



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 11th March 2013

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

Others: Borough Councillors Barker and Cunningham, Ben Kenyon (Press) S. Watson (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

12/13/135 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood and County Councillor Sharon Wilkinson.

12/13/136 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest. Borough Councillor Cunningham informed the meeting that she had an interest in Planning Applications as she was on the Borough Council Planning Committee and would not take part in any discussions on applications.

12/13/137 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th February 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 11th February 2013 are approved as a correct record.

12/13/138 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.

The footpath at the canal bridge going towards Burnley is closing in at the edges, Borough Councilor Barker has contacted the Council on this and it is on the list of jobs, however the situation has got worse and Councillor Barker will chase a response. A part of the path is dropping into the canal and stones are washing out with the boats passing by.

12/13/139 The meeting was formally re-opened for business

12/13/140 Update on Website

The photos provided have been uploaded and contact numbers for various agencies have been included. Additional articles were requested from Councillors.

12/13/141 Update on Recreation Ground

Councillors Birbeck and Greenwood have met with Simon Goff and it was agreed that soil from the bottom half of the Recreation Ground is to be used to provide enough depth for the drains. Sports England has agreed to fund the drains if a correct depth of soil can be provided.

The Viola funding bid has been submitted and will go before the board on the 29th April, following which the result will be published.

The Borough Council have bought a 6m net, a zip-wire, a see-saw and swings but exact plans are not yet available. The Viola bid will pay for a skate park.

The wall has been repairs around the park, the repair is a good job and there is one piece left to do. Also the trees have been delivered and planted, there are 15 trees which includes 4 fruit trees of apple and pear. It was noted that these are good sized trees and have been well planted with good posts. 8 rose bushes are still to be delivered.

The Recreation Ground is looking well. Councillor Cunningham attended a meeting with Camelot and will make approaches for a £50,000 bid for changing rooms. The changing room site is to be temporarily filled with sand and have a couple of diggers installed for young children. It was suggested that secure containers can be converted into changing rooms for £10,000 each and have an area for changing, showers and toilets.

12/13/142 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies

The Police apologised at the PACT meeting for the confusion at the previous meeting. PCSO Patrick Broadbent has been trained to use the speed gun and a request has been submitted for a speed monitoring event. Complaints have been made about Quad bikes on Blythe's land, those caught have been spoken to and issued with section 59 warnings and will have their bikes seized if caught again.

Reported drug problems have been cleared on Church Street and the Speed Indicator Sign insurance is to be checked.

The heritage lottery group has filmed residents and ex-residents, capturing their accounts for the website and the Borough Council graphic service are preparing a brochure.

The insurance has been checked for the Kite Festival and the event is covered as a one-off. Food Hygiene Certificates will need to be checked if food stalls are provided and a license is needed for music, this needs to be sent to licensing, the police and environmental health, Councillor Lakeland is dealing with this. Councillor Cunningham has dropped off a banner for use at the festival and the gazebos and tables have been booked from Padiham Town Council. Councillor Lakeland will provide the Risk Assessment information for the St John's Ambulance and letters are to be sent to Tesco's and Birchill's asking for food donations. Councillor Lakeland will provide a brochure from the trophy shop at Network 65 for the next meeting. The school is keen to get involved and have a kite making workshop which will include some literary exercises on Hapton Heritage. The Scouts, Brownies and Guides also want to get involved and hold a workshop. The Ward Councillors offered to provide a raffle with prizes and the money will be donated to the Parish Council.

Towneley Hall's Offshoots provide bio-degradable products including items made from willow and it was suggested that a workshop for 15 people could be delivered at a cost of £400. Councillor Cunningham will pass on the details of a new group called Saplings and it was suggested that the rotary may offer help with marshalling, a request is to be sent to the Clerk of Padiham Town Council. It was noted that a queuing system and barriers are needed for the Barbeque. The Scouts have agreed to help with car park marshalling.

Councillor Cunningham provided dog fouling stickers to the meeting and Hapton has been placed on the hot list for the Dog Warden. Councillor Cunningham has ordered skips for Simpson Street on the 12th October and St Margaret's Car Park for the 21st July.

12/13/143 Finances

The following bank balances for January were noted.

- Fundraising Account £1,914.65
- Expenses £ 186.37
- Env. Account £5,359.55
- **Total** **£7,460.57**

Budget report and bank statements were circulated.

Resolved: The bank balances and budget report are noted, the Clerk's Salary for February of £159.61 is approved for payment. The Lancashire Association Of Local Councils (LALC) invoice will be paid from the new financial years accounts.

An invoice has been received from Turf Solutions for the site inspection and Councillor Greenwood agreed to check this with the Borough Council. It was noted that there is only £26.76 remaining in the expenses account and a budget breakdown will be provided to the next meeting.

A budget setting meeting will be held in September and Councillor Birbeck agreed to collect the Allotment Rents.

The Parish Council vacancies are to be advertised on the Noticeboard and website, it was noted that these can now be filled through co-option.

The bank signatories are to be checked and Councillor Dawson is to be included.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dawson is included on the bank signatories list.

12/13/144 Planning Applications

It was noted that the previous planning application for a farm building is likely to be refused. 2 new planning applications have been received. Application NOT/2013/0046 for the Methodist school was discussed at the last meeting. Application APP/2012/0444 for the former Bridge Inn Public House was considered. It was noted that the land identified for a car park belongs to the Borough Council. It was suggested that the plans need to take into account the access after travelling over the canal bridge as the site lines may be a danger entering the proposed car park and the existing trees must be taken into account as these are used for the Christmas Lights. Also the bushes will hide the welcome to Hapton sign. An alternative proposal was suggested that the parking spaces could be access from the back street, saving the trees and resolving the safety issues. The tree officer is to be contacted about the trees and a preservation order is to be requested.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council formally object to the Planning Application on the grounds of the safety of the car park entrance and the removal of trees.

It was noted that Wall Street used to be unadopted but the residents paid for improvements, it was suggested it is likely to be adopted now.

12/13/145 Correspondence

- Lancashire Association of Local Councils
 - Lancashire Association of Local Councils
 - Spinal Injuries Association
 - Pendleside Hospice
 - Clerk & Councils Direct
 - Glasdon
- Agenda
 - Workshops/Training
 - Request
 - Midnight Walk
 - Magazine
 - Catalogues

Additional correspondence of the Clerk & District newsletter, the LCR newsletter and a BDO Audit briefing were provided to the meeting.

It was suggested that finger posts could be considered for the village.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence received is noted.

12/13/146 Visual Audits

The tyres have been removed, there are pot holes on the other side of the canal bridge and the cycle sign at the bridge has a big hole. It was also noted that somebody is riding a horse around the playing fields despite having a no horses sign, a complaint will be made to the police.

12/13/147 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 8th April 2013 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and all present were thanked for attending.