present
It was moved by Cllr Press
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 7th May 2008, as amended, be accepted as a correct record

Developments over the year

The Public clock on the Carlton Building had been repaired and fitted with an automatic correction mechanism.

Fluoridation was not an issue as 'treated' water was not transmitted via the grid and Calderdale MBC did not have a policy of fluoridating water.

A car park has been formed on the Council owned land on Station Road.

Off-road vehicles continued to be a problem near Mount Skip even though some vehicles had been confiscated and further police action was planned.

There had been objections to the loss of car parking spaces in the King Street area but ways of creating DDA compliant bus stops was still being pursued probably linked with the proposed redevelopment of the area.

Works around the Old Bridge were planned for the end of May 2009.

An allotment site had been identified south of Sandy Gate and although progressing, the amount of work and finance required mean that it could be five years before the land was ready. Cllr Allison made optimistic noises relating to increased provision in Mytholmroyd.

4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL for the year ended 31st March 2009

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Groves

RESOLVED:- to accept the Statement of Accounts of the Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2009

5. ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS

Michael Elder asked that the Town Council pursue action on the use of vehicles on Bridge Gate without legitimate reason, the parking of an ice-cream van on the pavement opposite the Council Office usually with the engine running, consistent enforcement of illegal parking and DDA compliance on the west-bound platform at Hebden Bridge Station

Anthony Rae asked for an appraisal of the Hebden Bridge Traffic Review. Cllr Young informed him that one had been carried out but that Calderdale MBC had no funds available to make the identified amendments. Anthony applauded the improvements in Calder Holmes Park, particularly the children's play area but requested attention to some basic needs such as removal of rubble at the Station Road end. He further drew attention for the Town Council to take more of a leadership role in planning the future of the Township rather than leave it to UCVR and the Hebden Bridge Partnership.

Cllr Young agreed with the points raised by the previous two speakers and suggested that the Town Council's Environmental Community Warden ensure the basic needs of Calder Holmes Park were met.

Meeting closed at 7:53 pm