



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th November 2017

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and County Councillor Alan Hosker

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	Who by
17/18/088 Apology for absence and reasons given		
Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Councillor Joanne Greenwood who was at another meeting and Councillor Amanda Webber who was working. Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham also submitted her apologies.		
17/18/089 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
17/18/090 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		

There were no residents present.		
There was no Police report. The PPACT priorities were agreed as Scramble bikes up Hameldon and horses on the recreation ground.		
The County Council reported that an unlocked garage on Wordsworth is being looked into. The public footpath down to the Community Centre is to be reported to the County and the bridge traffic lights are being monitored as people are running the lights at red. The proposed exit for the new development at the lights needs to be altered and a response from Julie Cooper was unhelpful and there will not be any further site visits. Cameras have been requested on the lights by the Borough Councillors. The luncheon Club have been awarded £400 County grant and vehicle recognition cameras have been requested for the top and bottom of the village. It was suggested that cameras could be used on the lights that only record when the lights change back to red to catch people jumping the lights. It was suggested that the car park opposite the Railway Pub would cause traffic issues and a request has been submitted to close off Mill Hill picnic site. A request is to be made to remove the foliage from the junction 9 roundabout, divert wagon from going through the village and for a shared bus service for Coronation Avenue and St Johns School. The Lane Ends footpath to Hapton Feed has a sign that is too low and catches heads.	Reports	CC AH
Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood provided a written report updating on the Recreation Ground drainage. It was agreed that a solicitor's letter is sent to rectify the drainage problems as the solution is not fit for purpose. Councillor Greenwood suggested that the 2018 bonfire event is considered as all rides were booked this year. The event is to be held on Saturday 3 rd November, the burger van is willing to attend again and will be booked.		
17/18/091 The meeting was formally re-convened for business		
17/18/092 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th October 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 9th October 2017 are approved as a correct record.		
The Vicar is to be asked if the Council can use the Graveyard for the fireworks.		
17/18/093 Matter Outstanding as listed		
The fencing, risk assessment and bin will be discussed at the next meeting	Next meeting	JG

It was agreed to buy the safety equipment and the PAT testing will be next meeting.	PAT testing	TB
17/18/94 Updates		
Website		
The website has been updated and Councillor Differ's details have been included. The Facebook page is not being updated. A survey is to be included on the bridge traffic lights.	Survey	Clerk
Update on Events		
The Remembrance Sunday event needed a police presence as motorists were trying to cut through the parade. Stewards in Hi-Vis jackets and cones will be used next year. Letters of thanks are to be sent to Mick Rogers for playing the bugle, Brett Morgan who allowed the bonfire and Anita Cowie who provided the food. The Hapton British Legion Standard is to be returned to Hapton	Letters	Clerk
17/18/095 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
The Heritage Group are using the Community Centre to display artifacts on the 2 nd and 3 rd of December and will be showing workshops, volunteers are to be directed to Joan. The fate next is year is on the 4 th June from 1:00pm until 4:00pm and prices for rides are to be requested. The Heritage Group are also looking to provide a memorial plaque for the Hapton Miners, funding is to be checked from the Coal Board and the Windfarm funding.	Ride quote	Clerk
Community Centre Update		
There was no further report.		
17/18/096 Lengthsman		
Job to include on the list included clearing footpaths and repairing the noticeboards.		
17/18/097 Allotments		
All plots are now full and there are 3 on the waiting list. It was agreed to provide 8 new plots, with 5 being created this year. New allotments will have a wooden top rail only and the rest will be wire.		
There were no further maintenance issues.		
There were no new applications		

17/18/098 Planning				
The following applications were considered:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CMR/APP/2016/0427 – Appeal Under Section 78 – Spa Wood Farm, Billington Road 2. APP/2017/0485 – Use of land for siting of 60 storage containers for private rental purposes, Land at Thorney Bank Industrial Estate, Burnley Road. 3. APP/2017/0489 – New agricultural building to house livestock, Hapton Hall Farm, Lyndale Road. 4. APP/2017/0524 – Siting of static caravan, Sellars Fold Farm, Sellars Fold. 				
The Appeal was noted, there were no objections to the remaining applications.				
17/18/099 Finances				
The following invoices were tabled.			Bill's for payment:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk's Salary – September (Standing Order) Paid 2. HMRC Clerk Tax Jul, Aug & Sep 3. M J Greenwood Lengthsman September Paid 4. M J Greenwood Lengthsman additional 5. Carol – Registers 6. Zurich Insurance 7. Classic Fireworks 8. Royal British Legion Wreath 			<p>£184.48 S/O</p> <p>£138.36 100551</p> <p>£400.00 S/O</p> <p>£100.00 100552</p> <p>£18.00 100553</p> <p>£252.00 100554</p> <p>£1,200.00 100555</p> <p>£20.00 100557</p>	
<p>October Bank Balances – Fundraising Account</p> <p>Expenses Account</p> <p>Environmental Account</p> <p>TOTAL</p>			<p>£1,714.65</p> <p>£14,810.77</p> <p>£3,050.00</p> <p>£19,575.42</p>	
The Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were noted.				
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.				
Two lots of £50.00 in Allotment Bond money and £24.50 in rents has been paid. It was noted that £50 had been banked in the Expenses Account rather than the Environmental. The £24.50 will be banked in the environment, leaving a shortfall of £25.50				
The Bank Statements are to be circulated.			Statements	Clerk
17/18/100 Clerk's Report including Correspondence				
The Clerk's report was noted.				
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report and correspondence is noted.				

17/18/101 Visual Audits		
There were no reports		
17/18/102 Good Councillor Guide		
Chapter 2 of the Good Councillor Guide was considered, there were no questions.		
17/18/103 Date of next meeting		
Date of the next meeting Monday 8 th January 2018 and will start at 7:00pm.		
The meeting closed at 9:00 and all present were thanked for attending. Members were reminded of the Christmas Meal on the 4 th December at the Hapton Inn.		