



## **Hapton Parish Council**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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

**Others:** Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

### **Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **16/17/008 Council Vacancy**

There were currently no volunteers.

#### **16/17/009 Apology for absence and reasons given**

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

#### **16/17/010 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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**16/17/011 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

A resident asked how the traffic lights proposed on the bridge would work and the Chair explained that they were Smart Lights that only changed to green if approached correctly. The temporary lights were causing problems and concerns however the real lights would alleviate these concerns. Curbing also seems to be a problem which should be remedied with new road markings, the new bridge is already much better for pedestrians.

There were no Police report.

There was no County Councillor report.

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood sent a report that updated on the proposed road closure, outlining this was only for 2 days and not the period expressed in information provided. She also reported on fencing around the play area and the dog fouling issue. The Borough Council has own the pitch twice, sand dressing was mentioned but may not be needed and a temporary fence has been provided around the swale, although a permanent fence will be provided. The meadow area needs to be cultivated and seeding with wildflowers.

A request has been received from the Church to help fund grass cutting of the graveyard, the Parish Council will offer the Lengthsman for 2 cuts a year.

**16/17/012 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**16/17/013 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**16/17/014 Updates**

**Website**

The website has been updated, and Councillor Contact details have been updated. There have been 104 unique visitors, with a peak of 31 on 19<sup>th</sup> April and 279 page views, with a peak of 89 on April 27 this month.

**Update on Events**

The summer event is well under way and the Beer tent has been booked. Borough Councillors are to be asked if they arrange for the provision of litter bins and litter picks. A schedule of event is to be devised.

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**16/17/015 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

The Heritage Group reported that they had met with Rebecca Mason of the HLS and Blue Stone and a bid should be ready for submission to fund a preliminary dig at the Tower site. The group looks to provide a porta cabin and Animal Feeds was a suggested location. A letter of support is to be sent from the Parish Council for the bid for the Lost Village of Birtwistle Project. There was no PACT report.

**16/17/016 Lengthsman**

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. It was noted that the Lengthsman had now returned to work, the bench had been painted and grass cutting has recommenced, branches have been cleared from the BMX track and a digger was suggested to level the area. A 'No Ball Games' sign was suggested for Water Street.

**16/17/017 Allotments**

There were no new applications, no maintenance needed, though a cleanup has been carried out and nobody on the waiting list, there are still 3 vacancies. A notice for No Dumping/Tipping is to be provided for the Allotments and a bar was suggested to prevent vehicular access. A letter is to be sent to all tenants about tipping and explain this is a breach of the tenancy.

**16/17/018 Planning**

The following planning applications were considered:

- 1.1.1 **AA1/APP/2016/0147** – Proposed 2 Storey extension and alterations to driveway at front, 8 Kirkside View
- 1.1.2 **AA1/APP/2016/0159** – Retention of use of 1<sup>st</sup> floor as 2 bed flat, storage building Simpson Street.
- 1.1.3 **CMR/APP/2016/0162** – Proposed private helicopter hangar and pad, Teckelmount Hameldon Road

There were no comments on the applications.

**16/17/018 Finances**

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

1.	Clerk's Salary	£230.60	100290
2.	Tower Mint Ltd – QEII Medal	£319.44	100291
3.	CVS Subscription	£15.00	100292
4.	Greenwoods – Lengthsman	£700.00	100293

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**Resolved: That the above bills are paid.**

The following bank balances for 30<sup>th</sup> April were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£ 1,714.65
• Expenses	£13,131.43
• Env. Account	£ 23.55
• <b>Total</b>	<b>£14,869.63</b>

Income Received included:

1. Allotment Rents	£1,300.00
2. Precept	£9,000.00
3. Maintenance Grant	£3,426.00

A further income of £200 Allotment Bond was also received.

The financial reports were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

Income from the Maintenance Grant and Precept has been received of £12,426.00 and £1,300 for allotment rents.

The Queen Elizabeth medals have been received and the Chair and vice-Chair will make arrangements with the school to distribute.

**16/17/019 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Clerk's report was noted. The Local Development Scheme is to be circulated.

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

**16/17/020 Visual Audits**

It was noted that the Trailer has been removed.

**16/17/021 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting Monday 13<sup>h</sup> June 2016 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.

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