



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th March 2017

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

Others: County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 1 resident.

Parish Council Agenda	Action	Initials
Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting, welcomed everyone.		
16/17/127 Council Vacancy		
There was 1 expression of interest from Amanda Webber.		
RESOLVED: That Amanda Webber is co-opted onto the Parish Council.		
16/17/128 Apology for absence and reasons given		
Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.		
16/17/129 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		

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Councillor Kayley declared an interest in Allotments, there were no further declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest		
16/17/130 Formally Adjourn For Public Participation		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
Public Questions		
A member of the public asked about the house in the village with the problem tenants. Streetscene had advised they could not intervene as it was a private property and activities inside the property were the concerns of the Police. The new housing development was due to commence shortly and it was noted there was only one access onto the bridge.		
County Council Report		
The County Councillor Reported that there was good news for the Luncheon Club. County Councillor Azhar Ali, Executive Member for Health and Well Being has secured £2,500 for the Luncheon Club and the Champion for Older People has awarded them £500. County Councillor Marcus Johnstone has also granted the remains of his fund to the Luncheon Club. The Club has also been offered ingredients at a reduced price from Fair Share which will help the group become self-sufficient.		
The Youth Service are no longer providing services from the Community Centre due to budget cuts, but will provide some outreach work in Hapton, such as the Youth Bus.		
Police Report		
There was no Police report, however Councillors reported that the recent PACT meeting informed that there had been 10 burglaries as well as car and garage thefts. There was a burglary on Ruskin Avenue. An offender has been tagged and is in the courts this week, the offender has also been evicted. There were 216 break-ins in Burnley this month. Bikes on the canal and in Hambeldon Wood are still an issue although they have not been on the Recreation Ground. The new stile has been damaged, repairs have included alterations to allow dogs through.		
Cows have been getting onto the road and the fence needs to be repaired, the issue has been reported to the County Council. The fence is being lifted out to allow access for bikes and a covert trail camera is to be installed.		

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Borough Council Report		
The Borough Councillor reported that the Local Development Plan is in its final stages and that Simon Goff has been asked to check the drainage of the football pitch as it has failed and remedial work from the contractor is required. It was also noted that the Recreation Ground is a huge dog toilet and the Dog Warden has visited but at the wrong times. It was suggested that an application is made to the Community Foundation for Lancashire Grants for fencing. Quotes are to be obtained but it was estimated the cost would be in the region of £2,500.	Quotes	TB
It was also suggested that a Sports England grant application is made for changing facilities and the bid is to include the path and fence. CCTV on the playground was suggested to catch dog fouling incidents, although safeguarding issues need to be considered. The existing cameras are to be checked and a notice is to be displayed to deter offenders. A price is to be sought for 3 static cameras and signs and an article is to be put on the website and Facebook reminding residents to keep dogs on leads and keep them off the Children Park and Play Area.	Cameras and signs Articles	Clerk Clerk & JGar
16/17/131 The meeting was formally re-convened for business		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be re-convened.		
16/17/132 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th February 2017.		
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 13th February 2017 are approved as a correct record.		
16/17/133 Updates		
Website		
The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 117 unique visitors and 306 page views. The Facebook page has been set up and has had a positive response with 103 likes. Most viewing are between 6:00 and 9:00pm and the largest reach had over 1,500 views. Steven Butterfield is doing a cartoon and heritage photographs are being shared. Several other pages are sharing information, though Hapton Lancs has not responded.		
The school are being contacted about putting information in newsletters and Councillors were asked to like the Facebook page to raise awareness.		

A copy of the electoral register is to be requested.	Copy	Clerk
A request was made for £150 for a drone to film Hapton as it currently is before the new developments and examples are to be circulated. The Lengthsman is to be advertised on Facebook and the Facebook page is to be put in the noticeboards.	circulate	JGar
A Facebook article on the precept will be published.	Article	JGar
Update on Events		
The school is to be asked if they have any plans for the Queen’s Sapphire Jubilee. The Summer Faye will be in June.		
16/17/0134 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
Alan Neil has resigned as the Chair of LALC and Councillor Mark Jkinson has been appointed. The Gleeson Development was discussed and LALC will support a request for planning amendments on the access road due to the new installation of the traffic lights.		
The issues of cars using the left lane to turn right at Junction 8 are to be chased and the sight lines at the roundabout. There are also proposals to put an extra lane at the junction of Accrington Road and Rossendale Road.	chase	Clerk
A meeting with the Community Rail Office is to be arranged to discuss a project and Lancashire Wildlife Trust are interested in projects in Hapton, working with 16-25 year olds carrying out environmental projects. Hapton school are to be approached about artwork. Councillors Garrigan and Greenwood will attend the meeting. The Trust are to be considered for a project at the Mill Hill picnic area, although the site should be closed.	Meeting	JGar
The Heritage Group are still waiting for permissions for the summer event.		
16/17/135 Lengthsman		
The Lengthsman jobs were discussed, additional jobs included flowers in tubs on the railway, clearing the laybys from Huncoat to the Hapton Inn, clear animal carcasses and remove the fence next to West Hall Farm. Additional job request are to be sent to Cllr Kayley.		
16/17/136 Allotments		
Allotment rent letters have been sent and 3 have paid. There are 4 people on the waiting list, rent reminders are to be sent and 2 plots will get ‘use it or lose it’ notices.		

16/17/137 Planning		
The following planning applications were considered:		
1.1.1 APP/2017/0066 – Proposed conversion of public toilets to bungalow, public convenience, East Street		1.1
1.1.2 Hyndburn Borough Council – Submission of Development Management Development Plan Document.		
There were no comments on the Planning Applications. The driveway applications was approved last year.		
A number of street name suggestions were put forward and resident suggestions will be sought from the Facebook Page. Suggestions included: Blythes Way, Riley Close, Grimshaw Road, Spigot Drive. It was noted that John Riley liked orchids and wildflowers. Chemical names were also suggested.		
The Bridge Pub have been doing some work and enforcement has visited.		
16/17/138 Finances		
The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:		
1.1.1 Clerk's Salary – February (Standing Order) PAID	£230.60 S/O	1
1.1.2 LALC	£333.76 100529	1
1.1.5 Lengthsman February 105530	£500.00	1
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.		
The following income was received		
1. £210 Allotment Rent and £1,885 Hapton Heritage.		2
The following bank balances for 28 th February were noted.		
• Fundraising Account	£ 1,714.65	
• Expenses	£ 5,601.17	
• Env. Account	£ 23.55	
• Total	£ 8,429.97	
The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were circulated and approved.		
16/17/139 Clerk's Report including Correspondence		
The Clerk's report was noted.		
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report and correspondence is noted.		

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16/17/140 Visual Audits		
Streetscene are to be contact about the signs at Network 65. Rubbish in the canal has been reported. The Mural on Simpson Street is being done by the Heritage group and street signs outside Blythes is missing as well as outside 2 Westfield Street. The Memorial park poster needs to be removed and animal carcasses by the layby need clearing.	Streetscene	JoG
The Parish Council offered Lengthsman time for the grass cutting at St. Margaret's but this was turned down.		
White painting is needed on the railway.		
A meeting with the youth group will be held at 10:00am on Monday 20 th March.		
16/17/141 Date of next meeting		
Date of the next meeting Monday 10 ^h April 2017 and will start at 7:00pm.		
The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.		