



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 8th July 2013

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

Others: Borough Councillor Cunningham, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Chair thanked Councillor Cunningham for the chairs and gazebos that were loaned for the kite festival.

13/14/031 Co-option onto the Parish Council

Councillor Cunningham has not seen the potential candidate yet, but will hopefully see her soon and discuss the vacancy.

13/14/032 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Joanne Greenwood who are attending a residents meeting and County Councillor Marcus Johnson who has to alternate meetings with Dunnockshaw Parish Council.

13/14/033 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.

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13/14/034 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th June 2013.

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 10th June 2013 are approved as a correct record.

13/14/035 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

Councillor Cunningham informed the meeting that £200 raised at the Kite Festival had been deposited with the Parks department for the sand-pit. The Lancashire Evening Telegraph wanted a photograph but was late to arrive and Councillor Lakeland had to leave prior to the picture being taken.

Simon Goff stated that the play area work should be completed by the early autumn. The paperwork has been completed and is to be sent to Veolia.

The Parish had previously received a request to hire the Community Room for a Children's Party. It was asked what the charges were and it was agreed that the charge was £20 for the duration of the event and that the room could be let. There was still an issue with the hot water and Councillor Cunningham agreed to check on the maintenance agreement with the Borough Council. Councillor Lakeland had the key for the cupboard and kitchen and agreed to provide additional copies.

13/14/036 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

13/14/037 Update on Recreation Ground

There were no further updates, more information would be available at the next meeting.

13/14/038 Update on Website

Councillor Lakeland agreed to provide some photographs from the hugely successful Kite Festival and Burnley Film Club has also done a video. It was agreed that the event was a very enjoyable day and the barbeque went extremely well, with constant queues all day and a profit of £214 being made. Bookers were thanked for providing some juice and bread, Tesco's didn't get back with any offers and Sainsbury's provided a £10 voucher. Asda had reached their charity limit this period and suggested the Parish should approach them for the next event. Councillor Birbeck had made a Barbeque out of a 45 gallon drum and this can now be lent out to other community groups if needed. It was agreed to do another event due to the fact the Kite Festival was so successful and had a great homey feel, the next event could have a bouncy castle and music by a local resident.

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The Punch and Judy was a great success, stall holders paid a voluntary donation and the birdman we down very well and would attend another event.

It was agreed that the event brought life back to the village and built on community spirit and residents you don't normally see had attended. It was recognized that the Heritage Group had organized the event and it was suggested that a joint event could be held in the future. Ideas included a Hapton Community Fête and a football tournament with races for children. A book had been returned from Wales which included a Peace Celebration leaflet from 1919, this included a potato race and a slow bike race. A procession was held up to Hapton and Back. It was suggested a summer event next year could mirror the Peace Celebration. It was also suggested that the Parish Council could provide food at the bonfire event that Splash provide. Councillor Lakeland thanked Simon Goff and his staff for tidying the area before the event, as they did an excellent job. It was agreed that another event would be held next summer.

Christine is to be sent a letter about the Carol Service, Councillor Kayley had received a leaflet on Poppy Wreath choices which could include the Parish logo in the centre. It was agreed to get a wreath with the Parish Logo this year and that the school could provide a wreath from their own funds.

13/14/039 Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the item had been fully discussed earlier in the meeting.

13/14/040 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting did not have the local Police in attendance and those running it did not appear to have information on Hapton. It had been asked why Mill Hill Lane had not been included in the 20 mph zones as there was an issue with 1 person continually speeding. It was explained that this was not in the correct category of roads for the scheme, but the person will be spoken too. There will not be PACT meeting in 6 weeks as the Town Hall is closed from the 4th July for refurbishments.

There have been 20 burglaries in Hapton and one thief has been captured, residents were reminded to keep doors and windows locked when unattended.

The Heritage group Kite Festival was a great success, they are to print a walking leaflet and have produced a Hapton Heritage leaflet. It was suggested that a Hapton Calendar could be provided for the bonfire event and the information boards are to be

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provided soon. The noticeboards will include metalwork with the horse and barge, pit wheel and castle relief from cut steal. Shuttles were suggested and a final design was agreed.

13/14/041 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£ 133.00
HMRC Clerk Tax	£ 26.61

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed. The taking from the Kite Festival were handed to the Clerk. £40 had been collected from the Allotments and it was agreed that a Borough Skip would be provided on St Margaret's Car Park on the 29th July. £200 has been paid to the Borough Council for the Sand pit and HMRC Pay As You Earn tax has been set up.

The following bank balances for May were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£1,914.65
• Expenses	£ 3,016.24
• Env. Account	£ 5,323.55
• Total	£10,254.44

RESOLVED: The bank balances are noted.

13/14/042 Planning Applications

AR/APP/2013/0280 – Extension to existing commercial unit with additional 235m² of warehouse space. Unit 8D Network 65 Business Park

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to the above application.

13/14/043 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted, the Clerk provided an update on the actions carried out under the minutes and an update was given on the Certificate in Local Council Administration training. A resident had requested an allotment and the request is to be forwarded to the Chair. The Clerk had requested information from Southern Solicitors but had not received a response, it was agreed to have the Parish Council Solicitors as an agenda item at the next meeting and ask them for a formal response. It was also

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suggested that Smith Sutcliffe in Padiham could be the Council's Solicitors if the information requested is not provided for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.

13/14/044 Visual Audits

It was noted that there is litter on the car park at the bottom recreation ground, the grass around the Hapton sign needs to be cut and the sign has been repaired but is not properly fixed. A couple of scooters have been ridden around the back streets and these were reported to the Police, it was suggested that a photograph is obtained however the culprits are known as they regularly go through the barrier at the school.

The Dog Ranger is investigating a dog that is constantly let loose on the Recreation Ground, it is a Collie dog and has been attacking and bursting footballs, the new bye-laws insist that dogs must be kept on a lead.

The bins at the Agra are attracting flies as rubbish is left out and blows about on windy days, this collects on the roadsides.

The speed camera has been on the top road near MJ Supplies.

13/14/045 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 12th August 2013 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Avenue.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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