



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th June 2016

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

Others: Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, County Council Marcus Johnson, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

16/17/037 Council Vacancy

There were currently no volunteers.

16/17/038 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jamie Butterfield.

16/17/039 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

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

16/17/040 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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A resident asked for an update on the Bridge roadworks. It was noted that work was progressing, the traffic lights were installed and options for the lines were circulated. RMS surfacing are to carry out the resurfacing work at which stage the new lines will be painted and the temporary traffic lights removed. The Parish Council considered the options for the new lines and chose option 1.

An additional sign is to be installed to make drivers aware of the junction just after the bridge. The resident suggested that the chevron sign should be replaced as this helped in the past, however the sign became damaged and removed and was not re-installed. It was noted that most new traffic light systems suffer 'teething problems' and any issues should be reported to the County Council. Speed cameras and CCTV were suggested if problems persist.

County Council Report

The County Council has responded to a request from the parish to cut back trees that were impairing sight lines, however it was deemed that this would be ineffective and expensive.

The County Councillor had requested a deferment for the Blythe's development to look at the access issues but the plan was approved. The Parish Council wished it to be noted that they considered the access to be dangerous, the County have stated that it is acceptable.

The Nursey application at the Bridge Inn has been approved and work has commenced, concerns were raised over the access being on Manchester Road.

A recent planning appeal against a Fracking Application had cost the County Council £329,000.

There was no Police report.

Borough Council Report

Councillor Cunningham reported that 50 houses on the Blythe's development are to be put on greenbelt and an application has been made to the Secretary of State for approval.

The Borough Councillors raised £66 from the tombola at the Summer Event, Parish Councillors raised £109.70 from the BBQ and it was agreed to chase up the Village Green Application.

16/17/041 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

16/17/042 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th June 2016.

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

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th June 2016 are approved as a correct record.

16/17/043 Updates

Bridge Inn Development

The Bridge Inn Development was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Website

The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 123 unique visitors and 279 page views.

Update on Events

The summer event was a great success and enjoyed by all. The Bonfire event is to be held on Saturday 5th November starting at 6:30pm, Councillor Cunningham agreed to arrange for the fairground rides. Councillor Greenwood would arrange the barriers and bins. Additional Sponsorship for glow sticks and more fireworks will be sought from Burnley Bridge and Simpson Street. Candy Floss and hot food stalls will be arranged by Councillor Cunningham. The school and the Brownies are to be approached with a provisional date of Monday 12th December at 6:45pm. Remembrance Sunday is to be held on 13th November, the school is to be asked for a 10:30am set up otherwise the usual arrangements will apply. The venue will be St Marks Methodists. A letter is to be sent to The British Legion with regards to the flag bearer.

16/17/044 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillor Greenwood will contact Simon Goff about barriers, the side pathway, the soak away and the blocked drain. A reminder is also to be sent for fencing around the play area.

A PACT meeting was held in the village hall but Councillor Lakeland did not receive an invite. It was suggested that future PACT meetings could be combined with the Parish Council meetings. There were 47 reported incidents last month, though due to new reporting arrangements these may not all be deemed as crimes. It was noted that a lot of vans had been broken into but no items were stolen although fuel had been stolen from vehicles and there were complaints of a strong smell of drugs in the village. There was an instance of fly-tipping down mill Hill Lane and 'Swampy' has erected a fence.

The heritage Group have submitted a funding bid and are awaiting an outcome and the fair event went exceptionally well. The next meeting of the Heritage Group is due on 19th July at 7:00pm.

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16/17/045 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. The hanging baskets have been delivered and a tree on the canal footpath is to be trimmed back. The Hapton Heritage walk bushes will be included on the jobs list, although the Community Payback team and volunteers were suggested.

16/17/046 Allotments

Rent for £70 was received and 2 bond deposit cheques were repaid. There is 1 vacant plot and 1 person on the waiting list, but they want a smaller plot, it was therefore agree to let the plot out to a neighbouring tenant. No Rubbish/Fly Tipping signs are to be sourced.

16/17/047 Planning

County Councillor Marcus Johnson declared an interest in Planning Applications being on the Planning Committee and took no part in the discussions.

The following planning applications were considered:

1. **JFL/APP/2016/0263** – Proposed erection and operation of 3 wind turbines measuring up to 100m in height, access tracks and associated infrastructure on land to the south and south east of the existing Hameldon Wind Farm, Land South of New Barn, Billington Road.
2. **Applications by Scout Moor Wind Farm Expansion Ltd on land at Scout Moor Wind Farm plus CD.**
3. **Bridge Designs**

The Borough Councillors had raised objections to application 0263 due to the number of wind farms now in Hapton, the Parish Council will raise a similar objection. There were no comments on the other applications. The Bridge designs were covered earlier in the meeting.

No late applications were tabled.

16/17/048 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

1.	Clerk's Salary - July	£230.60	100294
2.	Clerk's Salary - August	£230.60	100295
3.	Greenwood Plumbers	£49.73	100296
4.	Greenwoods – Lengthsman	£350.00	100297
5.	T Healey Allotment Bond	£200.00	100298
6.	P Fleming Allotment Bond	£200.00	100299

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Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The following bank balances for 30th June were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£ 1,714.65
• Expenses	£ 9,027.79
• Env. Account	£ 23.55
• Total	£10,765.99

Income Received included:

1.1.1 Allotment rent	£70.00
1.1.2 School Contribution to QEII medals	£128.70
1.1.3 Electricity North West	£23.71

The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were circulated and approved. The Internal Audit Report was agreed and the Annual Governance Statement was finalized to send to the External Auditor. It was also noted that the VAT Return had been submitted.

Resolved: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank reconciliations and Internal Audit Report are all approved. It was noted that the VAT return has been submitted.

16/17/049 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

16/17/050 Visual Audits

The flowers in tubs are looking good and the weeds have been sprayed on Manchester Road. Donated Plants have been put in the Peace Garden where the soil would permit.

16/17/036 Date of next meeting

As the Parish Council does not meet in August any urgent business, including paying the finances is to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Resolved: That urgent business including finances is delegated to the Clerk during August in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Date of the next meeting Monday 12^h September 2016 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.

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