



## Hapton Parish Council

### Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), County Councillor Hosker, Borough Councillor Gill plus 2 residents.

#### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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<b>19/20/089 Apology for absence and reasons given</b>		
Apologies were submitted by Councillor Tim Birbeck who was away.		
<b>19/20/090 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct</b>		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
<b>19/20/091 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.</b>		
A member of the Friends of Hapton Inn updated the Council on a potential sale of the property. The Friends of group has been putting pressure on the owner of		

<p>the Hapton Inn to sell to a community concern, but he has refused. The owner is still trying to get the Asset of Community Value overturned but the Friends of group continue to challenge him. He has indicated he would be willing to sell to a local businessman who wishes to reopen the building as a pub. The Friends of group wish to endorse the sale and asked the Council to support this. The Council agreed to also support the sale to the businessman on condition the building reopens as a pub and will send a letter to the Borough Council. The Friends of group were thanked for all their endeavors to stop the planned development. The Group thanked the Council for their endeavors.</p>		
<p>There was no Police report.</p>		
<p>County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that the County Council have agreed to install the Dell Lane signs if the Parish Council pays for them at a cost of £250. Hameldon Road does not warrant the expense due to no accidents and a letter of support is to be sent to the County. The fly-tipping on Mill Hill was investigated with CCTV, a prosecution followed and has been removed. The A679 keeps flooding under the bridge and hand-held speed traps are to be used through the village over Christmas. Mill Hill Lane drainage works are to be carried out and Hameldon Road has standing water that is freezing causing a dangerous situation over winter.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Peter Gill is dealing with an issue with Calico, the inspector has been and the issue has been resolved. The horses on the moor have been reported for fencing off common land.</p>		
<p><b>19/20/092 The meeting was formally re-convened for business</b></p>		
<p><b>19/20/093 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</b></p>		
<p>The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.</p>		
<p><b>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 are approved as a correct record.</b></p>		
<p><b>19/20/094 Matter Outstanding as listed</b></p>		
<p>The Neighbourhood plan is an agenda item, it was agreed that trees can be planted, a letter was sent regarding road closure on Accrington Road but there has not been a response, however the temporary lights are now 4 way. Liberata has declined the maintenance contract and it was agreed to do jobs as required. The radiators in the kitchen and toilet are not working. The Dell Lane signs were dealt with earlier, there is still no response to the footpath enquiry and St. Margaret's school have responded. The missing bin has been reported and, although it was not a Borough Council bin it has been logged for replacement.</p>		
<p><b>19/20/095 Updates</b></p>		
<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p>		
<p>The concept of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and it was agreed it should have a Councillor lead if it was to be progressed. A local development</p>		

officer has offered to explain the pro's and con's of a Neighbourhood Plan and will be invited to give a short talk before the next meeting at 6:30pm.	Invite	JG
<b>Website</b>		
The website and Facebook page have been updated. The website has 30 Unique visitors and 69 Page views, though Facebook is being well used.		
<b>Update on Events</b>		
St Margaret's have agreed to be the venue for the Light Switch on which will have Carol's at 6:45pm, the switch on at 7:00pm and Fireworks at 7:05 on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December. Hot chocolate in flasks, mince pies and cakes will be provided.		
It was agreed that the Chair's allowance would be paid of £200 to Councillor Birbeck.		
The Bonfire night was a great success.		
<b>Community Centre</b>		
The oven had been left in a dirty state, a sign is to be installed saying please leave clean and the kitchen door lock is to be changed. For food hygiene purposes a hand wash sink should be provided, there is room above the fridge, agreed to get a price for installation. A cleaner is needed for 1 hour every 2 months, the Lengthsman volunteered to do the cleaning. The Lengthsman will provide a price for the radiator repairs.	Hand wash costs Radiator costs	MG MG
The wind farm fund has provided £1,750 for the pathway improvements.		
<b>19/20/096 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies</b>		
There was no update.		
<b>19/20/097 Lengthsman</b>		
Plants, finish hedges and plant trees in the Peace Garden and English Bluebells were suggested.		
<b>19/20/098 Allotments</b>		
There were no maintenance issues and no new applications. There is 1 person on the waiting list.		
<b>19/20/099 Planning</b>		
There were no Planning Applications this month. An amended retrospective application was reconsidered, the access does not seem to have changed much so the Council objections will remain.		

<b>RESOLVED: That any Applications received requiring a reply before the next meeting are delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.</b>			
<b>19/20/100 Finances</b>			
The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:			
1. Clerk's Salary – November (Standing Order) Paid	£216.13 S/O Paid		
2. HMRC Clerk Tax November	£54.03 100628		
3. M J Greenwood Lengthsman November	£200.00 100629		
4. Royal British Legion Wreaths	£51.00 100630		
5. Briercliffe Parish Council Stationery	£238.00 100631		
6. HMRC Clerk Tax December	£54.03 100632		
7. Bonfire Refreshments	£58.10 100633		
8. Chairs Allowance	£200.00 100634		
9. M J Greenwood Lengthsman December	£300.00 100635		
<b>1.2 Income</b>			
1. LCC Local Delivery Scheme	£500.00		
September Bank Balances – Fundraising Account	£10,714.65		
Expenses Account	£21,056.06		
Environmental Account	£3,800.00		
TOTAL	£35,570.71		
The Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliations payments and receipts were noted. The Bank balances were also noted.			
<b>Resolved: That the above bills are paid and the monitoring reports are noted.</b>			
<b>19/20/101 Clerk's Report including Correspondence</b>			
The Clerk's report was noted.			
<b>RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.</b>			
<b>19/20/102 Visual Audits</b>			
The BT Phonebox has been repaired but 2 windows are missing as the metal has been damaged. Dropped kerbs have been installed on Manchester Road.			
<b>19/20/103 Date of next meeting</b>			
Date of the next meeting Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:00pm.			