



Hapton Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 15th May 2018

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors Differ, Downham, Greenwood and Lakeland.

Others: Simon Goff (Parks), PCSO Helena Bulcock, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Borough Councillor Tom Commis and Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 5 residents.

The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

AM18/19/001 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Harry Kayley who was away.

AM18/19/002 Minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on the 8th May 2017.

The minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 8th May 2017 are approved as a correct record.

The Chair reported that it had been another good year, the Lengthsman scheme was working well and the Council had provided additional allotments due to demand. The Bonfire, Christmas and

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Remembrance Sunday events were a success, unfortunately the summer event was cancelled due to the weather. The Council had run well for another year. It was noted that there were issues with dog walkers not cleaning up after dogs.

AM18/19/003 To receive reports from Community Organisations

The Heritage Group organized an excavational dig by the windmills looking for the lost village of Birtwistle and they translated Lady Towneley's will. A summer festival is planned for the 10th June in partnership with the Council.

Simon Goff provided a response to concerns raised about drainage of the football pitch. The original scheme was for £150K to £180K but the Sports England grant was only for £50K so costs had to be reduced. The pitches are still poorly drained and lateral drains are needed. These would cost approximately £9-10K, however several drainage jobs are being carried out next summer and an addition to the contract could reduce costs. It was suggested that the main pipe is blocked and needs to be checked. There are pieces missing from the goal-posts.

In 2014 schools created crosses to commemorate the start of World War 2. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 2, 100 trees are being planted, with the crosses, across the Borough and the Recreation Ground was suggested as a possible location.

It was noted that the grass is no longer being cut at the Chapel and this is to be added to the Lengthsman job list.

Simon was thanked for his attendance.

PCSO Helena Bulcock provided a report that included 6 burglaries in Hapton, 4 residential and 2 business plus 2 attempted burglaries. 5 thefts from vehicles, 26 violent crimes, 12 criminal damage with 5 in dwellings and 1 on a vehicle, 3 thefts, 1 fraud and 1 dangerous driving. Motorbikes are still a nuisance and permanent cameras are needed on the Bridge traffic lights to stop red-light jumpers.

Helena was thanked for her report.

AM18/19/004 To receive resolutions from Parishioners

There were no Parishioners resolutions.

AM18/19/005 An opportunity will be given for electors to ask questions at the meeting

Residents reported problems with the Wordsworth House sewage tanks not working. The company had stated it would take 2-3 days to repair but has been going on for 3 weeks, with noise during the night. Environmental Health are to be notified and the Chair and Borough Councillors would arrange to meet with Wordsworth House to put concerns and request that sanitary items such as wet wipes are not flushed down the

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toilet. The Parent Company will also be contacted. There are also problems of dumped rubbish in back streets and overflowing bins being emptied Friday but the Road sweeper cleaning up on Monday.

AM87/19/006 Date of next meeting

Date of the next Annual Parish meeting Monday 13th May 2019 at the Community Room, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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