



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 12th June 2023

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

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

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Councillors and especially welcomed Councillor Shirley Young to her first meeting as a Councillor.

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| 23/24/025 Apology for absence and reasons given. | | |
| County Councillor Alan Hosker and Borough Councillor Joanne Broughton sent apologies. | | |
| 23/24/026 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct. | | |
| There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest. | | |
| 23/24/027 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. | | |
| The Police had sent a report which is attached. Hapton has a new Police Officer Ann Ingham and PCSO Dan Longworth. There is still a problem with motorbikes and quads and it was suggested the Police stake out near the | | |

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| <p>Hapton Inn as riders drive through Hapton and head to Hameldon. Pictures and van registration numbers were requested for follow-up.</p> | | |
| <p>Councillor McGowan provided a Borough and County Councillor report. A number of blocked gullies have been cleared, though Hameldon Road has not been done. The pothole at Leigh Park has been fixed and the Council is considering a compulsory purchase order for a derelict property. There is already interest in the property from perspective buyers. Cars parking on Ruskin Avenue are blocking the dropped kerbs and 'H' bar marking are being considered with tactile pavements.</p> <p>The County Councillor has been out with the dog warden and 1 fine was issued. The Luncheon Club were awarded £900 for a Coronation event.</p> <p>The County Councillor is chasing the gas works on Mill Hill Lane as it can't be repaired until the works are completed. Nuisance Bike signs are to be provided similar to the ones at Castle Clough. The gate onto Polver Road needs a padlock and the wall at the bottom of Manchester Road is collapsing. The Wedding Venue application is still being considered.</p> <p>The ground is being prepared on Accrington Road for more industrial units as per the Local Plan, but the No. 9 bus does not run anymore as stated in the application.</p> <p>Details for the Pump Track were circulated, option 1 was for £47,400 with VAT and option 2 was for £70,000 plus VAT. It was agreed to pursue funding for option 2 and the Parish Council could contribute up to £34,000 towards this. Funding is to be sought from the Borough Council and the Wind Farm and negotiations are to take place with the contractor to reduce the price.</p> <p>An option for a new website was considered, costs would be 1 year at £158.00 and 2 years at £273.00. It was agreed to go with the 2 year option. The Pump Track Pictures are to be put on the website.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the 2 year website option is approved.</p> <p>Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report.</p> | <p>Signs</p> <p>Funding</p> | <p>BC JM</p> <p>BC JM</p> |
| <p>23/24/028 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</p> | | |
| <p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p> | | |
| <p>23/24/029 Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 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 9th May 2023 are approved as a correct record.</p> | | |
| <p>23/24/030 Matters Outstanding as listed.</p> | | |
| <p>The website was covered earlier, the wheelie bin has been removed and quotes have been requested for the Cenotaph, which needs cleaning. It was agreed to get decent chairs.</p> | | |

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| 23/24/031 Updates. | | |
| The Community center has been painted, just the woodwork that needs doing, but this has to wait for the nesting birds. | | |
| 23/24/032 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies. | | |
| No separate reports. | | |
| Community Centre. | | |
| Covered above | | |
| 23/24/033 Lengthsman. | | |
| The hedge on Carter Avenue is to be trimmed. Kings Way grass has been cut. The Borough have been out weedkilling but need to do it sooner so as not to leave dead weeds everywhere. The trees in the ginnel at the top of Bridgefield Street need trimming and hanging baskets are going up tomorrow. A 4-tier planter was suggested on the top road and opposite the Hapton Inn. | | |
| 23/24/034 Allotments. | | |
| All rents have now been paid, 2 did not pay the admin fee, which will be added to their next year's bill. There is 1 on the waiting list and the grass between plots B and C needs cutting. The fence replacement is on the jobs list. | | |
| 23/24/035 Planning. | | |
| HOU/2023/0308: Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, Sellars Fold Farm Bungalow Burnley Road Hapton There were no objections, but it was noted that there is a public footpath through the application. | | |
| 23/24/036 Finances. | | |
| The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment: | | |
| 10.1 Expenditure | | |
| 1. Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid | £255.92 | S/O Paid |
| 2. Bank Charges | £17.80 | Direct Debit |
| 3. Lengthsman Labour | £1,237.43 | 100801 |
| 4. HMRC | £63.98 | 100802 |
| Resolved: That the above bills are paid. | | |
| 10.2 Income | | |
| 10.2.1 Allotments | | £215.00 |
| Fundraising Account | | £12,379.65 |
| Expenses Account | | £42,953.05 |
| Environmental Account | | £3,561.00 |
| TOTAL | | £58,893.70 |

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| RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts are approved. | | |
| The Internal Audit Report was considered. | | |
| RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Report is approved. | | |
| The Annual Governance Statement and Annual Return were considered. | | |
| RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Return are approved. | | |
| 23/24/037 Clerk's Report including Correspondence. | | |
| No correspondence. | | |
| 23/24/038 Events. | | |
| The Bonfire Event will be on Saturday 4 th November. | | |
| 23/24/039 Visual Audits. | | |
| The Misty Halgh Farm pothole has been filled. | | |
| 23/24/040 Pump Track. | | |
| Already covered. | | |
| 23/24/041 Date of next meeting. | | |
| Date of the next meeting will be Monday 10 th July 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove. | | |

May Report

Hello everyone,

As we go into June, I thought I would pass some of the statistics for May 2023 for Hapton with Park Ward,

9 x Assault

6 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.**

4 x Criminal Damage

24 x Highway Disruption

These tend to be broken down cars or sheep in the road.

1 x Hoax Call to the Emergency Service

20 x Nuisance

The majority of these are ASB related. We are aware of these issues and are actively engaging with youths and other partner agencies to reduce these issues. We are actively trying to tackle the issue of ASB bikes in the area. We rely on reports from members of the public so we can identify the people riding them.

1 x Other Crime

In this case, it was flytipping!

4 x Public Order

24 x Road Related Offence

The majority of these are related to the junctions on the M65, i.e. speeding

2 x Theft

1 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.

Kind regards

PCSO 7065 Dan Longworth

Burnley Neighbourhood Policing Team

Hapton with Park Ward