



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 11th April 2023

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors, Differ, Downham, Fowke, Lakeland and Owen. Shirley Young also attended.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan and twenty residents. Nick Sharples (Hapton Juniors) attended later.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Councillors and residents.

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22/23/155 Apology for absence and reasons given.		
Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan sent his apologies, but attended to discuss the Planning Application. County Councillor Alan Hosker also sent his apologies as he sits on the Borough Council Planning Committee. Michael Greenwood also sent his apologies.		
22/23/156 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
22/23/157 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
There were no public questions in advance.		

<p>As members of the public attended to discuss a Planning Application, the Chair brought this item forward.</p> <p>1. FUL/2023/0153 Proposed change of use of the existing single dwelling and surrounding landscaped area to a wedding venue together with associated works including car parking and landscaping Manley House 136 Burnley Road Hapton</p> <p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan explained the planning process and how to raise objections. It was suggested that the closing date for objections had been moved to 26th April. He advised that the application would go to Committee and he will attend and speak. The meeting will likely be at the end of May. He advised to put in individual objections.</p> <p>The Clerk advised on the process of speaking at the Planning Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council would raise formal objections to the Planning Application.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan thanked volunteers for delivering leaflets. There are still speeding problems on the top road and with motorbikes. Jamie had also sent a written report which included the following:</p> <p>“I’ve been speaking with residents about the proposed wedding venue at the top road and would expect a few to turn up tonight. If so, please could you let them know that putting in individual objections is the best thing to do at this time. And once it comes to the Development Control Committee I plan on speaking on their behalf.</p> <p>As another update after pushing the council it appears that they are proposing to put a compulsory purchase order on the old shop on Whitefield street. It needs approval by the exec but given the current state of the building both Alan and I will be pushing for action.</p> <p>I’ve also designed a website for the parish which I’ll be able to send you over on email.”</p> <p>Jamie then left the meeting to attend to his wife who had gone into labour.</p>		
<p>The Police had not sent a report this month.</p>		
<p>The County Councillor had not sent a report this month.</p>		
<p>22/23/158 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p>		
<p>22/23/159 Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2023.</p>		
<p>The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th March 2023 are approved as a correct record.</p>		
<p>22/23/160 Matters Outstanding as listed.</p>		

There was no update on the Pump Track. Jamie had looked into the new website, the event music has been sorted, the wheelie bin hasn't been moved and has been reported again and the flags and bunted have been bought.		
22/23/161 Updates.		
Nick Sharples signed the Football Club agreement. It was noted that Blythe's wall had been hit again.		
22/23/162 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
No separate reports.		
Community Centre.		
There were no Community Centre updates.		
22/23/163 Lengthsman.		
Grass cutting will start soon, the tree work is to be recharged to allotments and more tree work is to be carried out. The fence on row C of the allotments needs replacing and the wood entrance has been broken again by quad bike riders and 2 green barriers are to be installed.		
22/23/164 Allotments.		
There were no new applications and no vacancies at the present time. Plot B3 has been let. There is 1 on the waiting list. £350 of rent money was paid over.		
22/23/165 Planning.		
The main application was dealt with earlier, there were no comments on the other applications.		
22/23/166 Finances.		
The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment:		
10.1 Expenditure 2. Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid £255.92 S/O Paid 3. Bank Charges £16.20 DD 4. Lengthsman Labour £460.00 100781 5. HMRC £63.98 100782 6. LALC £423.63 100783 7. Bunting £86.89 100784 8. Flowers £14.40 100785 9. TENs license £21.00 100786 10. Padiham on Parade £100.00 100788		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.		

10.2 Income			
10.2.1 Allotments		£1,310	
Bank Balances –	Fundraising Account	£12,389.65	
	Expenses Account	£32,537.21	
	Environmental Account	£3,771.40	
	TOTAL	£48,698.26	
RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts are approved.			
RESOLVED: That Jennifer Sutcliffe is appointed as Internal Auditor.			
22/23/167 Clerk’s Report including Correspondence.			
No correspondence. The National Litter Picking Event is to be considered if volunteers are available.			
22/23/168 Events.			
Events were covered earlier.			
A new application is to be submitted to the Wind Farm for the bridge. It was agreed to give Padiham on Parade a donation of £100.00			
22/23/169 Visual Audits.			
The drains blocked on the corner and the pothole at the end of Miste Lane needs filling. There is silt under the bridge. The 'love clean street' App was discussed for reporting highway issues.			
22/23/170 Pump Track.			
Already covered.			
22/23/171 Date of next meeting.			
Date of the next meeting, it was noted that Monday 8 th May was a Bank holiday for the King’s Coronation. Therefore, the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 8 th May 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.			