



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 8th January 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.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck attended later, Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

23/24/104 Apology for absence and reasons given.		
There were no apologies for absence.		
23/24/105 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
There were no declarations of interest.		
23/24/106 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.		

<p>County Councillor Alan Hosker advised that the new road markings from Hapton Inn to Network 65 will be carried out once the road works have been completed. A request has been made for more grit bins throughout the County. Valley Gardens area, the motorway bridge and the junction of Simpson Street all need a bin. Hameldon Road usually gets a pile of grit and the Mill Hill bin has been moved. The dog fouling enforcement team have been requested and the posters need to be changed regularly. There is a problem of wheelie bins being left out.</p> <p>Councillor Birbeck joined the meeting and took the Chair. Councillor Owen also joined the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Hosker was thanked for his report.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that he had attended the Primary School awards ceremony. He updated on the website</p> <p>Borough Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report. He updated on the website and the Clerk will forward the details of the company that holds the domain name. The County has offered to fill grit bins if these are provided by the Parish Council. There have previously been problems in other areas with this arrangement and written confirmation is required. It was suggested that the Parish Council contributes 50% towards the 3 bins.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would contribute 50% towards the costs of 3 new grit bins on condition that written assurance is given they will be filled free of charge.</p> <p>Lancashire Environment Fund have agreed to a grant of £40,000 towards the Pump Track on condition that a contribution of £4,400 is made up front. 2 more quotes are being sought.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That a contribution towards the LEF Grant of £4,400 is approved.</p> <p>There was no update on the Manleigh House application.</p> <p>Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report.</p> <p>The Councillors were thanked for the new road marking on Simpson Street.</p>		
<p>23/24/107 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p>		
<p>23/24/108 Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 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 November 2023 are approved as a correct record.</p>		

23/24/109 Matters Outstanding as listed.		
Website Provider – This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
Cenotaph Railing Quotes – the funding application needs a further quote.	SW	
Chairs Windfarm Bid – The bid has been resurrected.	SW	
Lancashire Environment Fund Application - This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
23/24/110 Updates.		
There were no updates.		
23/24/111 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
There were no reports.		
23/24/112 Lengthsman.		
The Lengthsman can make a start on the Pump Track and the fence outside the school needs repairs. The remaining length of the Lengthsman Contract is to be checked and preparation for a new tender is to be made.		
23/24/113 Allotments.		
There is 1 vacancy and 1 new application, it was agreed to assign to plot to the applicant. There is no waiting list and no planned maintenance.		
23/24/114 Planning Applications.		
<p>Delegate responses to planning applications received with response date prior to the next meeting. There were 3 applications that closed over the Christmas period.</p> <p>FUL/2023/0405 Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and barns and erection of one replacement dwelling. Park Gate Farm Hameldon Road Hapton</p> <p>HOU/2023/0685 Proposed single storey extension. 4 Carter Avenue Hapton Lancashire</p> <p>HOU/2023/0705 Proposed single storey side extension and proposed driveway (resubmission of HOU/2023/0410). 18 Water Street Hapton Lancashire</p> <p>There were no comments on these applications.</p> <p>2 late applications were received after the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>FUL/2023/0781 Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling. Former Green Side Farm Burnley Road Hapton</p> <p>There were no objections to this application.</p>		

<p>FUL/2023/0785 Proposed energy facility compound consisting of; access track, energy storage units, associated transformers and electrical equipment cabinets, a transformer and associated electrical equipment, an electrical control building, a site office, storage container, landscaping scheme and associated works including attenuation pond, underground water tank and underground fire fighting water supply (Re-submission of FUL/2022/0729). Land to the west of the A56 and to the southwest of Junction 8 of the M65, east of the site of the former Huncoat Power Station The application is to be objected to as it is on green belt land. The former Huncoat Power station site could be used.</p>																																												
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<p>The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment:</p>																																												
<p>Budget 2024-25</p> <p>A budget proposal was circulated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the attached budget for 2024-25 is approved.</p> <p>A Precept of £20,000 was suggested.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the 2024-25 Precept is set at £20,000.</p> <p>A new Standing Order for the Clerk’s salary was approved.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Expenditure</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Clerk’s Salary – (Standing Order) Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£255.92</td> <td>S/O Paid</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11.60</td> <td>Direct Debit</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Lengthsman Labour December</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£460.00</td> <td>100825 Paid</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Clerk Pay rise</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£62.28</td> <td>100826 Paid</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.56</td> <td>100827 Paid</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Clerk Pay Rise</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£62.28</td> <td>100828</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.56</td> <td>100829</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> Income</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bank Balances –</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Fundraising Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,369.65</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Expenses Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35,334.55</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Environmental Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,531.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£51,235.20</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Expenditure			Clerk’s Salary – (Standing Order) Paid	£255.92	S/O Paid	Bank Charges	£11.60	Direct Debit	Lengthsman Labour December	£460.00	100825 Paid	Clerk Pay rise	£62.28	100826 Paid	HMRC	£79.56	100827 Paid	Clerk Pay Rise	£62.28	100828	HMRC	£79.56	100829	 Income			Bank Balances –			Fundraising Account	£12,369.65		Expenses Account	£35,334.55		Environmental Account	£3,531.00		TOTAL	£51,235.20			
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<p>RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid and the bank balance, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and payment and receipt lists are approved.</p>																																												
<p>The school is to be asked to repair the broken Christmas tree plug.</p>																																												
<p>23/24/116 Clerk’s Report including Correspondence.</p>																																												
<p>No reports.</p>																																												

23/24/117 Events.		
Events will be taken to the next meeting. Mick Rogers and Dave Judge are to be thanked for their involvement in the Christmas Light Switch on.		
23/24/118 Visual Audits.		
There were no visual audits		
23/24/119 Pump Track. Subject already covered		
23/24/120 Date of next meeting.		
Date of the next meeting Monday 12 th February 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.		

Police Report January 2024

7 x Assaults

3 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.**

3 x Criminal Damage

30 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!**

0 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**

5 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 Anti Social Behaviour \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)**

1 x Public Orde

12 x Road Related Offence

4 x Theft

4 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

Hapton with Park Ward