



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 12th October 2015

- Present:** Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors, Butterfield, Downham, Greenwood and Kayley.
- Others:** County Councillor Marcus Johnson, Borough Councillors Jean Cunningham and Alan Hosker, PCSO Julie Rosthorn and PCSO Kat, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

15/16/070 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jill Charlton and Joan Lakeland.

15/16/071 RESOLVED: That Councillors Jill Charlton's and Joan Lakeland's apologies for are accepted.

15/16/072 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

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

15/16/073 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 Julie Rosthorn outlined the position of the Chief Constable and the changes to the Lancashire Police force following the spending review. These may include the end of neighbourhood policing, closure of police stations, the end of mounted police and dog handlers. He outlined his concern about keeping the public safe with the halving of the budgets by 2020. There is a current recruitment drive in Lancashire due to staff retirements. PCSO Rosthorn also outlined how the specialist burglary team target known offenders, which will also be lost.

PCSO Julie Rosthorn then provided a written report that outlined there had been 24 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents mainly on Cambridge Drive/Lancaster Drive/Kings Drive and Bedford Park area. There had been 1 arrest in relation to ASB and several home visits carried out with youths being returned home. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued and referrals to Children Social Care. There were 7 burglaries, 1 from dwellings, 6 others not from dwellings. There were 10 criminal damage/vehicle crime, 6 were damages to a vehicle and 4 were criminal damage and there were also 7 thefts.

The PACT Priorities were agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour on Kings Drive/Cambridge drive/Lancaster Drive/Bedford Place – Bedford Park
2. Motorbike nuisance on Hambledon/Barely Top/Manchester Road.

It was suggested that youths on Water Street need a visit and the CCTV system on the Church should be relocated.

The next PACT meetings is due on 4th November at 6pm. Julie was thanked for her report.

County Councillor Marcus Johnson noted that the Bridge was featured later on the agenda. He outlined that the County Council was in a similar position as the Police with budget cuts to 2018. The County currently spends £690 Million on statutory services and £103 Million on non-statutory services, but the budget will reduce to £648 Million so further deep cuts are needed. This may result in the end of subsidized bus routes, libraries and Social Care will be hit hard, all non-statutory services will be at risk. Marcus was thanked for his report.

Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham reported that an application had been submitted to Lancashire County Council to make the Green a Village Green of Common Land and an acknowledgement has been received. Jean was thanked for her report.

15/16/074 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

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15/16/075 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th September 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 14th September 2015 are approved as a correct record.

15/16/076 Updates

Recreation Ground

Simon Goff has given approval of the provision of Barbeques on the recreation ground although bins may be needed as well. A sign is to be erected to stop people going onto the football pitches until they've settled and the Lengthsman will thin the trees and trim the area. The soak-away needs to be fenced off.

Website

The website has been updated.

15/16/077 Update on Events

Food vans and the red button have been arranged for the Bonfire Event, fireworks are on order and the school has been notified and will provide a Guy Fawkes. Acewell have offered sponsorship for the event and their contribution will provide the glowsticks for safety, the fire will be lit at 6:30. The event will be publicized through the Press. Mike is doing the Last Post again at Remembrance Sunday and Councillor Hayley has ordered the Wreath.

15/16/078 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

LALC have changed their Secretary and Imelda Grady has left, PACT meetings are moving to Tesco's, there were no further reports.

15/16/079 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed.

15/16/080 Allotments

There are 3 on waiting list and 3 new allotments will be provided initially, a further allotment is due to become vacant.

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15/16/081 Planning

County Councillor Marcus Johnson declared an interest in the informal consultation on a County Planning Application and took no further part in the discussion. Parish Councillor Joanne Greenwood declared an interest in Application APP/2015/0399 as the applicant is known to her and took no part in the discussion of that application.

The following Planning Applications were considered:

Informal Consultation - Proposed Installation of Traffic Signals and Construction of Footways, Manchester Road, Hapton.

NOT/2015/0359 – Proposed erection of agricultural building, Parkgate Farm, Hambeldon Road.

APP/2015/0399 – Addition of landing window within gable elevation of proposed extension, 7 Kingsway.

The Parish Council had no issues with the traffic signals on the bridge and welcomed the safety aspects being proposed, including the footways and the controlled lights that will remain on red until approached. Borough Councillor Alan Hosker expressed his personal concerns about the proposal. The Parish Council had no issues with the two planning applications.

15/16/082 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£178.82	100268
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£44.70	100269
Lengthsman	£400.00	100270
BDO Audit	£276.00	100271

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

An Electricity North West cheque has been received for £23.77.

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 30th August were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 9,232.77
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total** **£13,170.97**

The External Audit report was consider and approved.

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15/16/083 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

15/16/084 Visual Audits

The wall on the canal bank has holes but this is the owner's responsibility to repair.

15/16/085 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 9th November 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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