



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 8th February 2016

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

Others: PCSO Joe Astin, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

15/16/120 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jamie Butterfield and Jill Charlton. Apologies were also given by Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, County Councillor Marcus Johnson and PCSO Julie Rosthorn.

15/16/121 RESOLVED: That Councillors Jamie Butterfield's and Jill Charlton's apologies are accepted.

15/16/122 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

Councillor Kayley declared an interest in Allotments, there were no further declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

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15/16/123 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident raised concerns about the proposed access for the new planning development as it will further impact on the dangers from the Railway Bridge. It was agreed that the access road should be further down Manchester Road or linked to the existing access further down. If the access is to be where proposed it should be made into a three way traffic light system. The resident also advised that his mirror is currently on hold awaiting the traffic lights. It was also noted that the development would take 3 years to complete but may have staged sales. Councillors also raised concerns about the developments impact on already overstretched infrastructure. However it was noted that residents would prefer a housing development over an industrial development. A Poll is to be put on the website with a link to the application.

It was also noted that sheep are getting stuck in a bog and needed rescuing by the Fire Brigade, the RSPCA have been informed.

PCSO Joe Astin presented a report from PCSO Julie Rosthorn and was willing to answer questions.

PCSO Julie Rosthorn's written report that outlined there had been 20 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents mainly about children playing football on Lancaster Drive. Quad bikes on Park Road and Barley Top, parking issues on Thompson Street. No incidents since the meeting but ASB on Cambridge drive continues with the takeaway still being targeted. Restorative Justice is to take place this week. There were 7 burglaries, 3 business premises, 2 shed break-ins and 2 from a dwelling. There were 6 criminal damage/vehicle crimes with 3 on Simpson Street possibly domestic related, 1 on Bridge Street, 1 on West Street and 1 on Malvern Avenue. There were no thefts.

The PACT Priorities were agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour quad bikes/off road bikes;
2. Anti-social behaviour football Lancaster Drive.

There were problems of pavements being blocked by parked cars

Julie was thanked for her report and Joe was thanked for his attendance.

There was no County Council report.

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood reported that since the waste management contract had transferred litter is not being picked up after recycling collections.

It was also noted that a derelict garage on Wordsworth Street has felt coming off and could be dangerous, this will be reported to the Borough Council.

15/16/124 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

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15/16/125 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th January 2016.

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 11th January 2016 are approved as a correct record.

15/16/126 Updates

Recreation Ground

Simon Goff has agreed that the Lengthsman can install the dogs on lead signs and is to provide these. Simon is to be contacted about the pathway once the weather improves. Older kids have asked for a Pump track. There was also a discussion on the provision of barbeques, these need to be as vandal proof as possible.

Website

The website has been updated. There have been 77 unique visitors and 159 page views this month. It was agreed that £500 funding for the website will be applied for.

15/16/127 Update on Events

The summer event is on the 19th June and Tracey is attending the next Heritage Group to provide an update. An application has been made to the RWE fund of £1,000 for fireworks for both the Bonfire and Christmas events.

15/16/128 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

A link has been put on the website for the Hapton Big Day Facebook page. The Hapton Heritage Group asked permission to install storage units in the Community Rooms, which was agreed by the Councillors not on the Heritage Group.

15/16/129 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. The wood is to be cleaned out and grass cutting will start once the weather improves.

15/16/130 Allotments

There were no new applications, no maintenance needed and nobody on the waiting list.

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15/16131 Planning

The following Planning Application was considered:

- 1.1 **JFL/APP/2016/0021** – Proposed erection of 202 no. houses with associated access, open space and landscaping, Land Former WM Blythe Chemicals, Manchester Road.

It was agreed to formally object to the above application on traffic safety issues due to the access being too close to the Railway Bridge. The Parish Council also wishes the Spigot to be considered and that this should be listed as a condition of the application due to its heritage.

15/16/132 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

1.	Clerk's Salary	£222.52	100284
2.	HMRC Clerk's Tax	£1.00	100285
3.	Lengthsman	£400.00	100286
4.	Total Turf	£5,448.00	100287
5.	Duncan Ross	£44,244.53	100288

It was noted that the Clerk needs to pay £1 per month tax, in order to save on postage costs the Clerks Salary for February was reduced to £220.52 and Tax to HMRC for January to March of £3.00 will be sent in one go. The Total Turf and Duncan Ross invoices will be paid once funds have been received from Sports England.

Resolved: That, with the above exceptions, the above bills are paid.

The following bank balances for 31st January were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£ 1,914.65
• Expenses	£ 6,169.12
• Env. Account	£ 2,023.55
• Total	£10,107.32

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

A new bank mandate form has been returned for ID, Councillor Kayley has taken his ID, Councillors Birbeck and Lakeland to provide ID.

A proposed Budget for 2016-17 was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the 2016 Budget is approved.

It was agreed to remain opted into the new audit arrangements.

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It was proposed that the Clerk's Salary 2016 should increase 1 point to SCP 25 or £2,767.00 or £230.60 per month from 1st April 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's salary increase to SCP 25 from 1st April 2016.

It was noted that an application had been made to RWE for funding for fireworks.

15/16/133 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

15/16/134 Visual Audits

These were covered earlier in the meeting. The borders at the corner of Ruskin Grove need weeding.

15/16/135 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 14^h March 2016, and will commence at 7:00pm.

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

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