



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th February 2014

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

Others: County Councillor Marcus Johnson, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

13/14/130 Co-option onto the Parish Council

A couple of residents have expressed an interest but were not present.

13/14/131 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker, Jean Cunningham and Joanne Greenwood.

13/14/132 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest.

13/14/133 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident had attended with regards to the proposed traveler's site in the Local Plan at Spar Wood. The site owner moved out about a year ago and has owned the site for about 7 years. The owner moved due to a feud with another travelling family which ended in a fight causing the loss of an eye and a member of the other family being

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sent to prison. It is alleged that the owner now resides in Cumbria. The Borough Council has to consider if there is a need and ability to provide a traveler's site and commissioned a report by the University of Salford. The resident referred to a number of inaccuracies in the report. The report states that the site has been used previously by travelers and this is not true as it has only ever stored caravans. The report also concluded that Spar Wood is the best site and is the only site included in the Local Plan. The site owner only has access rights to the site and does not own the road.

Previously plans suggested Moseley Road and Duck Pits, the latter of which could still be considered. The report also states a number of residents were interviewed, but nobody is aware of anyone being interviewed. The Borough Council is to be asked to provide a copy of the report and attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the findings and outline what other sites were considered.

County Councillor Marcus Johnson reported that the County was in the process of appointing a new Chief Executive.

There were no further public questions.

13/14/134 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

13/14/135 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January 2013.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that the Visual Audits should have referred to Mill Hill Lane and not Millar Lane. A letter has been received from the MOT Centre explaining the vehicle was not one of theirs, the Police are to be contacted as the van is causing an obstruction and isn't leaving sufficient room for either push chairs or wheelchairs.

The post at Castle Clough is a footpath sign and belongs to the County Council. The Footpath Officer recently visited Hapton and is reporting back to Councillor Barker.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 13th January 2013 are approved as a correct record.

13/14/136 Update on Website

Various articles have been put on the website and it is now up to date. A statistics report was circulated and noted.

13/14/137 Update on Recreation Ground

An event is planned for the 19th April but Veolia has requested the official opening within 30 days of completion. An opening is to be held at 11:00am on Saturday 15th February with the Mayor and Mayoress, where a photo shoot will be arranged.

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The main event will still continue on the 19th April, a BMX group has been approached who charge £650, it was agreed this is too expensive. There will be a Barbeque and gazebos, it was also suggested that a 1st World War Commemorative Event is held in August. The Heritage Group is holding an event in the Methodist Church Hall in September. It was suggested that the War Memorial names are to be listed on the website and include the names of those that received medals. Articles from family members can also be included. The Chair will approach Asda for donations and the Army is to be approached to provide some equipment. It was suggested that the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade are also contacted and there could be a fancy dress competition. It was suggested that the event should be a World War One themed Kite Festival and leave the commemorative event to the Heritage Group. Saturday 19th July was agreed for a Kite Festival event.

13/14/138 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

A leaflet on the NHS was circulated. There was no further report from the Heritage Group as the project was nearly complete. The PACT meeting reported that the strimmer still needed collecting and there had been issues but not within Hapton. The main crimes have been thefts from insecure cars and garages.

There are some poppy seeds available and the Peace Gardens and Hapton Gardens were suggested. Grassed areas that are cut will be avoided. There had been a complaint that the Poppy Wreaths were removed early from the cemetery. The teddies have not yet been removed from outside the burnt property.

The Chair has had a meeting with the Fire Brigade who has offered to paint the Community Room, they just need tools, such as paint brushes and dustsheets, and they will also try to include the outside wood and stonework. They will also do the Peace Garden in a few months.

13/14/139 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
LALC Subscription	£353.11

Income

Sponsorship	£100.00
Allotments	£230.00
Veolia	£25,331.80
Sponsorship	£250.00

Resolved: That the above bills are paid and income noted.

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The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed. It was noted that the bank balances were healthy and costs had been reduced. The Accounts now show the VAT split and a reclaim for VAT will be submitted. Previous years VAT reclaim will be checked.

The Chair will provide a quote to repaint the mural.

The following bank balances for July were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £28,071.58
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total** **£35,309.78**

RESOLVED: The bank balances are noted and the budget monitoring report is approved.

A proposed budget for 2014-2015 was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the 2014-2015 Budget is approved.

13/14/140 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered.

To receive any planning applications submitted

LAB/APP/2014/0017 – Proposed Bike Store (re-submission), 20 Ruskin Grove

LAB/APP/2014/0009 – Proposed demolish front conservatory and erect single storey extension to the front elevation (re-submission), 15 Carter Avenue

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to the applications unless resident's raised concerns.

13/14/141 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. It was agreed to sign the Deeds of Dedication and Engrossment Certificate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report and additional correspondence is noted.

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13/14/142 Visual Audits

Trees have been removed to provide a sign for the bridge. Bikes are being reported to the Police as a resident was recently pushed over by bike riders. The towpath is in a poor state of repair and there has been flooding under the canal bridge. The Railway Bridge has also suffered from flooding and the lights on the Recreation Ground needs to be reported to the engineers.

13/14/143 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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