



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 12th February 2024

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk) and Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

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| 23/24/121 Apology for absence and reasons given. | | |
| Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Frank Owen. County Councillor Alan Hosker also sent his apologies. | | |
| 23/24/122 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct. | | |
| There were no declarations of interest. | | |
| 23/24/123 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. | | |
| A written Police report has been received and is attached. | | |
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| <p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported on behalf of County Councillor Alan Hosker that the traffic lights on Manchester Road have been removed and the Hameldon Road pothole has been reported and is due to be repaired. There is a sunken gully on Manchester Road that needs repairing and complaints have been received about the Lengthsman making tire marks on the Recreation Ground, however, when work starts on the Pump Track this will get worse.</p> <p>Jamie also provided a Borough Council report. A Full Council meeting was held in January and football pitches were discussed. It was noted that Hapton Parish Council does not receive any funds for the football pitch. Dog bins have been requested on the canal walk and there are no bins on the Blythe's estate. There is a campaign to help with 36 pitches across the Borough. All weather pitches are preferred but the cost is prohibitive.</p> <p>The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is to be refreshed next year with line painting and lights being fixed. The current light is damaged and trips the Community Centre fuse box.</p> <p>All the forms have been submitted for the Lancashire Environment Fund Grant and sent with the cheque. One more quote is needed from the Borough Council then the project can commence. The £70,000 track has been ordered which is 50m by 25m. Clark and Kent will take around 6 weeks to complete. The Council can either draw down 25% of the funding now or 50% when the work starts.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would draw down 50% of the funding on start of the project.</p> <p>Lancashire Environment Fund have requested that the project is promoted and Jamie has produced a newspaper style leaflet that will delivered to every house in the Parish. This will outline the joint working between the Borough and Parish Councils. A press release is also to be sent and a Facebook video is being filmed at 1pm on Hapton Rec on Saturday. Clark and Kent will get involved in the official opening and will provide a professional cyclist.</p> <p>The Borough Council budget is to be discussed at Council in 2 weeks and a 2.9% increase has been proposed.</p> <p>The County has said they do not have the funds to stretch to 3 grit bins. The Parish Council agreed to fund the Valley Garden bin.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council will fund the grit bin at Valley Gardens on condition the County agree to fill it, this is approx. £250.</p> <p>An update on the Number 9 bus was requested and a change to the national speed limit on Hameldon Road. IONOS does work on the website, it was therefore agreed to go with the new domain name. The nuisance bike signs are ongoing.</p> <p>Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report.</p> | | |
| <p>23/24/124 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</p> | | |
| <p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p> | | |
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| 23/24/125 Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 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 8th January 2024 are approved as a correct record. | | |
| 23/24/126 Matters Outstanding as listed. | | |
| Website Provider – This subject had already been discussed earlier. | | |
| Cenotaph Railing Quotes – a further quote from JB ironworks has been requested. | SW | |
| Chairs Windfarm Bid – The bid has been circulated but a decision has yet to be given. | SW | |
| Lancashire Environment Fund Application - This subject had already been discussed earlier. | | |
| 23/24/110 Updates. | | |
| There were no updates. | | |
| 23/24/127 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies. | | |
| There were no reports. The football agreement is to be an agenda item at the next meeting. | Agenda | SW |
| 23/24/128 Lengthsman. | | |
| The Lengthsman has 1 more week then will be absent for 3, he is doing 2 days this week. | | |
| 23/24/129 Allotments. | | |
| There is 1 new application and 1 request for an application form. A request for a polytunnel was approved. | | |
| 23/24/130 Planning Applications. | | |
| Delegate responses to planning applications received with response date prior to the next meeting. There were 2 applications that closed since the last meeting. There were no comments on these applications. 2 late applications were received after the publication of the agenda. | | |
| The Wreaths are to be removed from the Cenotaph. | | |

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| 23/24/131 Finances. | | |
| The following invoices were tabled. | Bills for payment: | |
| Expenditure Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid £255.92 S/O Paid Bank Charges £12.40 Direct Debit Lengthsman Labour January £745.00 100831 Clerk Pay rise £62.28 100832 HMRC £79.56 100833 Income Bank Balances – Fundraising Account £12,369.65 Expenses Account £32,739.56 Environmental Account £3,526.00 TOTAL £48,635.21 | | |
| RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid and the bank balance, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and payment and receipt lists are approved. | | |
| 23/24/132 Clerk’s Report including Correspondence. | | |
| No reports. | | |
| 23/24/133 Events. | | |
| The main event in 2024 will be the official opening of the Pump Track. | | |
| 23/24/134 Visual Audits. | | |
| There were no visual audits | | |
| 23/24/135 Pump Track. Subject already covered | | |
| 23/24/136 Date of next meeting. | | |
| Date of the next meeting Monday 11 th March 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove. | | |

Hiya Hapton w. Park

I have officially moved to Burnley Town Centre, but just as a reminder - Hapton with Park is still covered from a policing side by Burnley NPT - **PC 654 Ingham, PC 5765 Butterworth, PCSO 7355 Ingham, and PCSO 7519 Holding.**

Without further ado, here are the monthly stats for Hapton with Park for the month of January 2024:

8 x Assaults

2 x Burglary

· **Remember to be proactive in securing your premises:**

· **Don't leave valuables on display**

· **Make sure to leave windows and doors locked at night.**

· **RING doorbells / CCTV is a great deterrent and helps us to catch perpetrators.**

2 x Criminal Damage

23 x Highway Disruption

· **These tend to be broken down cars or sheep in the road - many of these are related to the M65 and are not necessarily a reflection of road conditions in Hapton neighbourhoods!**

2 x Hoax Call to the Emergency Service

· **Sometimes these are legitimate accidents - pocket dials. However, please do not call 999 unless an emergency - hoax 999 calls can take emergency service resources away from someone otherwise genuinely in need**

8 x Nuisance

· **The majority of these are ASB related / ASB bike related.**

· **OP Centurion is the current force-wide operation which aims to take a firm stance on antisocial behaviour. After we raised Padiham and Hapton as a priority, these areas have been selected to receive resources to help tackle ongoing issues. - [Lancashire Tackling Antisocial Behaviour \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)**

2 x Public Order

14 x Road Related Offence

3 x Theft

0 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

· **Make sure to leave your car locked, in a well-lit location if possible and with all valuables removed from the car. If using a bike, please leave in a secure location with a bike lock.**

Cheers and kindest regards,

PCSO 7065 Dan Longworth

Burnley Neighbourhood Policing Team

Burnley Town Centre Ward