



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th December 2013

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

Others: PCSO Chris Farrar, PCSO Chris and S. Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

13/14/102 Co-option onto the Parish Council

There was no volunteer, Terry the Fireman is to be approached again for possible co-option.

13/14/103 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Parish Councillor Harry Kayley, Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker, Jean Cunningham, Joanne Greenwood and County Councillor Marcus Johnson who were attending a meeting a Padiham.

13/14/104 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest.

13/14/105 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

PCSO Chris Farrar updated the meeting, there have been some sneak thieves checking garage doors for opportunity thefts. Gawthorpe has also been targeted with 9

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thefts from insecure garages, sheds and cars. The 'In the Know' scheme was outlined and residents were advised to sign up for text alerts. 2 sheds on the Allotments have also been broken into. Thefts are the main concerns for Hapton and tools and bicycles are being targeted. The 'In the Know' scheme will be advertised on the website.

An update is still due from the Fire Service about the Speed Indicator Sign and Peter Cogley is to go on Road Safety Training. It was suggested that the Speed Gun is used when the schools restart.

A resident has been apprehended for indecent exposure on the canal tow-path. A petrol trimmer was been handed into the Police in September but has not been reported as stolen so the owner cannot be traced. Details will be put on the website and if it is not claimed the Police will donate it to the Parish Council and offered for use by Allotment Tenants.

There were no further public question.

13/14/106 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

13/14/107 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th November 2013.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. In minute 13/14/100 the reference to potholes on Ruskin Grove should refer to potholes on Manchester Road up from Ruskin Grove.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 11th November 2013 are approved as a correct record.

13/14/108 Update on Website

There are a number of articles for the website and some further photographs are available.

13/14/109 Update on Recreation Ground

A meeting is due with Simon Goff from Burnley on Thursday to agree where equipment will be placed. The football pitch soil has been transferred.

13/14/110 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

A couple of invoices have been received for the fireworks event, one for St John Ambulance for £84.48. It was agreed that this should be the responsibility of Splash as they had a collection at the event and the bill had not been approved or payment at the Parish Council. The event raised £610 in sponsorship for the fireworks and letters of thanks are to be sent to the sponsors, with a list provided on the website.

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The Fireworks at the light switch on worked well and it was agreed to provide fireworks next year. Councilor Birbeck, Seb, the school, Christine Duckworth and the Brownies and Guides were all personally thanked for all the work they had done for the event.

It as agreed that the event was a great success and the singing was excellent, with the majority of people attending the school for refreshments. A request will be made to Burnley Football Club for next year.

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting was covered earlier. It was noted that Hapton may be merged with Gawthorpe. There have been thefts from Tescos and the Factory Mill Shop in Padiham but there were no further crimes in Hapton.

The Heritage Group is still waiting for details for the inside of the information boards and a full report has been received from Blue Stones. The website has been updated and training has been received on editing sound recordings. The group is going from strength to strength and has arranged a Christmas event at the Hapton Inn on Tuesday 10th December at 8:30pm.

13/14/111 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47

Income

BBC Grant	£225.00
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Resolved: That the above bills are paid and income noted.

The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed. Some figures were recorded as Allotments that need to be moved to Firework Sponsorship. Letters will be sent to all Firework Sponsors. It was noted that the budget is healthy and possible projects were discussed, these included flower beds. It was noted that the Prince's Trust do landscape projects and plants could be provided using Prince's Trust volunteers to do the planting. Volunteers could also be used to paint the Community Rooms.

The following bank balances for July were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 3,084.46
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55

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- **Total** **£10,322.56**

RESOLVED: The bank balances are noted and the budget monitoring report is approved. The 2014 Budget is to be agreed in February.

13/14/112 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered.

- 1.1 To receive any planning applications submitted**
SMD/APP/2013/0479 – Erection of climbing frame on proposed new play area, Bowling Green, Ruskin Grove.
LAB/APP/2013/0461 – Demolish front conservatory and erect new single storey extension to the front of the property, 15 Carter Avenue.
A further Application was received at the meeting, application APP/2013/0476 for the erection of 2 no. split level bungalows at Hapton Boatyard, Simpson Street.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to the applications.

13/14/113 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted. Hapton Toilets are being considered for closure, the consultation is very short and the Parish Council had concerns as to what would happen with the building. A poll will be put on the website and posters put on noticeboards. The Parish Council had no objections to the toilet closure if local residents were in agreement. The Muriel on Simpson Street needs replastering.

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

13/14/114 Visual Audits

It was noted that there are some properties on Manchester Road that are looking untidy and the wall on Manchester Road has not been repaired opposite number 197.

13/14/101 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 10th February 2014 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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