



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 11th February 2019

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), County Councillor Alan Hosker plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	By
18/19/130 Apology for absence and reasons given		
There were no apologies for absence.		
18/19/131 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
18/19/132 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
It was noted that all letters had been sent out from the last meeting, although not all had been responded to. Kingdom have been to Hapton issuing penalty notices for dog fouling and official figures are to be requested for the website and Facebook, a link to the on-line reporting	figures	Clerk

<p>will also be used. There have been 4 fines in Hapton although parks have not issued a fine since 2012. Residents were reassured that those who can demonstrate they are on a low income can pay fines in installments. Residents were reminded to keep reporting incidents to get more dog warden time in Hapton. On-line reports also receive a personal response.</p>		
<p>The Chair apologised to the County Councillor for indicating he had not attending a meeting since June, he had attended in October, but with both the Chair and Clerk being absent, the temporary Clerk had not noted the County Councillor's attendance.</p> <p>The County Councillor reported he had been informed that the problem garage was incorrectly identified as belonging to the home owner on the Land Registry. Lyndale Road had been patched although pot-holes have appeared on Ruskin Grove. Mill Hill Lane is to be resurfaced in the Spring and lines are due to repainted on the top road. The Bus Stop at the Hapton Inn is being moved to after the houses and a shelter will be installed. A give way sign has been requested for Mill Hill Lane and give way road markings will be provided. A fine has been issued for fly-tipping and Borough Councillor Tom Comis is providing a community skip at his own expense on Saturday from 8am to 12 noon.</p>		
<p>Residents thanked the Parish Council for all their efforts and work done on local issues.</p>		
<p>The County Councillor reported that the Bridge traffic lights were still an issue, however he did state this was not due to any fault with the lights, but was due to people running a red light and a camera is needed. Permanent monitoring is being considered to be installed after the Gleeson development is completed. A crossing patrol will also be considered once the new development is finished.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood explained that the Council is increasing Council Tax to help with the reduced grant from Central Government but there is still a £1.34M gap in funding to be found. Services will have to be cut and non-statutory services will need to be considered first, this includes the community skips. A total of £16Million has been saved in the last 10 years. The Council is trying to 'future proof' council funding with economic growth investments, these include the town center development.</p> <p>Empty properties not inhabited for over 2 years will get an increased Council Tax charge in order to reduce the number of vacant properties. A Community Safety plan has been drafted and includes road safety and burglary reduction initiatives. A shop front planning consultation is being carried out that will mean changes to shop front will need planning permission.</p>		

<p>Joanne updated on the Police report from correspondence with Rebecca. Bikes continue to be a concern and S59 notices are being issued leading to seizure of the bikes, where these can be caught. Residents are asked to keep reporting the problems to ensure resources are available. It was suggested drones could be used to track bikes. Speeding on Manchester Road can be check with a camera van if a safe location can be determined depending on parked cars. A community volunteer camera group was suggested. The Speed gun has been deployed on Manchester Road.</p> <p>There are staffing changes to the Police and Rebecca now covers Burnley West, Helena has left. The PC for Hapton is now Paul Marsden but there is no PCSO.</p>		
<p>18/19/133 The meeting was formally re-convened for business</p>		
<p>18/19/134 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th January 2019.</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 14th January 2019 are approved as a correct record.</p>		
<p>18/19/135 Matter Outstanding as listed</p>		
<p>The abandoned vehicle has been removed, however there is no legislation available to tackle the garage problem, although enforcement and environmental health have been notified of the problems.</p> <p>A Sat-Nav sign has been requested but an alternative 'Not Suitable for HGVs' was suggested by highways, but need would need to be demonstrated, the Council agreed to this alternative sign.</p> <p>Gleesons have been notified to ensure the highway is kept clean and the speeding problem has been referred to the speed management group for consideration and a program of action is to be published in March.</p> <p>The RWE application has been obtained and a support letter requested from Simon Goff.</p> <p>Planning enforcement have been chased on a number of issued but have insufficient resources to deal with matters instantly. The new access point on Mill Hill Lane is not within planning permission and has been referred to the public rights of way officer, a notice will be served. There are on-going issues with the mobile home in the woods and unauthorized works have been notified to the resident, who is going to apply for temporary permission, which will likely be refused. A mobile home at the stables has</p>	<p>Demonstrate Need</p>	<p>JG</p>

