



**Hapton Parish Council**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

**Others:** Borough Councillor Alan Hosker, PCSO Kat Wozniak, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

**Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**15/16/086 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jamie Butterfield and Jill Charlton. Apologies were also given by Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, County Councillor Marcus Johnson and PCSO Julie Rosthorn.

**15/16/087 RESOLVED: That Councillors Jamie Butterfield's and Jill Charlton's apologies are accepted.**

**15/16/088 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct**

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

**15/16/089 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

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There were no public questions.

PCSO Kat Wozniak presented a report from PCSO Julie Rosthorn and was willing to answer questions. I resident repairs bicycles and offered to try and identify if he is offered stolen bikes, Kat is to see if pictures are available. A drunken resident fell into an unofficial bonfire and the area has been left a mess, as its Calico land they should made good the area. A fridge has been dumped.

PCSO Julie Rosthorn's written report that outlined there had been 29 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents mainly on Cambridge Drive. There were 1 from dwellings from a shed on Malvern Avenue. There were 3 criminal damage and 1 vehicle damage from an insecure vehicle on Acrefield and there were also 6 thefts of which 3 were pedal cycles.

The PACT Priorities were agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour on Cambridge Drive;
2. Motorbike nuisance on Hambledon/Barely Top/Fenny Fold.

Julie was thanked for her report and Kat was thanked for her attendance.

There was no County Council report.

Joanne Greenwood reported as a Borough Councillor that there was nothing further to report. The Council then discussed the proposal for traffic lights at the Bridge and it was agreed that a letter of support for the scheme would be sent.

**15/16/090 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**15/16/091 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 are approved as a correct record.**

**15/16/092 Updates**

**Recreation Ground**

Simon Goff is to be contacted about the flooded paths and is to be asked to provide previous costings for changing rooms.

**Website**

The website has been updated. There have been 89 unique visitors and 215 page views this month.

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**15/16/093 Update on Events**

The Light Switch on is the next event and everything is in order, the time is to be confirmed as 6:30pm. The Bonfire event went extremely well and thanks were given to Tim Birbeck, Joanne and David Greenwood and their kids for building the bonfire and setting up the fencing. It was a fantastic event and thanks were also given to Lance Jones and Connor Presho for keeping the fire burning. The Fireworks were excellent again, a copy of the poster will be sent to the funders. Letters of thanks are to be sent to Eshton and Bowmers for their sponsorship money. Over 200 residents attended and over 100 youths and the school were also thanked for arranging the Guy Fawkes.

The Youth Group is to be contacted to see if they are still using the Community Room, the plumbing needs to be checked and tea-towels need to be provided for events. It was also noted that the light outside the Community Room is currently out.

The Remembrance Day event was also a success and thanks were given to David and Mick who struggled to set up with the late opening of the venue. It was noted that the Parish Council used to run the event previously and it was agreed to look into a protocol, an emblem of a poppy with a silhouette of stretcher bearers is to be developed. Attendees are to be reminded of the importance of the event next year and will be asked to be respectful and walk in silence. The Police were thanked for their attendance at the event and Michael Rodgers was thanked for the Last Post.

A joint Christmas Party with the Heritage Group is to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Hapton Inn.

**15/16/094 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

The Heritage Group visited Whittaker Park to see flints dug up from Hambeldon in 1971.

**15/16/095 Lengthsman**

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. The invoice from Lanlee was agreed and it was agreed to add a thinning of the trees on the BMX track to the list of jobs.

**15/16/096 Allotments**

There are 6 allotments available and these will be advertised on the website.

**15/16/097 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

Borough Councillor Alan Hosker attended the meeting to raise objections on the proposals for the Bridge on Manchester Road. The Council had previously agreed to  
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support the proposals. A Press Release is to be sent, a letter of support will be sent to the County and Councillors Johnson and Fillis and a website poll will be set up

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**15/16/099 Planning**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- 1.1 **LAB/APP/2013/0381** – Installation of 2 no. wind turbines with a hub height of 32m and a height to blade tip of 47m with associated equipment. Old Barn Farm off Accrington Road.

It was agreed to formally object to the above application on the grounds that there are already enough wind turbines in the area and any further turbines will negatively impact on the remaining visual amenities.

- 1.2 **CMR/NOT/2015/0446** – Proposed conversion of agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses, agricultural building at Hillside Farm, Billington Road  
The Parish Council had objections.

**15/16/100 Finances**

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£178.82	100272
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£44.70	100273
Lengthsman Labour	£400.00	100274
Lengthsman Materials Lanlee	£242.87	100274
Fireworks	£800.00	100275
Clerk's Salary - December	£178.82	100276
HMRC Clerk's Tax - December	£44.70	100277

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

A cheque for £200 was received from Eshton's, £250 from Bowmer's and £200 deposit for an allotment.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 8,050.05
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total £11,988.25**

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A new bank mandate form was completed and the Borough Council Maintenance Grant report was noted.

**15/16/101 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

**15/16/102 Visual Audits**

There is a problem with dog fouling from the motorway bridge down to the village. A house roof on the Old Cleggs shop is collapsing opposite the Methodist Church, Whitefield Street.

**15/16/103 Date of next meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 9:00pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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