



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th March 2015

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

Others: Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, S. Watson (Clerk) and 3 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

14/15/133 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Parish Councillor Jill Charlton and Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood.

14/15/134 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

14/15/135 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident representing the Padiham Community Action group attended and outlined that the group was raising awareness of the Community Plan and how to object, the main objections were to the proposed extension of the Industrial sites. The group had

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a drop-in meeting at Padiham Town Hall and provided the Council with a list of objections. The group has over 150 members, a Facebook page and website. The Borough Council Committee considering the proposal only has 1 Padiham Councillor. The Council agreed that there were enough Industrial Units in Hapton and supported the group's objections.

A resident attended and thanked Borough Councillors Jean Cunningham and Joanne Greenwood for all their help with complaints about the wind turbines. The residents outlined that they were considering putting in for Planning Permission for a barn and shippen conversion and wanted the Parish Council to be aware. This would help compensate them for the loss of value to their property due to the turbines. Some initial drawings were presented that outlined a proposal for 3, 2 bedroom affordable properties, which would also encourage local people to remain in Hapton. The residents were thanked for attending.

There was no Police Report though it was noted that cars had been keyed on Simpson Street after the football on Saturday, it was advised that this should be reported to the Police. Cars are also meeting on St. Margaret's car park then speeding up Manchester Road. There was no County Councillor report.

The Borough Councillor reported she and Borough Councillor Greenwood were working on a funding bid for football changing rooms. They were still waiting for the dog fouling signs and a list of places was requested and a further 100 dog bins are to be provided. A roof for the bandstand in Memorial Park is also being pursued. A list of 19 places for dog signs was provided.

14/15/136 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/137 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th February 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 9th February 2015 are approved as a correct record.

14/15/138 Update on Website

The website has been updated and new Councillor photos were requested. The Lengthsman advert has been posted.

14/15/139 Update on Events

Events were on hold until the football pitches had been sorted although a draft proposal had now been sent with a proposed start date in May. The pitches will be sprayed in April weather permitting and should be usable in September/October.

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14/15/140 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillors were unable to attend the PACT meeting and the LALC meeting clashed with the Parish Council. Another Police Officer has been appointed and the Police are to be contacted about attendance.

14/15/141 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
LALC Subscription	£418.44

Resolved: That the above bills are paid, however the LALC subscription will be paid from the 2015 accounting year.

The financial reports were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 434.69
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total** **£ 4,372.89**

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

14/15/142 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

- 1.1 **GDT/APP/2015/048** – Demolition of industrial buildings, construction of 7no. town houses and 12no. apartments including details of layout, scale, access and appearance (landscaping reserved for future approval), land at Simpson Street, Hapton
- 1.2 **GDT/APP/2015/0070** – Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission APP/2014/0060 to provide additional office accommodation, additional toilet, shower and provision of processing area and kitchen facility Unit 4 & 5 Iridium Close.

There were no comments on the above applications.

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14/15/143 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The election process was explained and the Clerk's report was noted.

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

14/15/144 Visual Audits

The pot holes on Manchester Road are getting worse and light number 26 on Manchester Road is out. Shrubs are causing sight restrictions at the Bentley Wood Roundabout and a mattress, bed and drawers have been tipped outside Hapton Animal Feeds. A settee has been dumped on Bridgefield Street over the wall and there is litter in the laybys and grass verges on the A679 and off the motorway at junction 9.

14/15/145 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 13th April 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

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

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