

Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th December 2012

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair), Kayley and Lakeland.

Others: S. Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Greenwood and 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

12/13/096 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Cunningham and County Councillor Wilkinson. It was noted that Councillor Christine Puckett-Goulding had sent a letter of resignation.

12/13/097 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest.

12/13/098 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th November 2012.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that the minutes referred to Councilor Henry Birbeck opening the meeting, this should have been Councillor Henry Kayley. It was also noted that minute 12/13/094 referred to a door jamb on the school, this should have been on the garden wall, by the school.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 10th November 2012 are approved as a correct record.

Borough Councillor Greenwood offered to contact Lancashire County Council with regards to the wall.

12/13/099 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.

There were no public questions, however it was noted at this stage that the floor needed a clean and that, although some work had been carried out to the steps outside the Community Room, there was still a broken step.

12/13/100 The meeting was formally re-opened for business

12/13/101 Update on Website

Articles were requested to ensure the website stayed current. Councillor Birbeck offered to provide some pictures of the Recreation Ground and an article is to be provided about the successful Christmas light switch on event which may include some photos from the Brownies and the school. The Guides could do a history piece for the Heritage group on the formation of the Guides and Brownies. Ben Howard switched the lights on and it was noted that a Burnley Football Club player may be available for next year with a couple of months notice. A plunger is needed next year to press to switch the lights on and the planning for the event needs to start sooner. It was agreed that the event planning will begin in September and Ben Howard is to be considered for the switch on again next year, the school was thanked for taking part.

12/13/102 Update on Recreation Ground

A meeting had been held the previous Wednesday, however the Chair was unable to attend. The results are back from the scan and core samples and the details are to be forwarded to all Councillors. There is an average of 9" of soil on the left and 18" on the right, however a total of 22" of soil is needed for correct land drainage. This will require 3 ½ tons of top soil to level the ground to the correct depth, however Burnley Borough Council are looking into alternative solutions. It was noted that if verti-draining is used this will only last 18 months and will need to be redone. A report has been requested for why there is insufficient soil for drainage, however it was noted that the original budget could not provide sufficient soil.

A letter has been received from Simon Goff stating that the Council will maintain the grounds in the future.

The start of the work is still unknown and the kite event may still be disrupted, it was suggested that work could be carried out and the seeding left until after the kite event. The Chair agreed to get an update on the project and it was noted that a local firm would be preferred.

12/13/103 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies

Councillor Lakeland attended the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, youths are doing 'knock-a-door run' and a local child has been spoken too and apologized. Padiham has had some car crime and cold calling problems. A suspicious black Vauxhall Vectra has been seen in the village and reported to the meeting.

Councillor Kayley attended the Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) meeting and reported the Whitefield Street footpath. The Three Tier system was mentioned and the need to remove roundabouts and pavements for the Cliviger Wind Farm application.

Councillor Lakeland updated the meeting on the Heritage Group and they are still finding out the secrets of the Castle. Burnley CVS are to be contacted about a projector for the next meeting where mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

Councillor Birbeck had received an email about the Coat of Arms which needed to be signed and returned and the Queen Elizabeth Playing fields have send a deed but these are in the wrong name and need to be returned.

12/13/104 Finances

The following bank balances for November were noted.

- Fundraising Account £1,914.65
- Expenses £ 665.20
- Env. Account £5,359.55
- **Total** **£7,939.40**

It was noted that the Borough Council pays the maintenance grant into the environmental account rather than the expenses account. The Clerk is to contact the Council to change the accounts in future.

A budget report was circulated.

Resolved: The bank balances and budget report are noted, the Clerk's Salary for November of £159.61 is approved for payment.

12/13/105 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

APP/2012/0479 Mr K Bansal

136 Manley House Burnley Road, HAPTON, BB11 5QT

Proposal: Details of landscaping, diversion of the watercourse and conservation of the existing pond in compliance with conditions 3, 10 and 11 of planning permission APP/2006/0334

Concerns were raised over the reason for the application and whether it would lead to a further application, Councillor Lakeland agreed to check on the original objections to the first proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the pond is on greenbelt land and a previous application has already been refused.

12/13/106 Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. A letter has been sent to the allotment tenant who requested a gate and the wall ownership is still in dispute but it is believed it belongs to the Parish Council.

12/13/107 Visual Audits

It was noted that there will be potholes following the freezing weather and Hambleton Ford needs more salt and grit as it freezes over at the sides of the road.

12/13/108 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 14th January 2013 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm and all present were invited to the Hapton Inn for a Christmas celebration.