



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th November 2014

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

Others: Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood, S. Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck took the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

14/15/092 Co-option onto the Parish Council

The Chair pointed out that there had been 2 expressions of interest in the Parish Council vacancy, Councillor Joanne Greenwood withdrew her expression as she could still service the Parish as Ward Councillor. It was therefore agreed to co-opt Jamie Butterfield onto the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Jamie Butterfield is co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

14/15/093 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Jean Cunningham, County Councillor Marcus Johnson and PCSO Chris Farrar.

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14/15/094 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

14/15/095 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

The Police and county Councillor were not in attendance so no report was provided. There were no members of the public.

14/15/096 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/097 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th October 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. The Padiham Express have stated that there were no objections to a planning application for the bridge at Mill Hill but Burney Planning have confirmed that they have received the Parish's objections

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th October are approved as a correct record.

14/15/098 Update on Website

The website has been updated and more articles were requested. Photographs from the bonfire night will be requested from residents.

14/15/099 Update on Events

The bonfire event was excellent and all involved were thanked for their support. Joanne and David Greenwood, David B and Sebastian Evans were all specifically thanked for their efforts. Letters of thanks will be send to all the firework sponsors.

The Remembrance Event went well and the music worked though complaints were received that there wasn't a bugler. Michael Rogers was thanked for the sound system and it was agreed to use this again next year. 5 fireworks have been saved for the Christmas Light switch on, the lights switch on is on the 8th December and it was agreed not to hold a Parish Council meeting in December.

The school allotment is underused and will be monitored due to the waiting list.

14/15/100 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

There was no PACT report, the Heritage group is proceeding well and a report by John Trippier is to be put on the website. The Police Commissioner attended the Padiham Town Council meeting and explained that the large spike in crimes in

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October was due to a couple of individuals that have since been arrested, reducing the crimes. Residents have been asked to be aware of securing outbuildings. Hapton is currently sharing a neighbourhood police team with Gawthorpe which has 2 Police Officers and 2 PCSOs, though it was noted Hapton only really had PCSO Chris Farrar.

14/15/101 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Fireworks	£800.00
Remembrance Day wreath	£18.00
Clerk's Salary - December	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax - December	£32.47

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The new financial report were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 1,060.51
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total £ 8,298.71**

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

The following documents were reviewed:

- 1.1 Effectiveness of internal Audit
- 1.2 Financial Regulations
- 1.3 Asset Register
- 1.4 Risk Assessment
- 1.5 Publication scheme

RESOLVED: That the effectiveness of Internal Audit is approved and the revised documents are agreed.

The 2015 precept was discussed. It was agreed that a precept of £8,000 will be made to provide a Lengthsman scheme of 1 day a week over 48 weeks per annum at a rate of £110 per day, with a budget for materials and a cost element for administration.

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RESOLVED: That a Precept of £8,000 is approved for 2015.

A budget proposal for 2015 was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the 2015 budget proposal is approved with the additional element of a Lengthsman scheme.

It was agreed to appoint Lianne Abram as the Internal Auditor for 2014.

RESOLVED: That Lianne Abram is appointed as Internal Auditor.

14/15/102 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

GDT/APP/2014/0139 – Proposed erection of seven split level dwellings, new access road, landscaping and new boundary treatments, Hapton Boatyard, Simpson Street, Hapton Bb12 7LJ

SMD/APP/2014/0390 – Retention of an access bridge over stream, opposite Castle Clough Wood, Mill Hill Lane, Hapton

AA1/APP/2014/0436 – Proposed extension and alteration, 159 Manchester Road, Hapton, BB11 5RA

Planning application 0390 will be objected to as it is not in keeping with the surrounding area which is a site of national beauty and would spoil the visual amenities. There were no objection to the other Planning Applications.

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14/15/103 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted.

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

14/15/104 Visual Audits

It was noted that the railway bridge path to Bridgefield Street is overgrown with bushes and Councillor Kayley agreed to trim this back. Dog fouling is a problem on Carr Avenue and the Dog Warden is to be requested.

14/15/105 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 12th January 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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