



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 12th January 2015

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

Others: S. Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck took the Chair, opened the meeting, wished everyone a Happy New Year, welcomed everyone and especially welcomed Councillor Jamie Butterfield to his first Council meeting.

14/15/106 Apology for absence and reasons given

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

14/15/107 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

14/15/108 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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The Police Borough and County Councillors were not in attendance so no report was provided. There were no members of the public.

Councillor Lakeland attended the PACT meeting, Padiham is due to get a full time PCSO whilst Chris Farrar is off. Mini motors are causing a nuisance and there's youth problems on Cambridge Drive, main issue is thefts from vehicles in Padiham.

The crime stats for November and December were circulated as follows:

2014	November	December
ASB	12	13
Burglary	8	10
Criminal Damage	0	1
Theft	4	0
Vehicle Crime	2	7

14/15/109 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/110 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th November 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. The reference in the minutes to David B should have read thanks go to Joanne, David and Bee Foster.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendment, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th November are approved as a correct record.

14/15/111 Update on Website

The website has been updated and more articles were requested. Pictures of the wall mural are to be provided.

14/15/112 Update on Events

No new events have been agreed and the date of the football pitch improvements are needed to plan events around. The work has gone to tender but won't start until the weather improves. Sports England are to be contacted about a start date. A 30th anniversary of the Football Club is being considered and the football foundation may provide funding for future improvements such as a changing room.

Suggested events included a Summer Fayre, 30th anniversary of the Football Club and a new pitch opening event.

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14/15/113 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The PACT report was covered earlier, Councillor Kayley has stepped down from the LALC meetings and will provide dates for future meetings.

14/15/114 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Clerk back pay	£9.55
Clerk back pay tax	£1.91
M Brynes Allotment Deposit Refund	£200.00
Total Turf Solutions	£2,772.00

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

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

Income for the Firework Sponsorship of £345.00 was received at the last meeting with a further income of £200.00 at this meeting.

It was proposed to transfer £3,300 from the Fundraising Account to the Expenses account to cover the Turf Solutions involve, this amount will be claimed through the grant and the money put back into the Fundraising Account.

Resolved: That £3,300 is transferred from the Fundraising Account to the Expenses Account.

The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 1,062.83
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total £ 8,301.03**

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

The Parish precept was discussed and it was agreed that a precept of £8,000 should be leveled for a Parish Lengthsman Scheme, £5,300 for Lengthsman Labour, £2,000 for Lengthman Materials and £700 for administration of the scheme.

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Resolved: That a Parish Precept of £8,000 is raised for 2015 for a Lengthsman scheme.

14/15/115 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

- 1.1 GDT/APP/2014/0481** – Change of use from storage and distribution (Class B8) to a mixed use of storage and distribution (Class B8) and manufacturing (Class B2) with ancillary offices, design studio and showroom, Concordia Technologies Ltd Bentley Wood Way.
- 1.2 LAB/APP/2014/0504** – Proposed new orangery to rear with surrounding raised pathway, New Forge Stables, Accrington Road, Hapton.
- 1.3 AR/APP/2014/0526** – Proposed demolition of existing timber barn and the erection of a stone build unit for the storage and repair of small machinery for use with the demolition business and additional garage space for parking of cars, Castle Clough Farm, Castle Clough, Hapton.
- 1.4 AR/APP/2014/0536** – Proposed heightening of garage doors, raised ridge and additional window, Hapton Hall Farm, Lyndale Road, Hapton.

There were no comments on the above applications.

A further application **APP/2015/0004** - proposed first floor extension, 15 Carter Avenue, Hapton was considered and it was agreed that, so long as the application is in keeping with the rest of the area and there are no neighbour objections, the Parish Council has no further comment on the application.

14/15/116 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. It was asked why the Christmas lights had been switched off early and that a request is made that they remain up until twelfth night next year.

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

14/15/117 Visual Audits

The wall on Manchester Road has now fallen over and Blythe's are to be contacted as youths are playing in it.

14/15/118 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 9th February 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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