



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 8th April 2024

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), County Councillor Alan Hosker and Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan plus Glenn Davies from Hapton Football Club.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

23/24/156	Apology for absence and reasons given.		
	All Councillors were present.		
23/24/157	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
	Councillors Carol Downham and Shirley Young declared an interest in their allotments.		
23/24/158	The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
	RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
	Glenn outlined that Hapton Football Club wants to do an adult match to raise funds. The 22 nd June was suggested as a possible date and it would be to celebrate 40 years of the Club. It was suggested that this could be a joint event with the official opening of the Pump Track. The Council could provide Fairground rides, a burger van and a face painter as well as organize a bar and stalls and book Mike to DJ. The Club will approach an ice cream van. Collection buckets were also suggested.		

There was no Police report.		
County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that the County Council has agreed to the 3 Grit Bins and highways need to be contacted. The temporary traffic lights are due to remain until 26 th May and a registration number has been obtained for a van fly-tipping. Handheld speed checks are being carried out on the top road and it was suggested that Police cover to catch unlicensed bikes going through the village are held on Sunday mornings, as this is the time they are there. Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that there are on-going issues with dog fouling and the website from Wicks will cost £130 a year. RESOLVED: That £130 is approved as an annual charge on the website. There are issues with water runoff from the football pitch and Jamie outlined the Pump Track payment plan, which was agreed and a start date is to be sought. The Borough Council meeting is next Wednesday. Nuisance bike signs are needed on Hameldon Road and there has been a request for the style on St Margaret's gardens footpath to be changed to a kissing gate. The County and Borough Councillors were thanked for their reports.	Highways	Clerk
23/24/159 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.		
23/24/160 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March 2024.		
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 11th March 2024 are approved as a correct record.		
23/24/161 Matters Outstanding as listed.		
Website Provider – This was agreed earlier.		
Cenotaph Railing Quotes – A further quote is needed.	TB	
Chairs Windfarm Bid – The money has gone into the bank.		
Nuisance Bike Signs – This was agreed earlier.		
23/24/162 Updates.		
There were no updates.		
23/24/163 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
There were no reports. The trail camera is to be used to catch dog fouling.		

RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid and the bank balance, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and payment and receipt lists are approved.		
23/24/168 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.		
The Council's next project will be to convert the sandpit into a young children's play area.		
23/24/169 Allotment Policy.		
RESOLVED: That the Allotment Policy is adopted with immediate effect.		
23/24/170 Policy Review		
The following Policies were reviewed: Standing Orders Financial Regulations Asset Registry FOI Policy Risk Assessment		
RESOLVED: That the above Policies are approved.		
23/24/171 Visual Audits.		
The road was bad again with a big puddle due to the weather and a grate outside No. 30 needs reporting.		
23/24/172 Pump Track. Subject already covered		
23/24/073 Resolved that in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.		
Resolved: That the same Football Club agreement will be used again		
Resolved: That the Lengthsman Tender process will start and the updated tender document will be used again.		
23/24/155 Date of next meeting.		
Date of the next meeting Monday 13 th May 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove. To be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.		