



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 11th August 2014

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

Others: S. Watson (Clerk) plus 5 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

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

14/15/050 Co-option onto the Parish Council

There was no candidate for co-option onto the Parish Council.

14/15/051 Apology for absence and reasons given

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

14/15/052 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest. Declaration of Interest forms were circulated at the next meeting.

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14/15/053 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

Residents had attended due to the recent accidents on Manchester Road and requested traffic calming measures be put in place. The residents felt that traffic lights and speed bumps would not resolve the problem as these would not slow down stolen vehicles. A chicane was suggested to slow vehicles down and would have an additional benefit of reducing the number of wing-mirrors being knocked. The residents explained that there is a close miss on a weekly basis as vehicles speeding over the bridge can be heard from the houses. It was felt that local residents don't cause the problem and that the bridge has become a challenge for modified cars especially from Mini Sports. People have witnessed cars going over the bridge at speed, stopping and turning around to go back. More Police presence was suggested but the problem is at all times of the day and night. It was also suggested that other areas of the Borough had received calming measures following accidents and this should now apply to Hapton.

A concealed entrance sign is also needed on the bridge, mirrors were suggested but could not be used due to potential sun dazzle.

It was asked if double yellow lines could be put on the bottom of Manchester road where it joins Simpson Street due to poor sight lines when pulling out with parked vehicles.

It was also asked if the wall on the bridge could be sandblasted as there is a residue image remaining of a car.

The County Councillor and Borough Councillors had sent apologies but had commented that they were aware of the issues. The Parish SPiD is being utilized by Lancashire County Council. Resident's concerns will be passed onto Lancashire County Council. It was also asked if white vans being sold by 909 motors on the highways can also be reported, these are being offered for sale on Ebay and a number no longer have road tax. The County Councillor also reported that the access cover on Carter Street is to be repaired.

14/15/054 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/055 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th July 2014.

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

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th July are approved as a correct record.

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14/15/056 Update on Website

The website has been updated and more articles were requested unfortunately the event was cancelled so photographs were not available. A website article on Manchester Road traffic calming is to be published.

14/15/057 Update on Events

The World War One commemorative event had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The next event is the bonfire and Splash are to be contacted to ascertain who is doing what. A new firework contact will provide fireworks at cost and requests for firework sponsorship will be made next month. It was agreed that any additional fireworks sourced will be saved for the Christmas Light Switch on.

A bugler is to be approached for Remembrance Sunday.

14/15/058 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

There were no Councillor Reports.

14/15/059 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Briercliffe Parish Council Stationery	£111.53
1&1 Domain for 2 years	£8.38
Zurich Insurance	£238.50

Income

Allotments	£240.00
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An additional bill from Christian Armstrong Plaster and Tiler of £4,000 to render the wall was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved: That the above bills are paid, including the additional bill from Christian Armstrong and the income is noted.

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

The following bank balances for April were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65

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- Expenses £ 5,686.68
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total** **£12,924.88**

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

It was suggested that a barbeque or potato pie could be sold at the bonfire event to raise funds.

14/15/046 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

LAB/APP/2014/0269 – Proposed extension to bungalow, 16 Mill Hill lane, Hapton BB11 5QU

CMR/NOT/2014/0306 – Proposed conversion of barn to 2 no. dwellings, Barn at Hillside Farm, Billington Road, Burnley.

There were no comments on the Planning Applications.

14/15/047 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted.

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

14/15/048 Visual Audits

The Pet Hotel has been asked to trim the hedge and have confirmed that this will be done once all the wildlife has left, they are also going to contact Burnley Borough Council to ask why this part is not trimmed with the rest.

14/15/049 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 8th September 2014, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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