Meeting of the PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT: - Councillors; Mrs Ward(Chair for Minute 114) S Brown(Chair from Minute 115 onward), Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and D K Young,

114. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and RESOLVED:- that Cllr Elder be Chair of Parks and Footpaths Committee for

the year 2006/2007

115. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and RESOLVED:- that Cllr Brown be Deputy Chair of Parks and Footpaths Committee for the year 2006/2007

116. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

There were no apologies

117. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None declared at this point

118. Matters arising from meeting held 29th March 2006 not itemised on this Agenda

The Clerk was asked to check that the Hebden Bridge Times had received the press release

119. CALDER HOLMES PARK

a) The Clerk reported on the current position on the regeneration of Calder Holmes Park. Calderdale MBC did not have the funds necessary to meet their share of the work

After discussion

It was agreed to ask the Clerk to explore options with Calderdale MBC to progress the scheme

b) Cllr Mrs Ward reported that on several occasions the facilities in the park had not been available to members of the public

The Clerk was asked to seek full reinstatement of facilities in the park

Meeting closed at 7:00 pm

Meeting of the PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT: - Councillors; M Elder (Chair) J C Beacroft Mitchell, S Press and D K Young.

Also present: Councillor Mrs L Murty and Andrew Bibby

216. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown and Dixon and Cllr Press for lateness

217. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None declared at this point

218. Matters arising from meeting held 5th July 2006 not itemised on this Agenda

Minute 118

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: to ask Clerk the nature of the press release.

219. WALKERS ACTION GROUP

Mr Andrew Bibby, Hebden Bridge Walkers' Action, handed out leaflets 'Walkers Welcome' and copies of the proposal to make Hebden Bridge the first officially accredited "Walkers Welcome" town

Mr Bibby had been positively taken aback and was delighted by the interest of the proposal, informed members of the planned Launch for February or late January now they had received the 250 signatories required. An offer of the Birchcliffe centre had been made and VIP's, stall holders and trades people would be invited.

It was envisaged 'set' walks be arranged

- round bus and train time tables
- for a broad spectrum ie all age groups, disabilities and background.
- marked walks, easy for visitors without a map to popular places ie Hardcastle Craggs, Heptonstall,

The mechanism of status and maintaining would come about by the creation of a local Walkers Welcome steering group.

Members from interested bodies such as National Trust, Alternative

Technology, Ramblers Association and Town Council would be invited to send a representative to be part of the steering group.

Organisations to be asked to adopt and maintain rights of way.

Annual Financial help was requested.

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED:-that Hebden Royd Town Council endorse the above proposal to make Hebden Bridge the first officially-accredited "Walkers Welcome" town and to budget annually, once established.

220. CALDER HOLMES PARK

a) To consider preparation of a scheme for adopting Calder Holmes Park from Calderdale MBC

b) Water Feature

Councillor Mrs Murty gave a short update

Prior to discussion a DVD of "Splashpad" from Ustigate was viewed

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED:-to a) defer for the Clerk to produce a report

b) agree in principle to water feature in Calder Holmes Park, to ask Clerk to prepare a report and ask the Project Workers to seek funding, etc. and the way forward.

221. CHILDREN'S PLAY INITIATIVE

Councillor Elder spoke again on the lack of provision for the disabled and special needs and the need to seek funding to invest in our play areas.

It was moved by Cllr Elder

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED:-to ask the newly appointed Project Worker to investigate funding and ways to develop play areas.

Meeting closed 7.21pm

Meeting of the PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT: - Councillors; M Elder (Chair) S Brown, R Dixon, Mrs B Ward and D K Young.

298. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

No apologies were received

299. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting

None declared at this point

300. Matters arising from meeting held 5th July 2006 not itemised on this Agenda

Minute 219

Cllr Brown asked that an amount for Hebden Bridge Walkers' Action be included in the budget and with that in mind it was agreed to write to Walkers Action to ask what level of funding they were seeking for 2007/08

It was proposed by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED:- to request Council include £50,000 in the budget 2007/08 for Parks and Footpaths Committee.

301. RECREATION AREAS

To consider the attached report from Clerk on future of recreational areas in Hebden Royd

It was agreed that the word 'handicapped' in 4.2.7 be changed to 'disabled'.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Ward and

RESOLVED:- to recommend 2.1a that Hebden Royd Town Council request return of Calder Holmes Park, Hebden Bridge Memorial Gardens and other recreational areas, with their budgets. That Hebden Royd Town Council enters into a Service Level Agreement with Calderdale MBC, or other potential providers, on management of the areas. Hebden Royd Town Council becomes responsible for capital programmes and fund raising necessary to support them.

2.2 It was suggested by Cllr Young that the Project Officer investigate maximum grants to plan and not phase.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

Meeting of the PARKS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT: - Councillors; M Elder (Chair) J C Beacroft Mitchell, S Brown, R Dixon, Mrs B Ward and D K Young.

One member of press present

347. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from **Cllr S Press**. It was moved by Cllr Elder Seconded by Cllr Mrs Ward and RESOLVED:- to note

348. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting

None declared at this point

349. Matters arising from meeting held 15th November 2006 not itemised on this Agenda

There were no matters arising

350. CALDER HOLMES PARK

Members received a report from the Clerk along with emails from Mary Farrar, Martyn Summerscales and Mary Clear regarding funding, for completion of Council's Phase III Calder Holmes Park regeneration.

It was moved by Cllr Young Seconded by Cllr Mrs Ward and

RESOLVED:- to raise Hebden Royd Town Council's committed amount to £30,000 for the completion of phase III and to inquire whether the money which was ring fenced for Calder Holmes Park was still available.

351. CYCLE CHALLENGE

To consider provision of facility to provide challenging and safe terrain for non-powered cycles

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED:- that the Project Worker contacts the urban sports users in Hebden Royd and seeks information regarding construction, funding and reports back to the next meeting.