

Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 12th November 2012

Present: Councillor Kayley (in the Chair), Dawson, Lakeland and Birbeck (part way through the meeting).

Others: S. Watson (Clerk) and 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Kayley would take the Chair.

Councillor Henry Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

12/13/083 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Cunningham and Greenwood and County Councillor Wilkinson.

12/13/084 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest.

12/13/085 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th October 2012.

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 8th October 2012 are approved as a correct record.

The Bye-Law by Burnley Borough Council is to be chased-up and it was noted that the caravan in the woods is legitimate as the land has been bought from the owners.

12/13/086 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.

The resident advised the meeting that she had attended for an update on a planning application that would be discussed as an agenda item.

12/13/087 The meeting was formally re-opened for business

12/13/088 Update on Website

Councillor Lakeland will provide some photographs of the Recreation Ground event that was in the Burnley Express and it was noted that the new e-mail addresses were working. Article for the website were requested from Councillors.

12/13/089 Update on Recreation Ground

It was noted that the Recreation Ground project was progressing well, an update from Councillor Greenwood was read out and that Sports England just needed to clarify the bank accounts and the deeds need to be sorted.

A further update was provided by Councillor Birbeck that included the fact a survey is being carried out on Wednesday at 8:45am and further information cannot be provided until the survey is completed. Tony Leech will manage the land drainage project and arrange for a tender for the work. It is not known when the works will start as the tender has not been agreed and a company has not been selected, therefore the project may yet clash with the Kite Event. It was suggested that the work needs to start in January and be re-seeded in February in order for the field to be ready for the Kite Event. It was also noted that the Kite event may need additional insurance.

12/13/090 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies

The Heritage Lottery Group is waiting for a response to the shield and an update on the castle. The next meeting of the group is to be held on Tuesday 13th November at 7:00pm at the Community Centre. A resident was identified for a possible interview.

The Remembrance Sunday event went very well and it was noted that the Parish Chair did an excellent reading. Nessie Hargreaves is to be sent a letter of thanks for the event. It was also noted that the event costs were £20 for the Bugler and £35 for 2 wreaths.

It was asked if the school were doing a pantomime or nativity this year and whether it could be filmed for the website. The Christmas Light switch on is due for the 30th November (although this has now moved to the 3rd December). The Chair is to liaise with the school, there was no further report on Christmas. The Borough Council is to be contacted about the Christmas Light Switch on, scheduled for 6:30pm and the school and Brownies will be asked to provide a Carol, Councillor Lakeland agreed to approach the school and Brownies. A discussion took place on who would switch on the lights and it was agreed that the school should choose a pupil or pupils who have achieved during the year. The Parish Council will provide tea, mince pies and chocolates.

Councillor Birbeck attended the meeting and asked Councillor Kayley to continue in the Chair.

Councillor Birbeck is to contact school and ask if the children may be filmed at the light switch on. Orange juice will be provided for the children and Councillor Birbeck agreed to produce a leaflet and provide an article for the school newsletter.

12/13/091 Finances

The following bank balances for October were noted.

- Fundraising Account £1,914.65
- Expenses £1,036.55
- Env. Account £5,359.55
- **Total £8,310.75**

It was noted that a budget setting meeting is needed and that the Sport England funders have requested the bank statements.

Resolved: The bank balances are noted, the Clerk's Salary for September of £159.61, the costs for the Remembrance Sunday event of £55.00 are re-imbursed and the BDO audit fee of £144.00 are approved for payment.

A letter is to be sent to Brenda Stott about the permission for the gate and the Borough Council has made a request to remove the stone walls and replace them with wire-mess fencing. The walls may be owned by the Parish Council and a compromise was suggested that some stone is used to repair the existing top wall as a feature. Councillor Cunningham has spoken to Simon Goff about the wall ownership. Councillor Birbeck has taken pictures of other recreation grounds.

12/13/092 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Mr Laith Thomas Ritchie-Khan

8 Valley Gardens, HAPTON, BB11 5QE

[APP/2012/0456](#)

Proposal: Further extension to rear 2 storey extension (in reference to planning permission APP/2012/0318)

Mr & Mrs M Kenyon

4 Bridge Inn (Former Public House) Manchester Road, HAPTON, BB12 7LF

[APP/2012/0444](#)

Proposal: Proposed change of use of former public house into a children's day nursery, external alterations, laying out of play area and car parking

Application 0444 set out that there would be 21 staff members and only 7 car parking spaces, also parents would be using cars to drop off and pick up kids. It was agreed that the building needed to be used, however concerns were raised about traffic and

parking. A Borough Councillor will be asked to speak on this concern at the Planning meeting and the date is to be checked, Councillor Birbeck will also attend and Calico should be involved. It was also suggested the site could be made into offices.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no comment on application 0456 and that there are no objections to the Old Bridge Inn becoming a Nursery, however serious concerns were raised about its impact on traffic and parking facilities and a resident only parking scheme should be suggested as part of a section 106 agreement.

12/13/093 Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. A copy of the register of electors is to be requested and the External Audit was considered.

RESOLVED: That the External Auditor Report is considered and noted.

12/13/094 Visual Audits

The door jamb above the school is jutting out and leaning a little and could potentially be un-safe. The steps outside the Community Room hasn't been fixed yet, it's been reported and is to be pointed out to Simon Goff.

A lot of fireworks were set off at the side of the motorway at the top of Bridge Street and a big bonfire was provided at the recreation ground by Splash.

The bye-law requires chasing up and new signs are needed for dogs on leads.

12/13/095 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 10th December 2012 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.