



## Hapton Parish Council

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

- Present:** Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors Butterfield, Downham, Greenwood and Lakeland.
- Others:** County Councillor Marcus Johnston, Borough Councillor Alan Hosker, Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 8 resident. Also in attendance were Jamie Fletcher and Dave Wild from Balfour Beatty.

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**16/17/082 Council Vacancy**

There were currently no volunteers.

**16/17/083 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Harry Kayley and Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.

**16/17/084 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**16/17/085 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

Signed ..... Date 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

The Chair introduced Jamie Fletcher and Dave Wild from Balfour Beatty who gave a presentation on the proposed sound barrier on the M65. Dave explained that they did not want to impose a barrier, there were currently 2,500 identified noise areas that needed counter measures and the M65 was in the top 1% of these. The area was identified by DEFRA for improvement work and that noise affected health. He provided artist impressions that showed the barrier was not a wall. Jamie agreed that the original consultation of 6 properties was not good enough and further consultation had been carried out.

It was asked what work was going to be carried out for consultation, what were the timescales and what results would be needed to make a decision.

It was agreed that a letter asking if residents want the barrier will be delivered to affected properties within the next 2 weeks, the results of the consultation will be reported back to the January meeting of the Parish Council.

Dave and Jamie were thanked for their presentation.

A resident complained that uninsured drivers and motorbikes are speeding on Mill Hill Lane where a resident was recently run over. The issue will be raised at the next PACT meeting. Speed bumps were suggested and the County Councillor supported this idea. It was suggested that the Car Park is blocked off as it is no longer used for legitimate purposes. There are still traffic issues on Simpson Street and the highway hedges have now been cut.

### **County Council Report**

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone had nothing further to report.

### **Police Report**

There was no Police report.

### **Borough Council Report**

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood has spoken to Simon Goff. The RWE grant application that was rejected as it was believed this was a Borough Council responsibility. The Borough Council has met its statutory responsibility so will not carry out the work but will provide the labour if the Parish provides the materials. A further application is to be made on this basis. Councillor Alan Hosker expressed concerns about the car park now the traffic lights are installed and will contact the County Council for a review. He expressed concerns that there is no crossing patrol at the school, he was advised that this had been looked into and rejected already due to numbers, however the Head Teacher will be asked to monitor the problem of parents parking.

### **16/17/086 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**16/17/087 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**16/17/088 Updates**

**Website**

The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 127 unique visitors and 332 page views.

**Update on Events**

The Christmas Light Switch on is set for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6:45pm

**16/17/089 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

The PACT Meeting reported 7 auto crimes with 6 from insecure vehicles and 1 stolen from outside the Hare and Hounds. 1 burglary from a business premises. Reports of motorbike nuisance have decreased but it was felt this was due to residents feeling nothing would happen if they did report them. The PACT Meeting was well attended.

The Heritage Group are submitting another Heritage Lottery Fund application for archeology work.

**16/17/090 Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman has been clearing shrubs around the Recreation Ground, the cutting program for Hapton is to be check and the canal towpath bridleway has been unusable for 2 years, a clearing request will be sent.

**16/17/091 Allotments**

There was no report.

**16/17/092 Planning**

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone declared an interest as he is on the Borough Council's Planning Committee and took no further part in the discussions.

The following planning applications were considered:

- 1.1.1 **APP/2016/0482** - Display of 2no. static, externally, illuminated fascia signs to North and East elevations. TECHNOLOGY HOUSE MAGNESIUM WAY HAPTON

The Parish Council had no comments on the Planning Applications.

### 16/17/093 Finances

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

1.	Clerk's Salary – November (Standing Order)	PAID£230.60	S/O
2.	Greengate Bonfire	£80.46	100519
3.	Royal Mail redirection	Cancelled	100520
4.	Classic Fireworks	£1,200.00	100521
5.	Lengthsman –	£400.00	100522
6.	H Kayley, remembrance Day Wreath	318.50	100523

It was agreed not to pay for a post redirection and a PO Box Number is to be researched. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would provide Burgers and hot drinks at next year's bonfire event to raise some funds. A big thank you was given to David Greenwood and Christian Armstrong for building the bonfire and helping at the event.

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

The following income was received

1. There was no income this months

The following bank balances for 31<sup>st</sup> October were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£ 1,714.65
• Expenses	£ awaiting a bank statement
• Env. Account	£ 23.55
• <b>Total</b>	<b>£awaiting bank statements</b>

The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were not available as the bank statements have not been received, copy statements are to be requested. .

### 16/17/094 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

### 16/17/095 Visual Audits

The bin at the bus stop above the station is missing. A card and flowers are to be sent to Nessie Hargreaves.

Signed ..... Date 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**16/17/081 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting Monday 9<sup>h</sup> January 2017 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.