

Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th July 2012

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair), Barritt, Dawson, Kayley, Lakeland.

Others: Borough Councillor Greenwood, County Councillor Wilkinson, S. Watson (Clerk) and 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Tim Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone,

12/13/031 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Barker, Puckett-Gouldin and District Councillor Cunningham. It was agreed that a card would be sent to Councillor Puckett-Gouldin from the Parish Council wishing her a speedy recovery.

12/13/032 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

Members were reminded about the Councillors Code of Conduct. Councillor Kayley declared a prejudicial interest in the Allotments.

12/13/033 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th June 2012.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 11th June 2012 are approved as a correct record.

It was suggested that an additional item of Councillor Reports would be included in future agendas, item 6, reports from representatives of outside bodies would be entitled Councillor reports and include reports from outside bodies.

12/13/034 RESOLVED: That the meeting would close to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident reported that the Allotment behind Arthur Lord's bungalow was being used as a dumping ground with building rubble being left. This is a private allotment and needs to be reported to the Borough Council, the Chair would provide the Clerk with the details to report.

The Community Centre has a loose step which will also be reported to the Borough Council by the Chair.

The new Manager and a staff member of Wordsworth House attended the meeting and explained they were looking to start some zumba classes to raise money for the home, giving back to the community whilst raising funds for projects for the home. It was agreed that the Community Room is too small for zumba, however contacts would be provided for the Methodist Church by Councillor Barritt. Once the website is set up information from the home could be displayed. Zumba classes are looking to start on the 7th August and will be £3 per person. There will also be an open day on the 22nd and 23rd of September, the home is also looking for volunteers. An alternative venue could be the school hall.

12/13/035 The meeting was formally re-opened for business

12/13/036 Update on Website

It was agreed that a 'dot org' domain name would be sourced until the, dot co dot uk, domain is fully transferred. A banner is needed for the website, it was agreed the banner will include the lamp. Councillor Dawson will investigate and circulate a proposal. The Coat of Arms is still being researched. The date the Council was constituted is not certain, however there is information that Hapton was a Civil Parish and was most likely created from the 1894 Act of Parliament, Councillor Barratt agreed to check with Pat Jones, it was agreed that 1894 would be accepted as the constitutional set up date for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the domain haptonparishcouncil.org is sourced.

12/13/037 Update on Recreation Ground

The Chair agreed to speak to Cherry Trotter and update Councillors. The S106 money has been allocated to resurface the sliproad at junction 10 of the M65 and there is no funding available for the Hapton Bridge. A figure for how much S106 money was secured would also be investigated.

The Sports England funding bid has been submitted and a response is expected within 12 weeks. The 2011 audited accounts and the QEII reference number are needed.

A funder finder bid will be considered for any funding shortfall.

12/13/038 Reports from representatives of outside Bodies

A meeting of Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) is due and an update will be provided to the next meeting. A new Police officer attended the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting and reported motorbike nuisance especially at the Eshton Estate where a meeting has been arranged to discuss the issues including recent break-ins. The Police are aware of the problem. The next meeting of the Heritage Group is due to be held on the 17th July, a meeting is to be arranged at the canal bridge for a photo opportunity. A recent event included John Tripper who gave an insight on information available on the net and from the library. Permission to clear

the castle site is still outstanding, after which there is the possibility for 2 groups of school children to be involved over 3 to 4 days as it would likely be in September. Burnley filmmakers are providing advice.

A quote for £350 has been received for an additional 8 allotments which includes the removal of 1 tree and trimming of others which will be chopped for mulch for pathways. A quote of £1,900 has also been received for fencing and gates. The Parish Council would only be responsible for the outer fencing, but could include the inner fencing as a good-will gesture then transfer the up-keep to the new tenants, who would have to pay £200 bond plus £60 for the first years rent. The plots would be set up as Allotment Gardens and a tenancy agreement will be sent. A letter is to be sent to Pendle Support Care letting them know the cost of renting an allotment.

12/13/039 Finances

The following bank balances were noted.

- Fundraising Account £1,914.65
- Expenses £2,743.25
- Env. Account £5,359.55

It was agreed to change the bank account address to that of the new Clerk's. All future financial transaction, bank account details and statements will be sent with the agenda for future meetings. A budget setting meeting will be held in September and budget monitoring report on a 3 monthly basis.

Resolved: The Clerk's Salary for June of £159.61 and £20 for the Methodist Church are approved for payment.

12/13/040 Planning Applications

No Planning Applications have been received. Hapton Liberal Club is now a residence and may be a house in multiple occupation, the residence will be checked if it is registered.

12/13/041 Correspondence

Two LALC items and a LCR magazine have been received.

12/13/042 Visual Audits

There are weeds on the footpaths within Hapton especially around lampposts. Mill Hill car park barrier has been dismantled and rocks placed at the entrance, possibly closed by the police. A tractor from D&G Motors has been parking at the back of

Manchester Road. A letter of repair is to be sent and Green Spaces informed as they own the land.

The footpath on the corner of Ruskin has worn tarmac. Bentley Wood hedgerow is overgrown again and needs a tidy. Manchester Road footpath needs a tidy and Junction 65 roundabout is overgrown.

A community skip is due on Saturday outside the Methodist Church.

12/13/043 Date of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 13th August 2012 at the Community Center.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.