



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th February 2015

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

Others: County Councillor Marcus Johnson, Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood and S. Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

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

14/15/119 Protocol on the filming and recording of Parish Council Meetings including Committees and Sub-Committees

A proposed protocol was circulated and approved.

14/15/120 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham and PCSO Chris Farrar.

14/15/121 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

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14/15/122 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

The Chair introduced Joan Ford from the Community Foundation for Lancashire and Merseyside. Joan explained that a Community Fund had been set up following the wind farm planning application. The fund provided £9,000 each year for community groups within Hapton. The fund is aimed at supporting Children, young people and families and has a minimum grant of £250 with no maximum. The application will be put on the website to complete and return to the Foundation. Volunteers are being sought for a panel to determine applications and this will also be promoted on the website.

An update on the football pitch drainage was provided and it was agreed that Total Turf need to be chased for a start date. Pathway improvements are still outstanding and the no dog signs need to be installed on the park. Dog fouling is a problem in the village and the dog warden is to be notified. The sandpit need additional funds, though the area is designated for changing rooms so investment will be minimal. The new pump track has opened in Padiham. Motorbikes are causing a nuisance on the recreation ground and revamping the BMX track may be a future project. The top noticeboard is looking untidy.

There was no Police Report, the County Councillor and Borough Councillor had nothing further to report.

14/15/123 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/124 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th January 2015.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th January 2015 are approved as a correct record.

14/15/125 Update on Website

The website has been updated with pictures of the Mural.

14/15/126 Update on Events

A Hapton Beer Festival was suggested, but the start date on the football pitches is needed first. A new bid can now be submitted to Sport England and Changing rooms are to be considered.

14/15/127 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The PACT meeting informed that Jamie Hudson is the new PCSO for Hapton and he is trying to get round to various groups. There had been 6 burglaries in the Cambridge
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Drive area and 8 vehicle damage incidents, main problem in Hapton is the thefts of flagstones.

14/15/128 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Barry's frames	£20.00

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The financial reports were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved. It was agreed to update the Bank Mandate with the new Councillors.

The Lengthsman Documents were approved and it was agreed to get a quote for an advert in the Burnley Express and Lancashire Evening Telegraph, an advert will be put in the Herald, at the Job Centre and on the Website.

The 2015 Budget was circulated.

Resolved: That the proposed budget for 2015 is approved.

The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 3,389.03
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total £ 7,327.23**

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

14/15/129 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

1.1 **AR/APP/2015/0020** – Proposed two storey side extension to an existing bungalow, Horse Hill Bungalow, Accrington Road, Hapton

There were no comments on the above application.

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14/15/130 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The new electronic communication policy was explained and it was agreed that all income and expenditure per month will be published on the website to meet the new transparency code.

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

14/15/131 Visual Audits

There are rat problems around the Bridge Pubs as youth are still getting in and leaving litter. There are pot-holes on Lyndale Road and opposite Miller Lane. Dog Fouling is a major problem in the village. There is a dip in the road at the Valley garden entrance which is getting deeper and there is litter around Pet Hotel corner.

14/15/132 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 9th March 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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