

Minutes of WayaHead Meeting on Monday 17 October 2011 at Stubbing Wharf

Present: - Cllrs Steve Hoyle, Cllr Mick Davies (Chair), Cllr Tim Cole, Phil Knowles, Jenny Baker, Jan Melloy and Donna Goodman.

In attendance: - Lars Hansen (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Dorothy Sutcliffe, Cllr Carol King and Finn Jensen.
- 2. Election of Chair for 2011/2012** – Cllr Mick Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 3. Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda** – none were declared.
- 4. Minutes of meeting of WayaHead Group held on 17 October** – agreed.
- 5. Matters arising: -**
 - 5.1. “The Penn” Village Green application** - The public enquiry had been held and the inspector would report back to Calderdale Council in due course.
 - 5.2. Scoop the poop posters** – Posters produced by pupils of Hebden Royd School were made available for distribution.
 - 5.3. Ingle Dene Exit Road and a safe route to school for Charlestown** – Cllr Davies and the Clerk had met with Kevin Moran from Calderdale Council Highways Department. There were no easy answers but the Parish Council fully supported the long term objective to resolve the issues and would actively seek ways so to do.
 - 5.4. Community Payback Resources** - the Clerk was asked to write in the new year seeking their support for eradicating Balsam in June/July.
- 6. Charlestown Community Garden/Allotments: –**
 - 6.1. Asset transfer** – Officers of Calderdale Council had met on 5 October to discuss the matter. There appeared to be no major obstacles but as this was the first application for a freehold transfer for Calderdale Council an Officer had been tasked with seeing if it complied with the agreed scheme for the transfer of community assets.
 - 6.2. Tree survey** – There had been several surveys and all agreed that there was nothing to prevent the cutting down of any of the trees on the site.
 - 6.3. Calderdale Local Orchard Group, CLOG** – CLOG had looked at the site and offered their help and advise. In addition BEAT had offered to provide any new trees required as well as training with CLOG on the grafting, planting and maintenance of fruit trees. This could also be a useful training exercise for those involved in the BEAT Long Causeway community orchard.
 - 6.4. Contamination survey** – Officers of Calderdale Council have carried out a desk top survey and are clear that there is no contamination on the site. Unfortunately due to budgetary constraints the Council were no longer able to carry out a full site survey before the transfer and therefore when the site is cleared if there are further concerns the need for full survey will have to be reconsidered.
 - 6.5. Water supply** – This could a major expense, but it had been suggested that Yorkshire Water might be interested in treating it as a charitable cause and good for their corporate publicity. Tim Cole said he may have a contact. Water to the site would then probably have to metered with the charges shared between the allotment holders.
 - 6.6. Planning application for fences, sheds and paths** – Decisions will have to start being made quickly on the overall layout to enable consultations with local residents and to submit a planning application around Christmas. The allotment

group agreed to start having meetings as soon as possible starting with the Chair of Calderdale Allotments and leisure gardens federation. Visits could also be arranged to local allotment sites for ideas. Calderdale Planning Officers had suggested that the recent planning application for allotments on the Red Acre site was a useful starting point.

6.7. Management/governance issues It was suggested that the prospective allotment holders should establish an allotment group for the day to day management of the site. The group would then be able to apply for charitable funding to help establish the site. For more formal purposes the members of the allotment group would form the bulk of an allotment committee of the Parish Council which might meet once or twice a year.

7. Great Rock – Cllr Tim Cole was asked to lead on consultations for its future use as public open space.

8. Other issues – Cllr Mick Davies said that there were multiple issues in the Charlestown area such as the Ingle Dene exit road; a safe route to school; access points to the canal; development of Callis Mill and the Woodman Inn and providing another Parish Council Notice Board. The Clerk responded saying that most of the issues were interrelated but that a planning application for a notice board by the allotment site could be included in the allotment site application.

9. Report back from BEAT – BEAT has recently adopted a sustainability plan for the Parish and presented it to the Parish Council. This included a community orchard and allotments alongside the Long Causeway; a community wind turbine to generate energy and funds for local initiatives. To enable some of these activities BEAT was to establish an industrial and Provident Society.

10. Future Meetings – 8 February 2012 at The New Delight.