



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 8th September 2014

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

Others: Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, County Councillor Marcus Johnson, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 7 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck took the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

14/15/064 Co-option onto the Parish Council

The Chair pointed out that there was still a vacancy on the Parish Council and asked for volunteers. There was no candidate for co-option onto the Parish Council.

14/15/065 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of PCSO Chris Farrar, Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Joanne Greenwood.

14/15/066 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest. Declaration of Interest forms were circulated and returned.

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14/15/067 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A residents had attended due to a recent fall on Whitefield Street due to the uneven pavement at the back of Bridgefield Street. The County Council have been contacted and the area is to be inspected in the next 10 days. The County Councillor confirmed that repairs would be made and advised the resident. It was noted that google maps shows the area as being uneven in 2011. A letter is to be sent to the County requesting repairs.

Residents had attended for an update on potential traffic calming on Hapton Bridge. A response had been received from the County Council setting out average speed taken during a recent check that showed speeds less than 30 mph in both directions and the suggestion that a chicane wouldn't work. The Cabinet Member for Highways had visited the bridge and met the grandfather of the recent fatality. It was noted that progress was awaiting the outcome of an inquest. It was asked why there were no Borough or County Councillors at the last meeting and the Borough and County Councillor responded that they had not been able to attend. It was also noted that people of Hapton wanted a resolution to the bridge and considered a chicane to be the only way forward. There had been 3 accidents on consecutive weekends and 3 tragedies on the bridge. It was also requested that the bridge repairs could be checked as it was felt previous repairs may have been inadequate. It was suggested that the recent accident with a red Corsa may have been a stolen vehicle and that there was no proof to the residents comment at the previous meeting that issues were being caused by Mini Sport.

Another resident attended with regards to the local plan and the proposal for a gypsy camp at Spar Wood. It was suggested that objections had not appeared on the Borough Councils portal and these would need to be resubmitted. All names were then removed from the portal but replaced once highlighted and it was explained this was a technical hitch. Further consultation meetings are being held on the Local Plan with Hapton's meeting being on Thursday from 12 to 2pm and from 4 to 7pm. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should object to the industrial extension and this was agreed.

A resident had attended and asked to speak on a proposal to improve the landscaping of Hapton Station. The new rail link to Todmorden will make Hapton an important station and should be representative of the village. The resident was working alongside the Community Rail Officer who agrees to a landscape project. It was asked if the Parish Council had any objections to a resident's working group being set up to look at the project. The Parish Council agreed to a working group and offered its support. It was suggested that Prince's Trust could be asked to become involved and Network Rail would need to give permission to work on the land.

14/15/068 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

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14/15/069 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th August 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that Councillor Dawson had tendered his apologies to the meeting and that the reference to Mini Sports could not be substantiated.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th August are approved as a correct record.

14/15/070 Update on Website

The website has been updated and more articles were requested. An article on the Local Plan consultations is to be included.

14/15/071 Update on Events

Sponsorship request letters are needed for the bonfire event and a new firework company will be used as they will provide fireworks at cost. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not provide food and a burger van is to be invited at a cost, proceeds going towards the fireworks. It was suggested that Splash are invited to a future meeting to agree which organisation is taking charge of what aspects of the event as Splash usually do the marshaling. The event will be held on Friday 7th November at 6:30pm.

The Christmas Light Switch on will be held on Monday 8th December with carols, fireworks then refreshments at the school. Councillor Cunningham will arrange a red switch on button and Burnley Football Club will be contacted for a personality.

14/15/072 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillor Kayley had attended LALC where the main issue was fracking in Lancashire which will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Heritage Group has a World War One event on Saturday 13th September and asked for memorabilia to be brought. There will also be a photographic display and information on the names from the war memorial.

14/15/073 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

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The new financial report were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report, list of transactions and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

The following bank balances for April were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 5,430.19
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total** **£12,668.39**

RESOLVED: The bank balances, reconciliation and the budget monitoring report are approved.

14/15/074 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

GDT/APP/2014/0349 – Proposed erection of agricultural building, Watson Laithe Farm, Accrington Road, Hapton, BB11 5QG

AR/APP/2014/0360 – Conversion of existing single dwelling house into 2 no. dwelling houses, Hapton Hall Barn, Lyndale Road, Hapton, BB11 5RD

There were no comments on the Planning Applications.

14/15/075 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted and it was confirmed that the hedge cutting had been done.

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

14/15/076 Visual Audits

The previous resident's accident was noted. Dogs on leads signs for the park are to be chased, these have arrived and need to be installed. Youths on quad bikes have been seen at the bottom of the park and it was suggested that the Police are contacted when this is noticed. The maintenance access panel outside the car park is due to be repaired and a resident had requested an allotment and it was suggested that the Parish Council considers providing more plots.

14/15/077 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 13th October 2014, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:24pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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