<p>been granted a certificate of lawful development. A property on Burnley Road have been reminded that only 6 cars are permitted and Carter Avenue has been referred to Building Control. A property on Carter Avenue may be attempting to 'land-grab' Parish Council land and this is to be monitored, photographs have been taken to determine the boundaries.</p> <p>The Lengthsman suggested an alternative to the gates and drawing and a price are to be provided.</p> <p>A receipt was provided for the Methodist Church and the 30 MPH sign that is broken has been reported to the County Council.</p>	<p>Drawing and price Maintenance</p>	<p>MG Clerk</p>
<p>18/19/136 Updates</p>		
<p>Website</p>		
<p>The website and Facebook page have been updated. There have been 154 unique views and 381page views. Facebook is now very active.</p>		
<p>Update on Events</p>		
<p>There were no imminent events.</p>		
<p>Community Centre</p>		
<p>The maintenance contract is to be chased and the heaters need repairing.</p>	<p>Maintenance contract</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>18/19/137 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies</p>		
<p>The Heritage Group display is going to Towneley Hall and they have been invited to get involved in Padiham on Parade.</p>		
<p>18/19/138 Lengthsman</p>		
<p>Tree chopping is continuing and the Peace Garden is being cleared, there are branches down on the back street and the Lengthsman was advised to check all invoices had been submitted. Grass mowing will need to start again soon.</p>		
<p>18/19/139 Allotments</p>		
<p>There are 2 people on the waiting list, a tenant behind on payments has paid in full, rent letters are to be sent in March and a couple of plots are untidy and will be monitored.</p>		

There were no further maintenance issues and no new applications.		
18/19/140 Planning		
There were no applications for considered.		
RESOLVED: That any Applications received requiring a reply before the next meeting are delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.		
18/19/141 Finances		
The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk's Salary – January (Standing Order) Paid £184.48 S/O Paid 2. HMRC Clerk Tax January £46.12 100599 3. M J Greenwood Lengthsman January Paid £400.00 S/O Paid 		
The Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliations payments and receipts were noted. The Bank balances were also noted.		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid and the monitoring reports are noted.		
Following the late Precept Payment last year, it was agreed to move excess funds to the Fundraising account in May. A Chair's Allowance is to be an agenda item at the next meeting.	Agenda Item	Clerk
18/19/142 Clerk's Report including Correspondence		
The Clerk's report was noted. The footpath redirection was noted with no objections. The Household Waste consultation was considered and no comments were made. The school requested support to expand due to additional developments in Hapton. The Parish Council agreed to support a development to expand the school with consideration that it is in keeping with the ascetics of the Parish.		
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.		
18/19/143 Visual Audits		
The road has sunk at the entrance to Simpson Wharf on Simpson Street. The castle on the hill has a caravan, debris and a storage unit. The tyres are due to be removed on Mill Hill Lane, letters have been sent out to residents leaving wheelie bins out, the Christmas Lights are switched off on a schedule between the 4 th and 6 th January and the dry stone wall has been repaired. New goal posts have arrived and will be installed in the next 2 weeks. A price for an electric point on the courts will be provided		

for the next meeting and Parks are working on a Welcome to the Rec Ground sign with no horses or bikes allowed, it was suggested that only dogs on leads is also included. A dog walker has been reported to the dog warden.		
18/19/144 Good Councillor Guide		
Chapter 11 of the Good Councillor Guide was discussed and there were no questions.		
18/19/145 Date of next meeting		
Date of the next meeting Monday 12 th March 2019 and will start at 7:00pm.		