



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th January 2017

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

Others: Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 2 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16/17/097 Council Vacancy

The Council has received an expression of interest from Mrs. Jo Garrigan, the previous Clerk to the Council.

Resolved: That Mrs. Jo Garrigan is Co-opted onto Hapton Parish Council.

16/17/098 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jamie Butterfield and Joanne Greenwood. Apologies were also submitted by Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham and County Councillor Marcus Johnstone.

16/17/099 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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16/17/100 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

M65 Noise Barrier Update

Following a consultation of 191 households, Balfour Beatty receive 30 replies. 15 were opposed to the barrier, 5 were in favour and 10 had no opinion. Following this consultation it had been agreed not to install the barrier. There was no further update and the item will be removed from future agendas.

Public Questions

A resident advised that parking was still an issue on Simpson Street due to a local business and the Borough Council are to be chased for a response. Residents asked for an update on the proposed traveler site at Spar Wood Farm. Dog fouling is become an issue again throughout Hapton but especially on the motorway and foot bridge, Simpson Street and the Recreation Ground. The Council will consider the purchase of spray paint to highlight the issue and CCTV Cameras.

County Council Report

There Was no County Councillor Report.

Police Report

There was no Police report.

Borough Council Report

There was no Borough Councillor Report

16/17/101 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

16/17/102 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th November 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 14th November 2016 are approved as a correct record.

16/17/103 Updates

Website

The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 75 unique visitors and 168 page views.

Update on Events

All events have been completed for the year.

16/17/0104 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The next PACT Meeting is due next Thursday. The Heritage Group meeting is on the 24th January.

16/17/105 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been clearing shrubs around the Recreation Ground and has been very busy, a list of Lengthsman jobs was approved.

16/17/106 Allotments

A resident had written to terminate his allotment tenancy and his bond was refunded. There are 4 on the waiting list, 2 residents are awaiting a specific plot. All allotments are in good order.

16/17/107 Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

- 1.1.1 **APP/2016/0502** – Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension, 12 Mill Hill Lane.
- 1.1.2 **APP/2016/0519** – Proposed single storey extension, 55 Mill Hill Lane.
- 1.1.3 **NOT/2016/0530** – Erection of 2.4m high fencing to part of the school boundary, Hapton Church of England Methodist Primary School, Manchester Road
- 1.1.4 **APP/2016/0534** – Proposed single storey extension to side elevation, 15 Valley Gardens.
- 1.1.5 **APP/2016/0542** – Application to prune Birch tree canopy back, 41 Valley Gardens.
- 1.1.6 **APP/2016/0567** – Use of part of car park for compound and valeting and increase the number of cars displayed for sale, Valley Works, Accrington Road

The Parish Council had no comments on the Planning Applications.

16/17/108 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

1.1.1	Clerk's Salary – November (Standing Order) PAID	£230.60	S/O
1.1.2	Royal British Legion Wreath –	£18.50	100523 Paid
1.1.3	Lengthsman November	£400.00	105524 Paid
1.1.4	Hapton Inn Hospitality	£60.00	105525 Paid
1.1.5	Lengthsman December	£300.00	105526
1.1.6	C. Barlow Allotment Deposit Repayment	£200.00	105527

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Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The following income was received

1. There was no income this months

The following bank balances for 31st December were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,714.65
- Expenses £ 8,812.97
- Env. Account £ 23.55
- **Total £10,551.17**

The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were circulated and approved.

A draft 2017-18 Budget was circulated.

Resolved: That the 2017-2018 budget is approved.

The Draft Budget set a Precept amount of £10,000.

Resolved: That the Precept amount for 2017-2018 is set at 10,000.

16/17/109 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted and it was agreed that Councillor Kayley would be put forward for the Queen's Garden Party.

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

16/17/110 Visual Audits

The Dog Fouling was mentioned again, polystyrene has been dumped between lampposts 42 and 46 on the A679 and rubbish is being littered from bins on refuge day due to the staff hurrying with the bins.

16/17/111 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 13^h February 2017 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.