



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 14th September 2015

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

Others: Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 12 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

15/16/054 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jill Charlton who had a family bereavement, County Councillor Marcus Johnson and Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.

15/16/055 RESOLVED: That Councillor Jill Charlton's apologies for a family bereavement are accepted and the Councillors best wishes are sent to Councillor Charlton.

15/16/056 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

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

15/16/057 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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A resident asked how they applied for Planning Permission for a highway mirror. It was also noted that the County Council have agreed to put some investment in the Bridge to make it safer and traffic lights with a single lane and pavements have been suggested. It was also noted that the County currently does not allow highway mirrors, although the resident was advised to contact the County on the issue.

A pedestrian crossing was suggested for the school, it was noted that the school does not qualify for a crossing attendant, although a zebra crossing will be requested although the number of children may be a factor. A flashing 20 mph sign during school times will also be requested.

A consultation has been held for a proposal for houses on Church Street/Water Street. Residents raised concerns that the area is the last green space in the village center, the school is at full capacity so additional houses will be a burden on the existing infrastructure and social houses are not needed in Hapton, although homes for the elderly would be preferred is housing has to be provided. A resident asked for a comparison between the proposed houses and bungalows for the elderly and whether the need assessment was for Hapton or Burnley, it was noted the needs assessment is for Burnley.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will object to the application on the grounds that a visual amenity will be lost, the existing infrastructure cannot support additional properties and the type of property is not needed, but bungalows would be preferred.

PCSO Julie Rosthorn provided a written report that outlined there had been 28 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents including a large group of youths drinking in the early hours. There were 8 burglaries, 4 from dwellings, 3 others not from dwellings and 1 attempted burglary. There were 4 criminal damage, 1 damage to a vehicle, 2 criminal damage and 1 arson. There were also 2 thefts.

The PACT Priorities were agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour on Kings Drive/Cambridge drive/Bedford Place – Bedford Park

The next PACT meetings is due on 4th November at 6pm in the Town Hall, Padiham. Julie was thanked for her report.

There was no County Council report and there was nothing further to report from the Borough Council.

15/16/058 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

15/16/059 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th July 2015.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th July 2015 are approved as a correct record.

15/16/060 Updates

Recreation Ground

Work has started on the recreation Ground and should be nearing completion. A Sports England funding bid can now be considered for Changing Rooms. A Barbeque are was suggested and a Community Fund bid could be applied for.

Website

The website has been updated.

15/16/061 Update on Events

The Bonfire Event will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday 7th November. £800 has been secured from the Community Fund for Fireworks and additional sponsorship for more fireworks will be sought. An appeal will be put on the website for firework sponsors and wood donations the weekend before. The school will be approached to provide a Guy Fowlkes, website articles and posters will be provided and Tesco's will be approached for bonfire toffee and toffee apples. Glow sticks will again be provided for safety. The Football Team will be asked to marshal the event and Splash will be approached to get involved. The caravan man will be asked to attend and it was agreed that St. John's ambulance would not be needed but any risks will be mitigated. Councillor Greenwood would ask for bins and fences from the Borough Council and it was noted a bonfire permit was not needed.

Music for the Last post will be used again at the Remembrance Sunday event on Sunday 8th November at 11:00am.

The Christmas Light Switch On will be held on Monday 7th December at 6:30pm, the Brownies and School are to be contacted, Mulled wine will be provided this year. The top achieving school child will be asked to switch on the lights and Councillor Cunningham is to be asked to provide the 'Red Button'.

15/16/062 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

There were no further reports.

15/16/063 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed.

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15/16/064 Allotments

It was agreed that an additional 6-7 allotments are to be provided with a budget of £2,000 for the setup, the Lengthsman will provide a quote for the work.

15/16/065 Planning

The following Planning Applications were considered:

SMD/APP/2015/0300 – Proposed erection of 4 no. silos, 3 Boran Court Network 65 65 Business Park, Hapton.

AR/NOT/2015/0339 – Notification for prior approval change of use of agricultural building to 3 dwelling houses, (Class C3) and for associated operational development, Barley Green Farm, Hameldon Road, Hapton.

Hyndburn Borough Council – Draft Rishton Canalside Supplementary Planning Documents

The Parish Council would support any objections raised by residents.

Application GDT/APP/2015/0375 – Proposed erection of 8 no. houses and 1 no bungalow, Land at Church Street and Water Street Hapton, was considered earlier in the meeting and the objections agreed then will be sent to the Borough Council.

15/16/066 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£178.82	100264
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£44.70	100265
Lengthsman July - Paid	£525.00	100263
Lengthsman August	£560.00	100266
Internal Audit – Paid	£105.00	100262
Zurich Insurance	£238.50	100267

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

A Community Fund Grant of £800 has been received for the Firework Event.

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 £ 9,887.82
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total £13,826.02**

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The Internal Audit report was consider and approved.

An Effectiveness of Internal Audit was considered and the recommendations of the report are to be implemented. The LALC Invoice was tabled in March 2015 but there were insufficient funds to pay it so it was deferred to the 2015-16 financial year.

The following policies were reviewed and approved:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Asset register
- Risk Assessment

15/16/067 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

15/16/068 Visual Audits

Dog fouling on the railway bridge is a problem again and this has already been reported.

15/16/069 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 12th October 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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