



## Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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

**Others:** Simon Goff (Burnley Borough Council), Jill Charlton, Borough Councillors Barker and Cunningham, Ben Kenyon (Press), S. Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He specifically welcomed Jill Charlton who had put herself forward for co-option onto the Parish Council. It was proposed that Jill is co-opted onto the Parish Council and the Acceptance of Office book is to be signed. It was noted that there is still one vacancy remaining and Councillor Cunningham would approach a potential Co-optee.

**RESOLVED: That Jill Charlton is Co-opted onto Hapton Parish Council.**

#### **13/14/007 Apology for absence**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Parish Councillor Derek Dawson, Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood and County Councillor Marcus Johnson.

#### **13/14/008 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **13/14/009 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 are approved as a correct record.**

**13/14/010 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

It was noted that PCSO Patrick Broadbend is yet to utilise the speed gun and a scheme to train local residents was also available.

It was agreed that a Borough Councillor Surgery poster could be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard.

It was noted that the Borough Council Planning Committee rejected the planning application for the former Bridge Inn Public House on the grounds of visual amenities. The applicant had resubmitted new plans and these will be discussed on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Councillor Barker will speak on the application. The County Council did not object on the grounds of highway safety. There were still concerns about insufficient parking for the facility and it was noted that work had commenced on the inside of the property and it was agreed that the further planning application should be objected to on the grounds of insufficient parking, the land is used by youths for recreation and the ownership of the land was in question. It was suggested that the Council requests renting the land as a recreation area for a peppercorn rent. The Parish Council will object to the application on the grounds of loss of visual amenities and the area is a gateway into Hapton with individual letters of objection also being sent. The front of Water Street is a piece of land that could provide diagonal parking and parking at the bottom end behind the bus stop would be a better location. The Borough Council is to be asked to only sell the land not currently being considered and consider a S106 agreement to provide an etched Hapton stone and a replacement tree for the lights if the plans are accepted and a tree preservation order is to be investigated.

**13/14/011 The meeting was formally re-adjourned for business**

Due to the presence of Simon Goff it was agreed to bring forward item 7.

**13/14/012 Update on Recreation Ground**

Simon Goff of the Borough Council attended the meeting to provide an update on the Recreation Ground. A Proposed plan was circulated and Viola has confirmed their grant approval. The funds will relocate the play area to the Bowling Green and the installation of a skateboard half-pipe similar to the one in Padiham that has been there 21 years.

The Council took advantage of a 25% discount back in October 2012 and has purchased the equipment. 2 bay swings and a 30m long zip wire system have been bought and an excellent offer was taken advantage of for a 6m Space Net which was bought at half price as it was an ex-display model. The roundabout, springies and

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basket swing will be moved from the top area. There are still some items to buy and a budget is available, though this is £450 short.

Councillor Birbeck is to contact Viola to confirm the grant and Wards Opportunities Fund is providing £19,000. Simon agreed to prepare a letter for Councillor Birbeck and Public Liability is to be provided

A tender document for the construction is being drawn up and it was noted that the work would not commence before the Kite Festival but it is hoped the work will be completed by the end of July, although there may be a 6 to 8 week lead time for the half-pipe. The existing play area has been designated for a Changing Rom scheme and it was agreed to sand the area at a cost of £500. The area will be rotavated and a wood chip surface provided. Silver Birch trees were suggested and it was asked if the more active equipment could be installed further away from residents. 2 benches and some boulders are included and it was asked if picnic benches could be put on the park area but none are currently available, it was suggested that memorial sponsored benches by residents could be provided. Relocation of the pensioner's gym is to be looked at further and it was suggested this should be astro turfed. Signs stating dogs are not permitted are to be installed and local residents have been informed. Examples of posters prepared by local school children were circulated and these will be displayed soon.

