

# Hapton Parish Council

## Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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

**Others:** Borough Councillor Greenwood, County Councillor Wilkinson, S. Watson (Clerk) and 1 resident.

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Tim Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **12/13/070 Apology for absence**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Barritt and Borough Councillor Cunningham.

#### **12/13/071 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **12/13/072 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. Minute 12/13/60, the wall on the allotment, it was noted that the resident was asked to put the agreement in writing to maintain the wall, but a letter is needed from a solicitor acting for the landlord giving permission. The Parks department is to be consulted on the proposal as they currently maintain the site. Also a site visit was carried out as agreed and the gate would make the necessary repairs.

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

Minute 12/13/064 The Bye-Law could be included in Burnley's Bye-Law similar to the one in Scott's Park which used to allow dogs. The Parish land is already covered to prevent vehicles and horses but have to rely on the Dog Warden to make residents clean up after their dogs.

**RESOLVED: That Burnley Borough Council are to be asked to provide a bye-law to comply with other pleasure gardens and ask the Parks department to provide a signage, it was agreed to pay if there is a charge.**

**12/13/073 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.**

The County Councillor updated the meeting on the new 20mph zones and the fact that Mill Hill Lane and Hambledon Close were missed. The County Council is looking into this. The signs will need the national speed limit on the reverse. The two streets were missed off the original consultation and the next consultation is due in the autumn.

A resident asked a question about when work would start on Eshton's, there is no news at present but the work is expected this financial year.

**12/13/074 The meeting was formally re-opened for business**

**12/13/075 Update on Website**

Haptonparishcouncil email addresses have been provided for all Councillors and an [enquiries@haptonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@haptonparishcouncil.co.uk) has been set up. There have been a couple of noticeboard articles but more are needed. The Chair will provide some photographs.

**12/13/076 Update on Recreation Ground**

The Borough Council has provided a proposal drawing which was studied. It suggests over 40% of the area is covered with plants and trees. There are five new pieces of kit, logs and stones and the total cost of £46,000. It was agreed that there were too many trees and bushes and more open space was needed. This will provide site lines from the houses and allow for additional equipment in the future. Still need funds for £39,956 which will provide a half pipe at £12,700. £19,000 has been raised already. It was asked if rubber matting could be provided rather than wood chippings though this will increase the costs. Woodchips attract dogs and there are no funds to fence the whole area. The Chair has taken photographs of other playgrounds for comparison purposes and involved the schools to see what equipment should be provided.

The football pitch is to be land drained with a soak away, the concrete base should be used for the half-pipe. The area around the bmx track is still to be cleared and the steps to the Community Room have yet to be repaired. It was noted that the area below the peace garden would make a good area for a wild flower garden, the Chair will take all the suggestions back to Cherry Trotter, including the suggestion that there should not be additional trees or bushes.

The existing equipment that is being moved will free up a space for a football changing room. The funding bid is progressing well and funding for the land drainage has already been sourced. The Football Foundation has been contacted about funding but the team is not in the correct league, there were other suggestions for where funding could be found. A porta-cabin changing room was suggested, re-furbished models are available for approx. £10,000. It was suggested Blythe's may provide some funding.

15 trees are being planted at Blythe's, these include 4 fruit trees and the car park barriers will have trees planted. There are 2 flowering cherry trees on the peace garden and Jubilee roses are to be provided in the rose garden, there may be provision for two benches for the peace garden. 2 apple and 2 pear trees were suggested.

## **12/13/077 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies**

Remembrance Sunday needs to be arranged, Councillor Birbeck will sort a bugler and Councillor Puckett-Goulding has the crosses for the Chapel, a wreath will be provided from Heather and the school will be asked if they would like a wreath again this year. Nessie has the event in order and Councillor Puckett-Goulding will speak to Byron, the Police will be asked to stop the traffic on the Sunday.

The school has asked if they can use the Community Room on Tuesday afternoons, it was agreed so long as they leave the room as they find it.

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils is in danger of closing, Councillor Kayley agreed to attend the next meeting.

There was no attendance at the PACT meeting and there has been no contact on any issues.

The Heritage Group is progressing very well, a meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and the next is due on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. The Heraldic Society has stated that they will contact the Chair regarding the Crest. The results of the Castle are due in October. A Kite Festival is being arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> June next year and ideas should be sent to Councillor Lakeland. It was suggested that the Brownies, Guides, Splash and the school could also get involved.

Councillor Lakeland recently walked the historical footpath and found it very muddy. Photos were taken and a report is to be produced, the walk could be put on the website.

It was noted that a piece of land has been fenced off on Mill Hill Lane, the Borough Council will be notified.

## **12/13/078 Finances**

The following bank balances were noted.

- Fundraising Account           £1,914.65
- Expenses                         £1,265.77
- Env. Account                   £5,359.55

It was noted that a budget setting meeting is needed.

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

#### **12/13/079 Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

**Mr B Morgan**

[APP/2012/0407](#)

Hapton Hall Farm Lyndale Road, HAPTON, BB11 5RD

Proposal: Proposed garage and workshop. Erection of chicken shed, proposed wrought iron gates and erection of summer/greenhouse

**Mr B Morgan**

[APP/2012/0408](#)

Hapton Hall Farm Lyndale Road, HAPTON, BB11 5RD

Proposal: Proposed garage and workshop. Proposed wrought iron gates

**RESOLVED: That, so long as the applications complies with the requirements of the English Heritage there are no further comments on the applications.**

#### **12/13/080 Correspondence**

The Correspondence was noted.

#### **12/13/081 Visual Audits**

Items have been dumped on the picnic site, this has been reported to the Borough Council. The Ford sign has been vandalized and dog fouling is a problem on Manchester Road and the Bridge. Weeds have been removed from Bentley Wood and the area is much improved. Front gardens on Manchester Road have weeds, the Canal hole is getting bigger and Lee Park telegraph pole needs repairing. The memorial needs a tidy up around the cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday. There have been complaints about the 20mph limit past the school and some observations are to be carried out and speed cameras used if needed. Residents parking on the zigzag lines need to be ticketed. It was also noted that the SPiD has been sent for repairs.

#### **12/13/082 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.