



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th October 2016

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

Others: County Councillor Marcus Johnston, Borough Councillors Alan Hosker, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 7 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

16/17/067 Council Vacancy

There were currently no volunteers.

16/17/068 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Joanne Greenwood and Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.

16/17/069 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

16/17/070 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident has applied for Planning Permission to set up a permanent Traveller's Site on the site that was ruled out of the Local Plan 2 years ago. Residents are again objecting as there is no access and local services are limited.

County Councillor Marcus Johnson declared an interest as he is a Member of the Borough Council Planning Committee and took no further part in the discussion.

Residents pointed out that the Application had some fundamental flaws as it stated a traveler site was already in existence.

A group of residents attended for an update on the motorway noise barrier. The proposal has changed slightly but it is still going to destroy the undergrowth. The Parish Council has not been contacted regarding the fence and the Highways Agency is to be invited to attend the next meeting. The Parish Council will also send a strong objection to the proposal due to the loss of wildlife, the impact on the local bat population and the fact the barrier is neither wanted nor needed. Copies are to be sent to the Burnley Express and Julie Cooper MP is to be asked to contact the Minister of Transport.

County Council Report

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone reported that the County Council is now on a 'cliff edge' financially and will be bankrupt by 2020. The Counties budget has been reduced by 62% since 2010 and by 2021 the deficit will be £300M. There are also increasing demands on Social Care. He also reported that the Secretary of State has overturned the decision to block fracking in Lancashire and more applications are now expected. On a positive note it was reported that Padiham library would be remaining as well as Youth services. Marcus was thanked for his report.

Police Report

There was no Police report.

Borough Council Report

Borough Councillor Alan Hosker had left the meeting, there was no Borough Council Report.

16/17/071 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

16/17/072 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th September 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 12th September 2016 are approved as a correct record.

16/17/073 Updates

Website

The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 66 unique visitors and 192 page views.

Update on Events

2 quotes for mesh fencing for the Bonfire were received from Lanlee £91.76 and Greengate £80.46.

Resolved: That Greengate are used to provide the Bonfire Mesh Fencing.

The Fireworks have been ordered but this will be increased to £1,000 before VAT as we claim the VAT back. Councillor Cunningham is providing the Red Button for the light switch on and the Remembrance Day wreath has been ordered. The Clerk will provide posters for the Bonfire, Remembrance Day and Light switch on and notify the Police of the road block for Remembrance Day.

16/17/074 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

It was noted that the Council had been turned down for a grant for the pathway, a further report and costings is to be sought. The recent PACT meeting reported there had been 30 burglary attempts but only 2 actual burglaries. Attempted break in to vehicles was up and the Police and Calico are to work together to catch anti-social motorbikes.

16/17/075 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been grass cutting the last month and will be moving onto hedge trimming. It was noted that the hedge on Burnley Road are overgrown and blocking the footpath from Hapton Inn. Pot holes on Kingsway were also reported and a more accurate location will be provided. There's a carpet in the stream and soil sods in black bags, both of which have been reported.

16/17/076 Allotments

There are 3 people on the waiting list, however 2 are waiting for a specific plot.

16/17/077 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 **GDT/APP/2016/0401** – Outline Application for proposed re-development of remaining northern section of Burnley Bridge Business Park including details of access only. Development shall include industrial (B1c/B2/B8) and possible mixed use (A1) (convenience store), A3/A5 (hot/cold food sales eaten on/off premises) development with ancillary offices. Burnley Bridge Business Park, Magnesium Way.
- 1.1.2 **Hyndburn Development Plan**

The Parish Council had no comments on the Planning Applications.

- 1.1.3 APP/2016/0427 – Retention of existing use as private traveler site, the siting of 6 static caravan pitches and the erection of 1 replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, Spa Wood Farm, Billington Road.

The application was discussed earlier and it had been agreed to object on the same grounds as the objection to it being in the Local Plan.

16/17/078 Finances

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

1.	Clerk's Salary (Standing Order) PAID	£230.60	S/O
2.	BDO external audit	£360.00	100516
3.	Zurich Insurance	£246.61	100517
4.	Lengthsman	£400.00	100518
5.	Greengate fencing	£80.46	100519

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The following income was received

1.	Allotment rent	£50.00
2.	Allotment Deposits	£400.00

The following bank balances for 31st August were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,714.65
- Expenses £ 9,329.54
- Env. Account £ 23.55
- **Total** **£11,067.74**

The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were circulated and approved. It was also noted that the External Audit Report had been returned.

Resolved: That the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank reconciliations are all approved. The Annual Return was noted and the Audit Report approved.

16/17/079 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

16/17/080 Visual Audits

Junction 8 of the M65 heading into Burnley is an accident waiting to happen. Drivers are by-passing the queue by using the left lane to turn right, an unmarked Police car was suggested. The gate at Hambledon Woods is missing and bars have been put up that impede access. No. 49 Burnley Road is believed to be running a business from the property and the issue will be reported to Planning Enforcement. It was suggested that the Hapton Stone now looks lonely and needs a garden area as it had before. The Borough Council will be contacted.

16/17/081 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 14^h November 2016 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.