The football pitch consultants for Sports England are awaiting payment before getting tenders documents together. The top soil will be provided from another area of the Recreation Ground and this will provide sufficient soil for the drainage scheme. This will provide a league pitch for the next 10 years but will require some maintenance. The skate park is going on the old BMX track and this may be an opportunity to upgrade the BMX track and tie in with the installation of the Skate Park. Also a pump track was suggested, which is a track that can be ridden without pedaling. The trees around the BMX track should be kept and Simon was thanked for his attendance and report.

The Parish Council also gave it's thanks to Councillor Joanne Greenwood for all the work she has put into the Recreation Ground improvements and the funding bids.

**13/14/013 Update on Website**

It was noted that there were still issues with the contact forms and this is being investigated by Yahoo.

**13/14/014 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies**

A report from the Police and Communities together was provided, the Pub Watch is back up and running, the Hapton Food Stuff was broken into however the culprit was caught. The community speed gun is going ahead and the Roadwatch Scheme is

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looking for local volunteers to train and use the speed gun. There have been problems with mini motos at Hambledon and poaching of venison and rabbits.

The Heritage Lottery group's website is up but not officially launched. A banner may be displayed on the railings at the school and further banners and a large poster board need to be displayed. A cheque was formally presented to the Parish Council Chair for £200 from the Heritage Group and this was gratefully received.

A contact has been sourced at Tesco for the Kite Festival sponsorship and 4 gazebos and 20-25 plastic chairs are being loaned by Padiham Town Council, these need to be picked up from the Town Hall at 2pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> June by the Chair. It was suggested that the Chair and Vice-Chair wear T-Shirts with the new Hapton Crest at the Kite Festival which starts at 1pm on Sunday 3<sup>th</sup> June.

The Parish Council formally thanked the Heritage Group for the cheque for £200.

### 13/14/015 Finances

The following bank balances for March were noted.

- Fundraising Account           £1,914.65
- Expenses                         £ 26.76
- Env. Account                   £8,785.55
- **Total**                           **£10,726.96**

Budget report and bank statements were circulated. It was noted that the Borough Council Grant has been paid into the Fundraising Account and needs to be transferred to the Expenses Account. The LALC subscription will be paid after the bank transfer.

**Resolved:    The bank balances and budget report are noted, the Clerk's Salary for April of £159.61 is approved for payment. £3,426 is transferred from the Fundraising Account to the Expenses Account and £1,800.00 is to be paid to Sports England. The Clerks' Salary is subject to Tax from the 5<sup>th</sup> April and tax is to be paid to HMRC.**

Councillor Jill Charlton and Derek Dawson are to be added to the signatories to the Bank Accounts. It was noted that £200 has been received from the Heritage Lottery Group and £60 for Allotments. The budget monitoring report had not changed from the previous month and was noted along with the Bank Balances.

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## 13/14/016 Planning Applications

**APP/2013/0172 - Mr N Hargreaves**, 149 Manchester Road - Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of kitchen extension to rear. The Parish Council had no objections.

**APP/2013/0182 – Mr Anthony Oldfield**, 20 Ruskin Grove – Proposal: detached garage. Whilst the Parish Council has no objection,s the situation is to be monitored for potential land grab.

**APP/2013/0210 – Mr M Kenyon**, 4 Bridge Inn Public House (re-submission) - Proposal: Change of use of former public house into a children’s day nursery, external alterations, laying out of a play area and car parking. A formal objection on amenities is to be lodged.

## 13/14/016 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils Direct  
Glasdon Catalogue  
LALC Newsletter March

**RESOLVED: That the correspondence received is noted.**

## 13/14/017 Visual Audits

The top road needs the edging back in and a number of lampposts have had cones placed on them. The bench at the corner of Burnley Road and Manchester Road needs to be repainted and the Community Payback scheme was suggested, the railway tubs need to be weeded and it was noted that the new road markings are bright and clear.

It was asked if the 2 tethered horses should have shelter and the situation will be monitored.

Planning is to be asked if the caravan at the big house on Burnley Rod needs permission. The bungalow next door also has a caravan.

## 12/13/160 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Avenue.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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