



## Hapton Parish Council

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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

**Others:** County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 2 resident.

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **15/16/136 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of by Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, PCSO Julie Rosthorn and Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman). A letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Jill Charlton.

**15/16/137 RESOLVED: That Councillor Jill Charlton's resignation is accepted and a vacancy is reported to the Borough Council. Councillor Charlton was thanked for all her help and support to the Parish Council.**

#### **15/16/138 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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**15/16/139 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

A resident asked for an update on his report of a suspicious Salvation Army collector and Julie Rosthorn is to be asked to update the next meeting.

Julie had sent her apologies and a report which outlined there had been 25 Anti-social Behaviour reports, 7 burglaries with 4 from business premises, 2 in a dwelling and 1 attempted. There were also 9 criminal/vehicle damage. It was noted that burglaries and attempted burglaries seem to be on the increase.

PACT priorities were agreed as ASB Hapton village and Cambridge Drive/Lancaster Drive areas.

The County Councillor apologised about the confusion over the Community Room. He reported that a number of libraries and community buildings were closing and the youth service will be vacating the Community Building. £200M has been saved but a further £300M is still needed. He confirmed that the traffic lights will be put on the bridge and work should start in April. The badly laid tarmac is to be re-done at a cost to the contractor. The roundabout at network 65 has been trimmed but sight lines are still poor.

There was no Borough Councillor report.

**15/16/140 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**15/16/141 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**15/16/142 Updates**

**Recreation Ground**

Confirmation on the goal posts is still outstanding. It was agreed that the pitch is the minimum size for games and the drains have been blocked by youths putting stones in the drains. Motorbikes are using the pitch and fencing was suggested, the Lengthsman is to be asked to provide a quote. The Borough Council will be asked to look at the drainage problems and CCTV was suggested. There were complaints of dog fouling and signs are to be chased up.

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## Website

The website has been updated, although Councillor Contact details need to be checked. There have been 94 unique visitors and 195 page views this month.

## Update on Events

The summer event well under way, gazebos, Punch & Judy, Chocolate Van, Ice Cream Van, 2 toilets and a marquee have been confirmed. Posters are to be provided, a flower stall and demonstrations on windmills are being checked and the school is to get involved. Pendle Jazz men have agreed to attend at a reduced cost. It was noted that a couple of banners and posters will advertise the event.

### **15/16/143 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

Wigan have put forward a proposal through LALC for 10% of business rates to go to the Parish Council. The ERW bid for the cabinets has been agreed and the Firework Bid has been differed until September. Photographs were provided for the Hambleton Road Hedge and the resident is to be contacted again.

### **15/16/144 Lengthsman**

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. It was noted that the Lengthsman was currently unwell.

### **15/16/145 Allotments**

There were no new applications, no maintenance needed and nobody on the waiting list. A resident has vacated her plot and a letter is to be sent asking her to clear the plot by 1<sup>st</sup> April. A note of the vacant allotments is to be put on the website.

### **15/16/146 Planning**

There were no Planning Application to consider.

### **15/16/147 Finances**

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

1.	Clerk's Salary	£223.52	100506
2.	Lengthsman	£300.00	100507
3.	LALC	£371.12	100508

It was noted that the LALC invoice will be paid after 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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

The following bank balances for 29<sup>th</sup> February were noted.

- Fundraising Account           £ 1,914.65
- Expenses                       £ 3,778.67
- 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.

The Duncan Ross invoice has been paid as £45,000 was received from Sport England. It was agreed to transfer £2,000 from the Environmental account and £200 from the Fundraising Account to pay the remaining bills.

**RESOLVED: That £2,000 is transferred from the Environmental Account and £200 from the Fundraising Account.**

It was noted that £45,000 has been received from Sport England, with a £5,000 retainer remaining. The Bank Mandate is now updated and it was suggested that school children are bought HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Medals if the school funds 50%.

**RESOLVED: Buy medals for school children is school funds 50%.**

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

**15/16/148 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

**15/16/149 Visual Audits**

Dog fouling in the park is a problem again and the shop and launderette is in a dangerous condition.

**15/16/150 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting Monday 11<sup>h</sup> April 2016, and will commence at 7:00pm.

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The meeting closed at 8:25pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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