



## Hapton Parish Council

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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

**Others:** Borough Councillors Barker, Cunningham and Greenwood, County Councillor Wilkinson and S. Watson (Clerk).

### **Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **12/13/109 Apology for absence**

No apologies were submitted to the meeting.

#### **12/13/110 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of interest. Borough Councillor Cunningham informed the meeting that she had an interest in Planning Applications as she was on the Borough Council Planning Committee and would not take part in any discussions on applications.

#### **12/13/111 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that the minute 12/13/102 should refer to 3½ thousand tons of top soil required rather than 3½ tons and that minute 12/13/107 should read Hambledon Road rather than Hambledon Ford.

**RESOLVED:** That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 are approved as a correct record.

**12/13/112 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.**

There were no public questions, however Councillor Cunningham updated the meeting on the land at Mill Hill. Borough Council Officers have attended the site and can confirm that there are no planning violations, however they will monitor the area once a week. Parking vehicles on the bridge over the river is an issue for the County Council and Councillor Cunningham will report this. It was noted the resident had closed a footpath and displayed a sign telling people to keep off the land. This may only be a concessionary footpath. The resident is living in a caravan on the site which may be a planning issue and Roger Rawlinson is reporting back to Anne Black who is looking into the issue in conjunction with the Planning Department.

Councillor Cunningham was thanked for her update.

**12/13/113 The meeting was formally re-opened for business**

**12/13/114 Update on Website**

Councillor Birbeck provided photographs of Hapton for the website. It was suggested that Cherry Trotters plans for the Recreation Ground are put on the website and residents are to be asked to make comments. It was also suggested that Church events could be advertised on the website and Councillor Birbeck could do some historical pieces such as the Territorial Army. Pictures of local farms and historical buildings could also be sourced.

Numbers for the Borough and County Council are also to be put on the website as well as emergency contact numbers for Calico. The Hapton page in the Burnley Express could be used so long as articles acknowledge this.

Councillor Lakeland agreed to approach the school, the Guides and the Brownies for news items, letters to be sent for a Monday.

**12/13/115 Update on Recreation Ground**

Borough Councillor Greenwood provided an update on the Sport England bid. The Council has been awarded £57,500 from Sport England but they have assessed the cost of the works at £166,000 and Sport England cannot make up the difference. Burnley Borough Council has been approached for an alternative solution but a response has yet to be received.

Councillor Cunningham agreed to check on the original planning application for the Recreation Ground and the Section 106 funding. It was noted that the delay will mean the Kite Festival will no longer be disrupted.

An application is to be submitted to Viola for £40,000 for playground equipment, a copy of the deeds is needed for the application and consultation documents have been passed to Councillor Birbeck, a copy of the audited accounts is also needed.

It was noted that Councillor Harbour is doing an open surgery on the 29<sup>th</sup> January at the St Peter's Centre from 5-7pm for Leisure issues and it was suggested that Councillors attend and inform him of the issues for Hapton. Councillors Lakeland and Birbeck agreed to try and attend.

Councillor Birbeck informed the meeting of a visit to Preston where Adidas had sponsored a climbing wall, a request is to be sent to Adidas for sponsorship.

## **12/13/116 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies**

Councillor Lakeland attended the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, there has been a burglary and an attempted burglary on Miller Lane. Padiham Football Club has been broken into and the Police have advised that residents need to remain vigilant.

The Heritage Group has had a talk on the Castle and it is now being questioned if it actually was a castle or a Manor House. The survey shows a straight road to the site, but the results are still outstanding from the GPS. English Heritage will not allow any digging in order to determine the actual status of the property. The shield is progressing well and the website is in draft format.

The kite festival has been set for the 30<sup>th</sup> June, the insurance needs to be checked and an article will be put on the website. Local groups could use the kite festival as a fund raising opportunity. Councillor Cunningham offered the Padiham Town Council gazebos and trestle tables for the kite event and the scouts also have a marquee that they may make available. Businesses will be asked to provide stalls and there is a company on network 65 that may make a donation. Tesco's and Asda also have charitable funds and a letter will be sent to make a request for donation. It was suggested that a license may be needed to play music and that the residents of Carter Avenue need to be notified of the event as it may cause disruptions. The event is due to start at approximately 1pm and run through till 5pm. The event will need a lot of volunteers and Councillors were asked to provide help where needed. Councillor Birbeck will contact a potential MC and check if a tannoy and speakers could be borrowed from CVS (Council for Voluntary Services). It was suggested that the Parish Council could also do a raffle as well as a barbeque and a cake stand could be provided. Councillor Cunningham offered to provide a blank banner that a youth group or school could paint.

## **12/13/117 Finances**

The following bank balances for December were noted.

- Fundraising Account           £1,914.65
- Expenses                           £ 505.59

- Env. Account £5,359.55
- **Total** £7,779.79

Budget report and bank statements were circulated.

**Resolved: The bank balances and budget report are noted, the Clerk's Salary for December of £159.61 is approved for payment.**

A receipt for the Remembrance Day wreath was provided as well as a request to pick up the Church Collection.

It was noted that the Parish now had 2 vacancies and these needed to be advertised.

### **12/13/118 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consideration this month. The objections to the change of the water course and the change of use for the nursery at the former Bridge Pub have not been to the Planning Committee, Councillor Cunningham agreed to check on the progress of both applications.

### **12/13/119 Correspondence**

The Correspondence was noted. Councillor Birbeck will attend the Holocaust Memorial Service.

### **12/13/120 Visual Audits**

It was noted that there are pot-holes outside 3-5 Burnley Road on the A679 and on Manchester Road the tarmac outside no's 165 to 167 has worn around the personal access cover. It was suggested that a Grit Bin is needed for the Railway Bridge to cover down the hill.

Westhall bungalow is having problems of rain water flooding onto the road and it was suggested that the resident may provide a drain to reduce the problem.

### **12/13/121 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and all present were thanked for attending.