



## Hapton Parish Council

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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

**Others:** Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood County Councillor Marcus Johnson, PCSO Alex Catterall, Dean Rainford and S. Watson (Clerk).

### **Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and wished them all a Happy New Year.

#### **13/14/116 Co-option onto the Parish Council**

A potential volunteer had been identified but they were not able to attend the meeting.

#### **13/14/117 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Parish Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood who would attend the meeting later, Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Jean Cunningham and PCSO Chris Farrar.

#### **13/14/118 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **13/14/119 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

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Councillor Joan Lakeland introduced Dean Rainford from Lancashire County Council who has taken over from Ben. There had been recent complaints about the cleanliness of the Community Rooms following the Youth Group using it. Dean explained that the left over cups were not from the Youth Group as they don't use these facilities also the open fridge wouldn't have been their group. It appears that a bottle of Fanta had exploded in the fridge hence the door being left open to clean the area. The school uses the kitchen and will be asked about the recent issues.

Dean explained his role as a level 2 Youth Worker for Padiham and Hapton and clarified what is available from the Community Rooms. He is working on encouraging more use and better attendances at the Community Rooms Youth events. Dean was also looking into internet access at the Centre. The Chair explained that the rooms were available for use by all the community and the expectation was that they would be left as found and that user would clean up after themselves. The majority of the equipment belongs to the Youth Group. The Youth Group will get a cleaner for the rooms and will clean the cupboards.

It was noted that the hot water does not work and a radiator had been left switched on. The Chair will contact the school about leaving the venue clean. It was also noted that the fire extinguishers need to be tested and a PAT test of electrical equipment is due. Tommy the fireman will be contacted about the fire extinguishers.

Youth teams for football, rugby and netball were suggested. It was noted that only those 12 years old and above can currently join the youth group. County Councillor Marcus Johnson explained that Youth Services were being targeted for cuts and the County would not open a new service for under 12s. Dean explained that preventative measures had been agreed for over 12s as these were a priority. The centre opens on Wednesdays for the Youth Group.

Veolia have requested an official opening of the new play area.

PCSO Alex Catterall outlined community crimes over the last month. A ride-on lawnmower had been stolen from a farm and a car had been sprayed on Chapel Walk in Padiham. There was a theft from an unlocked garage on Lee Park although there had been no Anti-Social Behaviour reports. It had been a quiet month for crimes and messages were being received through 'In the Know'.

It had been reported that there were some issues with quad bike on the common and the gate to the bridge is being left unlocked, although there are various accesses to the canal bank, PCSO Chris Farrar will be notified of the problems with quad bikes.

County Councillor Marcus Johnson had nothing further to report.

There were no further public questions.

### **13/14/120 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

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**13/14/121 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that T&B Ironworks had donated £50 and not £250 for the bonfire fireworks and PCSO Chris' surname is Jackson.

**RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 are approved as a correct record.**

**13/14/122 Update on Website**

Various articles have been put on the website and it is now up to date. A poll on the proposal to close the toilets is on the website and Jill agreed to provide some photographs.

**13/14/123 Update on Recreation Ground**

A cheque has been received from Veolia for £25,331.80, Veolia have also requested an official opening. It was suggested that this could be linked to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War 1, but this does not fall until August and will be too late. A small opening was then suggested and a bigger celebration later maybe with a Burnley Footballer doing the opening.

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood attended the meeting.

The play area will be completed this month, a bicycle group was also suggested and it was agreed that the Easter Holidays would be a good time for an event. Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood will check with Simon Goff, it was agreed to have the opening to tie in with Easter, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April was agreed.

**13/14/124 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) issues were covered under the Police Report. The Heritage Group information boards have now been installed and the project is nearing completion. A final report is now due, a World War 1 commemorative event is to be held in the Methodist Church and residents are being asked to provide items from the war which will be photographed and logged. A meeting is due to investigate the hidden village of Birtwistle as a new project.

The Chair has met with the Prince's Trust with regards to painting the outside of the Community Centre. The next project is due in May and they expressed an interest, the Peace Garden was also suggested and both projects could be completed at the same time.

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**13/14/125 Finances**

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Remembrance Wreath – PAID	£18.50 s137
MDL Fireworks – PAID	£600.00
TSB Ironcraft – PAID	£250.00

The St. John's ambulance invoice was re-tabled, it was explained it would need to be addressed to the Parish Council. The invoice was approved for payment once received.

Income

Sponsorship	£100.00
Allotments	£230.00 received at the last meeting.

A further cheque for sponsorship of £250 was presented to the meeting.

The County Council is to be approached for funding of the fireworks in future. The Chair will provide an estimate for rendering and repainting the Mural and it was noted that the sand on the play area still needs to be funded.

**Resolved: That the above bills are paid and income noted.**

The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed. It was noted that the bank balances were healthy and costs had been reduced.

The following bank balances for July were noted.

- Fundraising Account           £ 1,914.65
- Expenses                         £ 2,289.65
- Env. Account                   £ 5,323.55
- **Total**                           **£ 9,527.85**

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

The Precept was explained and discussed, it was agreed to have a meeting at the Annual Meeting to raise the issue of a precept for 2015. A Parish Lengthsman Scheme was suggested and a proposal for a £4,000 precept for 2015. The exact figures for residents will be sought from the Borough Council.

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The Parish Deeds were discussed and Councillors will make their own arrangements to view these at the solicitors.

### **13/14/126 Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered.

**To receive any planning applications submitted**

**CMR/APP/2013/0520** – Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension to front elevation, 18 Kirkside View, Hapton.

**CMR/APP/2013/0524** – Proposed conversion of barn to 2 holiday cottages, Hillside Farm, Billington Road

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to the applications unless resident's raised concerns.**

### **13/14/127 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Correspondence was noted. It was agreed that Councillor Harry Kayley will be nominated for the Buckingham Palace Garden party.

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

### **13/14/128 Visual Audits**

Complaints have been received about the MOT Centre parking wagons on Church Street and blocking the pavement, this was mentioned at the PACT meeting and double yellow lines were suggested on Water Street. It was suggested that wagons could be parked on Simpson Street. Residents had raised concerns about access for emergency vehicles as there are elderly and vulnerable residents in the area. The Centre will be asked to speak to the van owner.

A lamppost has been knocked over at Castle Clough turning onto the moor, the light has been fixed but an adjacent post needs to be repaired. The post is to be checked if it is a highway signpost and the County will be contacted if needed.

County Councillor Johnson agreed to investigate installing lights up Hambledon.

Girders have been placed across the stream at Miller Lane building a bridge, Borough Councillor Cunningham is investigating and the Borough Council is aware of the issue.

There are pot holes in the footpath on the left hand side of the railway bridge over the motorway. The Footpaths on Manchester Road from Ruskin Grove still need repairing

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on the right hand side and there is a pile of rubbish on the car park at the end of Carter Avenue including a mattress.

It was suggested that the flowers and teddy bears could now be removed from outside the property where a resident tragically died as they are no longer respectful to her memory.

There is loose ironworks in the road opposite 129 Manchester Road.

Manchester Road wall has been fixed and it was suggested the Parish Council signs up to 'Your Burnley' to report visual audits.

**13/14/129 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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