



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 8th June 2015

- Present:** Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors Butterfield, Charlton, Downham, Greenwood, Kayley and Lakeland.
- Others:** Borough Councillors Jean Cunningham and Alan Hosker, PCSO Joanne Rosthorn, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

15/16/024 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Marcus Johnson.

15/16/025 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

Councillor Kayley declared an interest in Allotments, there were no further declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest. Acceptance of Office Forms and Declaration of Interest Forms were signed.

15/16/026 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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The member of the public reported that the highway sign showing a bend in the road which used to be by the bridge has been replaced and now faces the wrong way.

There was a long discussion about a recent traveler in the area, it was noted that a license and paperwork is needed for horses and these should be challenged in future. A website article about what was done is to be provided.

PCSO Joanne Rosthorn provided a report that outlined there had been 41 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents including the traveler and horses on the grassed area, a neighbour dispute, youths playing football on East Street and Water Street, a motorbike nuisance on Hambledon Road and Lancaster Drive, youths climbing garages and entering derelict buildings on Beech Street and a personal harassment on Facebook. There were 6 burglaries, 1 from a dwelling on Cambridge Drive and 5 other than from a dwelling at Burnley Business Park. There were 2 criminal damage to vehicles on Norfolk Avenue, a domestic incident and an unattended phone had been stolen from a public building on Church Street.

The PACT Priorities had been agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour on Malvern Avenue
2. Motorbike Nuisance

Motorbikes had also been spotted on the canal towpath and the recreation ground, photographs and registration number would help identify the individuals. 3 allotments have been broken into with air rifles taken, tenants have been warned to be vigilant.

Joanne also explained the 'In the Know' scheme and was thanked for her report.

There was no County Council report.

All 3 Borough Councillors were present however there was no further report than that given earlier about the traveler.

15/16/027 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

15/16/028 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th May 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 11th May 2015 are approved as a correct record.

15/16/029 Update on Website

The website has been updated and Councillors details are up to date. Information about the traveler and horse passports is to be put on the website.

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15/16/030 Update on Events

Events were on hold until the football pitches had been sorted. The RWE grants are to be checked if money rolls forward at the end of the year. A program of future funding applications is to be considered.

15/16/031 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The PACT report was covered earlier, the Heritage Group are meeting next week and the wall mural is progressing well. The Noticeboard at Valley Gardens needs some repair work and will be checked by the Lengthsman.

15/16/032 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated, additional work suggested included planting the walled area by the Community Centre. The planters and steps have been done and a list of jobs is to be put on the website, residents are also to be asked for job ideas. The fencing at the top of Manchester Road needs replacing and the resident will be written to. The bench is to be repaired and planters on top of bus shelters and on the railings near the school were suggested. The grass by the castle is to be included for cutting. Anglers at the lodge are using fences to make fires and this will be reported to the PCSO.

15/16/033 Allotments

There is 1 vacant plot to be let. Only 2 rents are outstanding and the tenant will receive a reminder. Japanese Knotweed is encroaching onto the allotments from Network Rail and it was suggested that DEFRA is contacted.

15/16/034 Planning

The following Planning Applications were considered:
AR/APP/2015/0195 – Proposed extension to side of property, 179 Burney Road
There were no comments on the application.
LAB/APP/2015/0225 – Retrospective application for the retention of first floor extension with rear balcony, 15 Carter Avenue.
The Parish Council would support any objections raised by residents.

15/16/035 Finances

The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:

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Clerk's Salary	£178.82	100257
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£44.70	100258
Lengthsman	£300.00	100259
CVS Subscription	£15.00	100261
Briercliffe Parish Council Stationery	£217.89	100260

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

Allotment Income of £60 has been received with a further £300 presented to the meeting. The photographs from the school were noted and the school is to be contacted about putting these on the website.

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 31st May were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £10,392.87
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total** **£14,331.07**

15/16/036 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

15/16/037 Visual Audits

It was agreed to move visual audits to before the Lengthsman jobs on future agendas.

15/16/038 Date of next meeting

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

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

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