



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th June 2013

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

Others: Borough Councillors Barker and Greenwood, County Councillor Marcus Johnson, Darren Wright (Community Sport Activist), S. Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. It was noted that there is still one vacancy remaining on the Parish Council.

13/14/018 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.

13/14/019 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest.

13/14/020 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th May 2013.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 13th May 2013 are approved as a correct record.

13/14/021 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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Darren Wright addressed the meeting, he stated that he used to work for Burnley Borough Council until March this year and is active in community sport. He explained the Community Sport Activation fund and that he works with groups across Burnley to access funding. The fund is revenue funding for delivering new opportunities to access sports on the ground. The fund is from Sports England and between £50,000 and £250,000 can be applied for to provide activities to encourage people to try new sports. The target age is 14 plus and is especially targeted at adults where participation has declined. The funding is for 3 years to allow activators to be appointed.

It is a competitive funding stream for groups, clubs and Councils with 5 rounds and they are now on the 2nd round which closes on the 2nd July. The next round is in November and the main element is working in partnership. The activist post holder could be based with the Gymnastic Centre and the Parish Council could apply to fund an activist. If funding is agreed the provider then appoints to the position. The funding is mainly aimed at employing people to encourage activities, hire facilities and provide small items of equipment, they can also deliver courses.

It was agreed that if a group is formed the Parish Council would send a representative as it was felt the concept was a good idea.

County Councillor Marcus Johnson introduced himself to the meeting.

Borough Councillor Greenwood had no further update on the sports England bid but confirmed that the Viola bid had been successful. Simon Goff had agreed to provide a large scale plan for the Kite Festival.

Borough Councillor Barker updated the meeting on the Bridge Inn Planning Application which had been deferred to the 20th June due to the visual amenities and highways concerns.

13/14/022 The meeting was formally re-adjourned for business

13/14/023 Update on Recreation Ground

There were no further updates, more information should be available for the next meeting.

13/14/024 Update on Website

Weebly, the website host, are aware of the problems with contact forms and are to respond.

13/14/025 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting was notified that the constable had now changed shift patterns and would be available weekends and evenings,

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which would benefit the area. A potential robbery had been reported and the culprit caught as well as the Hapton Road shop suffering vandalism. Residents were asked to be on the lookout for a flat-backed, white van that was searching for scrap metal, a registration number is needed. There was no update on the speed camera and this will be asked for at the next PACT meeting.

The Heritage Group is progressing well and the Kite Festival is hoping for good weather. Several stores have been asked to provide food donations and Morrisons, Dolphin Bakery, Bookers and Oddies will also be approached, especially for Tea-Cakes. Good reports have been received about the band, the Mayor of Padiham has agreed to open the event and the Town Crier has been provided with a script. The filmmakers will do a video of the day and the next meeting of the Heritage Group is to be held on Tuesday 11th June at 7:00pm at the Community Centre.

Councillor Kayley was not able to attend the last meeting of Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC).

13/14/026 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£ 133.00
HMRC Clerk Tax	£ 26.61
Website Hosting	£ 3.29
Briercliffe Stationery 2012	£ 73.87

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

Income Received:

Heritage Group	£ 200.00
Allotments	£ 520.00 includes £200 bond.

There are still some allotment rents outstanding.

Budget report and bank statements are to be provided at the next meeting.

The following bank balances for May were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£1,914.65
• Expenses	£ 3,152.53
• Env. Account	£ 5,323.55
• Total	£10,420.73

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Resolved: The bank balances are noted.

13/14/027 Planning Applications

There were no actually planning applications to consider. An express consent to display an Advertising sign had been received and the Parish Council had no objections.

The Parish Council had received a request to buy a plot of land from the Parish Council and it was agreed that a valuation of the land would be carried out. The buyer has offered to move the dry stone wall as part of the purchase. It was suggested that the costs to the Parish Council of getting the valuation is included in the sale price and the applicant is to provide written confirmation that they will replace the wall. It was agreed that the land would be sold if the deeds permit. Southern Solicitors are to be asked to check these and a copy of the deeds is to also be requested.

13/14/028 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted, the Clerk provided an update on the actions carried out under the minutes and that future agendas may need to be posted. The Certificate in Local Council Administration training was explained.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.

13/14/029 Visual Audits

The grass at the end of Ruskin Grove needs to be cut and Burnley Borough Council has stated they were asked not to cut this due to the daffodils, however these have now died back. The County has stated the land belongs to a resident, the Chair will ask for it to be cut. The grass is also long by the welcome to Hapton sign and this is to be requested to be cut.

It was agreed to provide the Vice-Chair with a set of keys for the Community Room.

13/14/030 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Avenue.

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

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