



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 10th July 2023

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), County Councillor Alan Hosker, Borough Councillors Joanne Broughton and Jamie McGowan.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Everyone.

	Action	By
23/24/042 Apology for absence and reasons given.		
All Councillors were present.		
23/24/043 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
Councillor Shirley Young declared an interest in Allotments.		
23/24/044 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 in advance.		
There was no Police Report.		
County Councillor Alan Hosker has a meeting pending with the Cabinet Member for Highways. British Gas are still working on Mill Hill Lane which		

<p>is delaying the resurfacing works. Double yellow lines are to be put on corners and more enforcement will be carried out. A meeting has been arranged with Parks about brightening up the park with more colour. Bushes are to be trimmed to provide a view over the top. The big stone at the entrance to the park is to be replaced with a flower bed. More trees are going to be planted and the area around the youth shelter will be tidied. Additional sand will be provided for the sand pit and it will be cleared out. It was noted that equipment for the sand pit had been promised but was never installed. Grass is not being cut to encourage wildlife. Trees are to be cut back and the dead trees will be removed. The brambles need removing and changes to dog signage has been ordered to state dogs on leads on pathway only. A gate with no dog signs was promised but never provided. Motorbikes are still getting through the new hoops. The County Council felt that the Wind Farm fund should be spent in Hapton and not in Padiham.</p>	<p>Contact S. Goff re equipment</p>	<p>BC JB</p>
<p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that the Borough Council had set aside £15,000 to be split between Hapton and Worsthorne for Pump Tracks. Kieron Roberts secured Wind Farm Funding for Padiham. Additional Funding can be applied for from the National Lottery, sports England, National Bikers Association and Tesco. The Lancashire Environment Funds needs an expression of interest by Thursday. The £70,000 option is to be aimed for. Burnley Council are happy to transplant the flowers, including the orchids. The new Website is ready, the domain name needs to be transferred and training given on how to upload pages. The cost is £345 + VAT unless the site shows 'Brought by Wicks' then it is free. A meeting has been held with the new Community Beat Manager Anne Ingham about bikes up Hameldon and quad bikes are now getting bogged down and need rescuing by the farmer. The wedding venue information on Facebook was misleading as the certificate is for the drive only. Speeding on Manchester Road has been raised again and the Borough Councillor has had a generic email reply. The Borough is to be asked for funding towards a SpID to be sighted between Lindale and Ruskin Grove. Average speed cameras for the Top Road were also suggested, with a reduced speed limit consistent along the entire road. The Borough Council are spending £24,000 on a CO2 analysis of Council equipment and are looking at offering staff a 3-day office and 2-day home working option to save on emissions. Streetscene cleaned up after a recent party under the bridge and are considering putting in a fence to prevent future parties, though this would close the pathway. Highways England, the Borough and County are looking into the issue. Hapton now has an additional Police Officer. It was noted that the new development applications states there is a bus service, which is not true as the No. 9 bus has been put down to 2 runs a day. Jamie will draft a letter. It was suggested that the Valley Gardens noticeboard doesn't get updated and it has a rotten leg which has sharp edges. The school white railings are also rotten and the school is to be contacted. The Hameldon Bin has still not been replaced and was supposed to have been done in May.</p>	<p>Free version agreed</p> <p>Letter</p>	
<p>23/24/045 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p>		
<p>23/24/046 Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2023.</p>		

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 12th June 2023 are approved as a correct record.		
23/24/047 Matters Outstanding as listed.		
The website was covered earlier, 2 cenotaph quotes for £4,800 and £3,850 were tabled, the garden also needs tidying. The Wind Farm are to be advised that the chairs have no 'fire retardant' tags and are approximately 20 years old. The tags were picked up by the fire officers. The Nuisance Bike signs still need to be provided. RESOLVED: That the Cenotaph quote for £3,850 is approved.		
23/24/048 Updates.		
There were no further updates.		
23/24/049 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
The PAT Tests have been booked for the 19 th July at 1:00pm and there has been a request to open the Community Room for toilets at the Sports Day	Open Community Room	CD & SY
Community Centre.		
There was no further update.		
23/24/050 Lengthsman.		
The agreed jobs included weeding of the Cenotaph, removing brambles around the football pitch, clearing Bridgefield Street path and cut tress back. 2 days grass cutting are also approved and strimming between Allotment Plots B & C are to be carried out from the Allotment Maintenance budget.		
23/24/051 Allotments.		
All rents have now been paid, row D has a broken gate that needs repairing and the rotten fence3 posts on plot C1 are to be replaced. Plot C10 have been notified to remove the rubbish on the plot and a further letter is to be sent.	Letter	Clerk
23/24/052 Planning.		
VAR/2023/0369 - Variation of condition no.2 of FUL/2019/0552 to vary the design and layout of Plots 8 and 9. Hapton Boatyard Simpson Street Hapton There were no objections.		

23/24/053 Finances.				
The following invoices were tabled.			Bills for payment:	
Expenditure				
1. Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid	£255.92	S/O Paid		
2. Bank Charges	£19.80	Direct Debit		
3. Lengthsman Labour	£517.50	100803		
4. HMRC	£63.98	100804		
5. Guardian Angel Audits	£200.00	100805		
6. Zurich Insurance	£252.00	100806		
7. HMRC Tax Overpayment	£390.55	100807		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.				
Income				
1. HMRC VTR	£390.55			
Bank Balances –	Fundraising Account	£12,374.65		
	Expenses Account	£41,701.47		
	Environmental Account	£3,556.00		
	TOTAL	£57,632.12		
23/24/054 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.				
No correspondence.				
23/24/055 Events.				
The Bonfire Event will be on Saturday 4 th November and the Christmas Light Switch on will be Monday 4 th December at 7:00pm.			Contact Christine Poster	CD Clerk
23/24/056 Visual Audits.				
The baskets are looking really good but are spoilt by the weeds up Manchester Road, though these have been sprayed, the Lengthsman to also strim the weeds and do the fencing repairs on the Allotments.				
23/24/057 Pump Track.				
Already covered.				
23/24/058 Date of next meeting.				
Date of the next meeting will be Monday 11 th September 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.				