



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 10th February 2020

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), PCSO David Bailey, County Councillor Alan Hosker, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and 1 member of the public.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	By
19/20/118 Apology for absence and reasons given		
Apologies were submitted by Councillors Annmarie Differ and Harry Kayley who were away.		
19/20/119 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
19/20/120 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		

<p>A member of the public asked why the Member of Parliament could not use the Community Centre for surgeries. It was explained that this would be deemed as a political purposes and the Parish Council is apolitical. It was noted that he had already booked St Margaret's Church as an alternative.</p> <p>Residents have complained about a recent leaflet put out suggesting areas in the village need improvements. An Architect has produced plans for Clegg's Shop and a post office was suggested.</p>		
<p>PCSO David Bailey reported that the new Inspector is keen for officers to attend meetings. Drop-in session have been arranged for the Chapel to allow for a more personal approach. There have been a number of complaints of motorbikes on Hameldon Hill with some being challenged, more signs are available and vans unloading bikes are being monitored. A company van being used was reported to the company. Crimes of note included 2 burglaries, which were similar to crime in Accrington that have been detected. 4 criminal damage with 1 being family related, 1 bike theft where there may be CCTV evidence, 1 vehicle theft stolen from Burnley and a van broken into and power tools stolen. There were a number of categories with no crimes including vehicle damage. Bike problems will be monitored for increased problems in summer and the task force officers can be deployed if required.</p>		
<p>The County Councillor reported that the fly-tippers at Mill Hill have been caught with cameras and is going to be taken to the Crown court for prosecution and the van crushing. 30 mph signs suggested for Hapton moor are going ahead, there is a meeting on Friday with the Police Chief and hand held speed cameras are being requested. Highways have requested support from the Police for red light jumpers at the Bridge and cameras were suggested again. ASB is to be discussed and dispersal orders requested for the Cambridge Drive area. Flood defense is being worked on and drain clearances are on order. The drain at Mill Hill has now collapsed into the stream. Gully checks are to be requested for Hapton Village and slow signs are needed on Hameldon Road. The County Councillor agreed to take up the request for 30mph signs with the Cabinet Member. The consultation on speed limit for Accrington road is to be checked and a letter has been sent to the owner of the horses on the moor. Alan was thanked for his report.</p>		
<p>There was no Borough Councillor Report.</p>		
<p>19/20/121 The meeting was formally re-convened for business</p>		
<p>19/20/122 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January 2020.</p>		
<p>The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. The Summer Fair is on Sunday not Saturday and Joan is not booking the Birds of Prey or the Beer tent.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th January 2020 are approved as a correct record.</p>		

19/20/123 Matter Outstanding as listed		
The wash basin and radiator quotes were agreed as £350 and £250 respectively. The Chair to chase up the pathway. The door repair quote of £80 was approved and it was suggested LCC are invoiced for the work.	Pathway	TB
19/20/124 Updates		
Neighbourhood Plan		
The concept of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, following advice from the Borough Council, it was agreed it should be reconsidered when the next Borough Council Local Plan is being consulted on then the Parish can 'piggy-back' the consultations. The issue will be removed from the agenda until such time.		
Website		
The website and Facebook page have been updated. The website has 12 Unique visitors and 12 Page views, Facebook is still busy.		
Update on Events		
The Summer Fair was covered at the last meeting.		
Community Centre		
The Community Centre was covered earlier.		
19/20/125 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
There was no update.		
19/20/126 Lengthsman		
The kitchen jobs are to be done, the Peace Garden had some planting. Bridgefield Street garden needs replanting and a weeping cheery was suggested, the tree with lights is still there. Mill Hill is not suitable for fruit trees and needs permission from the borough to plant. The path is flooded and not fit for purpose. The Peace garden needs stripping and replanting and an archway with thorn less climbing roses are to be planted.		
19/20/127 Allotments		
There were no maintenance issues and no new applications. There is 1 person on the waiting list. An updated tenant list was provided for rent letters. A plot has extended their fence.		

