



## **Hapton Parish Council**

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

**Others:** Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Joanne Greenwood, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 5 residents.

### **Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **13/14/144 Co-option onto the Parish Council**

No volunteers have been identified for the Parish Council vacancy.

#### **13/14/145 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Kayley, Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham and County Councillor Marcus Johnson.

#### **13/14/146 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of interest.

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**13/14/147 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

A resident reported that rubbish is being dumped on the street at 8:30am from the back of a white van with blue sides. A mattress, sofa and cushion were left and the matter was reported. The Borough Council has removed the cushions and sofa has been removed but the mattress is on the grass and is the responsibility of the Parks Department. CCTV is to be checked and the Chair will speak to the Police. Residents were asked to try and get a registration number if the van is seen again.

Speeding cars on Water Street were reported and there had been a near miss between a car and a resident recently. The matter will be reported to the Police and again registration numbers will be collected.

It was noted that new regulations on footpaths are being introduced in 2026 and paths not registered may be lost. Some canal footpaths need to be cleared and a hedge trimmer was suggested, the Chair will report this to the County Council. Councillor Lakeland and Borough Councillor Barker are working with the County on footpaths and will get some advice on footpath deregulation. The Chair will also report cars blocking emergency vehicles.

Residents had attended with regards the proposed traveler site and Councillor Greenwood had further information. All 3 ward Councillors are opposed to the proposal and encouraged residents to reply to the consultation. A special meeting is being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the issue. It was noted that there are no facilities to the site such as sufficient water or electricity and access will be the biggest issue as the land on all sides is owned by local farmers. It was suggested that the sustainability study was inaccurate. It was also suggested that a site could be shared with a neighbouring Authority as there is an existing site at Huncoat that could be expanded. The Salford University report has been received and it will be checked if this can be published on the Parish Council website. A Press Release is to be sent and letters sent via the schools to inform residents of the meeting.

There were no further public questions.

**13/14/148 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**13/14/149 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 are approved as a correct record.**

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**13/14/150 Update on Website**

A website report was provided that showed the website averages 10 unique visitors a day with a peak of 22 visitors on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**13/14/151 Update on Recreation Ground**

It was noted that Sports England need to be contacted. The Community Room has been painted by the Prince’s Trust volunteers, who have agreed to tidy and plant the Peace Garden and sow poppy seeds in 3 months. The Council provided them with biscuits and cakes.

There was a presentation for Veolia on the 15<sup>th</sup> February to formally open the new recreational ground where hot chocolate and donuts were provided. An email has also been received outlining further funding opportunities.

**13/14/152 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

Gordon Birtwistle MP will be presenting the Council’s Coat of Arms at a special event on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that the Parish Council will re-badge with the new coat of arms and the Borough Council will be asked to use the coat of arms on replacement street name signs. It was noted that the street signs at the top of Manchester Road need replacing. The official seal has been received and it was suggested that this should be stored at Towneley Hall.

At a recent PACT meeting it was noted that Chris Farrar is still with Hapton but the other Chris has now left and been replaced by Jamie. Crime is again down this month and there have been no further burglaries. There was 1 theft, 1 vehicle crime and 3 criminal damages. Mini motors are still a problem.

Councillor Kayley is at a LALC meeting and will report back to the next meeting.

**13/14/153 Finances**

The precept notice was explained and discussed.

A quote has been received to ‘K’ render the mural wall of £3-5K for the labour. It was suggested this could be a Ward Opportunities fund project and the painter will be approached to see if he would be willing to repaint the Muriel.

The paths around the community centre need to be checked and the lights need to be sorted.

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The dogs on leads by law is to be chased and dog fouling signs are needed. Fences are being investigated.

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47

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

The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed.

The following bank balances for July were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £27,909.24
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total £35,147.44**

**RESOLVED: The bank balances, reconciliation and the budget monitoring report are approved.**

An event is to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, it was suggested that a barbeque, refreshments and stalls could be provided similar to the Kite Festival. Fairground rides could also be provided and a bouncy castle was suggested. The insurance company is to be notified of the event. Posters are being provided by the schools. An Easter Bonnet competition was also suggested and the schools will be contacted. It was agreed to delegate expenditure for the event, including entertainment, to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

**RESOLVED: That expenditure for the event is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.**

### **13/14/154 Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered.

**To receive any planning applications submitted**

**GDT/APP/2014/0060** – Application for approval of all reserved matters for the proposed industrial developments (Use Class B2/B8) and associated external works (pursuant to outline planning permission APP/2008/0805 as varied by planning permission APP/2011/0362 – Burnley Bridge Business Park, Padiham.

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**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council had no objections to the application unless resident's raised concerns, but it was noted that it could overshadow the Greenway as the building seemed to be tall.

**13/14/155 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Correspondence was noted.

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

**13/14/156 Visual Audits**

Repairs had been done to the footpath potholes near the bridge and the noisy access panel, but the plasterboard at the motorway junction has not been removed. The light has been fixed and the teddies have been removed, although the lights around the community room need fixing.

An allotment is being converted to a storage facility and planning permission may be needed. The Bridge Pub has been gutted inside but no further work has been carried out, the Hapton Inn is being refurbished and is available for rent.

The bridge being built over the river is in contravention of building regulations and is being monitored.

A resident suggested that the Community Room should house a community defibrillator and this needs to be considered.

Allotment rent letters need sending.

**13/14/157 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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