



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 11th November 2013

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

Others: Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Jean Cunningham, Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood attended later due to another meeting, Tommy from the Fire Service, S. Watson (Clerk) and 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

13/14/088 Co-option onto the Parish Council

There was no further update on the vacancy.

13/14/089 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood who was running late and County Councillor Marcus Johnson.

13/14/090 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct

Councillor Kayley declared an interest in the Allotments and Borough Councillors Cunningham declared an interest in Planning Applications.

13/14/091 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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A member of the Fire Service attended the meeting and outlined some possible project ideas. The Fire Service are now getting more involved in road safety issues and may be able to help with the installations of the Speed Indicator (SPiD) sign. Installations had stalled due to insurance issues for volunteers. The sign was bought by residents through the Ward Opportunity Fund, however, the residents didn't have insurance to install the sign so the sign was returned to the Borough Councilors. Lancashire County Council would take the sign but couldn't guarantee it would remain in Hapton. The Fire Service will check if they could offer support to installing the sign and provide a report back.

The 20mph zone outside the school is being ignored, it was suggested that a lit sign may be more efficient and the County Councillor is to be asked if one could be provided. The Police will also be contacted about more enforcement.

There were no further public questions.

The Parish Council then gave it's condolences for the young lady who tragically died in a house fire in the village.

13/14/092 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

13/14/093 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th October 2013.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. In minute 13/14/082 the term Blue Castle should read Blue Stone archeology regarding the Castle and the Tower.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 14th October 2013 are approved as a correct record.

A date is to be agreed to view the Deeds, the solicitor is to be asked if she can attend a meeting at the Community Room after work.

13/14/094 Update on Website

The website is up to date and more articles are welcome.

13/14/095 Update on Recreation Ground

Sports England is still waiting for a copy of the deeds, the land draining cannot progress until these are provided. A copy of the deeds for the Recreation Ground and castle Clough will also be requested. Veolia have received a signed agreement for the play equipment and work will commence on the 2nd December.

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There were a number of fireworks from the bonfire event that could be used for Christmas following a check. Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood attended the meeting.

Burnley Football Club is to be asked again for a player or the mascot costume for the light switch on. Councillor Cunningham will check her contacts for a costume. As an alternative the Chair volunteered to dress as Father Christmas.

Mince Pies, Christmas cake, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. The switch on is set for 7:15pm on Monday 2nd December. A switch has been requested but the Padiham plunger will be available as a back-up.

13/14/096 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting said farewell to PCSO Patrick Broadbent who was leaving on the 22nd November. It was advised that issues with the public toilets should be reported to the non emergency 101 number and there is a marked van in Padiham. At this stage it is unsure if the PCSO will be replaced and the sergeant is to be asked if a replacement will be provided.

The Heritage Group is waiting for the insides for the information boards although a couple have now been approved and will to be installed very soon. The Hapton Stone sign has been installed and flowers will be planted in the Spring. The group is to receive tuition on voice recording editing and have visited Sir Simon Towneley to view some old maps. A Christmas event for the group is being held on Tuesday 10th December at the Hapton Inn after the meeting.

The next Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) is to be held on the same day as the Christmas Light switch on event.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would change to Smith Sutcliffe solicitors and a copy of the letter from Simon Goff is to be sent to Borough Councillor Greenwood.

13/14/097 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£135.28
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£27.06
Remembrance Day Wreath (s137)	£18.50

Income

Firework Sponsorship	£270.00
Allotments	£65.00

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An additional bill of £250 for the welcome to Hapton sign was tabled at the meeting, this is being paid through Ward Opportunity Fund grant and was approved. A further £600 for fireworks was also approved. Tommy was thanked for the help on the firework event. Brett Morgan was also thanked for the use of the field.

Paperwork needs to be sent out for the allotments.

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 £ 3,272.83
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total** **£10,511.03**

RESOLVED: The bank balances are noted and the budget monitoring report is approved.

13/14/098 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered.

- 1.1 **To receive any planning applications submitted**
LAB/APP/2013/0434 – Miss V Smith - Proposed single storey kitchen/dining extension to rear, 181 Manchester Road, Hapton, BB11 5RA
- 1.2 **To receive any planning applications submitted**
LAB/APP/2013/0442 – Shawbrook Development – Application for approval of all reserved matters for the proposed industrial developments (use classes B2 / B8) and associated external works (pursuant to outline planning permission APP/2008/0805 as varied by planning permission APP/2011/0362 – Former Hepworths Site Land South of Cambridge Drive Padiham

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to application 0434 and no comments for application 0442.

13/14/099 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. It was noted that a piece of wood has fallen off the village garden noticeboard, Additional correspondence was tabled and noted.

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There is an appeal for volunteers for the luncheon club this is to be put on the website and noticeboards.

It was requested that the Borough Council are contacted about the year of the next Parish Council election.

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

13/14/100 Visual Audits

There are potholes on the motorway bridge that need repairing. The recent death at the fire burnt house was a tragedy, it was asked if it would be possible to remove flowers that are past their best and the window frame on the pavement out of respect. Ruskin Grove footpath is getting a basecoat and a hole is appearing in the wall opposite no 200 Manchester Road, Blyth's are to be contacted. The bridleway on the canal is getting overgrown forcing riders to use the towpath.

It was noted that there used to be a Hapton Boundary sign on Burnley Road just before Valley Gardens which is now missing and the Council will be contacted about a replacement.

13/14/101 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 9th December 2013 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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