



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 8th March 2021

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

Others: Inspector Pemberton, County Councillor Hosker, Borough Councillor Gill, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and Steve Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	By
20/21/090 Apology for absence and reasons given		
There were no apologies for absence.		
20/21/091 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
20/21/092 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
There was no public present. A written question regarding litter had received a response.		

<p>Inspector Damian Pemberton was welcomed to the meeting. He was happy to respond to questions and asked what the priority issues were. He explained that PCSO David Bailey was off work at the moment. It was reported that off-road bikers were the main problem riding on the roads, as well as on the moor, up Hameldon and in the woods. The Inspector outlined that there were few official reports to the Police, though they were aware of the issue via social media. Councillor Lakeland had sent three reports to PCSO Bailey, but these had been missed in his absence and would be checked. The Inspector agreed to provide contact details for officers in Hapton.</p> <p>CASTLE Clough has also been torn up by bikers. The Inspector suggested a list of land owners is collated and a meeting arranged with them regarding the problems to reach a long-term solution. There will be work over the next few weeks regarding off-road bikes and it was noted that they were accessing the fields by riding the bikes on the roads as well.</p> <p>The following were thought to be the landowners, though County Councillor Alan Hosker would check: Hameldon Woods is Lancashire County Council; The Moors is United Utilities; and Castle Clough is the Parish Councils.</p> <p>Vehicle registrations numbers have been sent to Sergeant Grey and the Inspector will check on these. Once land owners are identified, pressure can be applied to get them to be part of a solution.</p> <p>A drone was suggested, however there is only 1 drone in Preston that is available across the whole County. There had been 2 reports of bike since the 1st January. The Council could make off road bikes a campaign and use its own social media to gather evidence, this would have the full support of the Police.</p> <p>Inspector Pemberton was thanked for his attendance and report and he left the meeting.</p>	<p>Landowner</p>	<p>CC AH</p>
<p>County Councillor Alan Hosker stated there was little to report, the fire on the lamppost was due to a faulty box that needed replacing. The report of littering on the highways will be done by the end of the month and the dog bin on Wordsworth Street is hanging on by one 1 metal strap. The bin at the entrance to the canal is unpleasant for people at the bus stop, though there is an alternative across the road. The County were thanked for the repairs to Ruskin Grove.</p> <p>An explanation of what improvements have actually been made to Accrington Road was sought. The work is due for completion at the end of the month when the question can be asked. An officer is to be invited to the May meeting for an explanation.</p> <p>The large pot-hole on Green Lane is to be sorted. There is a large dent in the road at the Junction 9 roundabout which is to be reported and the Councillor was thanked for sorting the dog bin on Hameldon Hill. A litter bin was asked for on the car park at the end of Carter Street, though the existing bin could be changed for a large black bin, this wouldn't help with litter thrown from cars on the car park.</p>	<p>Invite</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>The privet has been cut at the entrance to the play area to make the signs more visible, but the cuttings have been dumped in the peace garden. The dying tree on Church street is to be removed and new signs have been ordered for the play area. County Councillor Hosker was thanked for his report and he left the meeting.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Peter Gill reported that the litter issue had been covered, though organised litter picks could be a Council campaign and he would help and arrange for all rubbish to be removed. Mill Hill Lane is still causing problems. Councillor Gill was thanked for his report and he left the meeting.</p>		
<p>20/21/093 The meeting was formally re-convened for business</p>		
<p>20/21/094 Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 8th February 2021.</p>		
<p>The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. With a correction to the spelling of Councillor Fowke's name, the minutes were approved.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on the 8th February 2021 are approved as a correct record and will be signed at the next physical Council meeting.</p>		
<p>20/21/095 Matter Outstanding as listed</p>		
<p>The Trail cameras are no longer available from Lidl, it was suggested 2 cameras, SD cards and rechargeable batteries with chargers are bought. One could be installed at the entrance to the woods and one up Hameldon. A request to rent the Community Building has been withdrawn and the laptop has been put on-hold due to a national shortage putting prices up.</p> <p>The path across Brett's field needs doing as the pathway is unusable and the Community Centre path is due to start next week.</p>	<p>Cameras</p> <p>Contact Brett</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>RESOLVED: That 2 Cameras, SD Cards, rechargeable batteries and charger are bought at a cost of approximately £250.</p>		
<p>20/21/096 Updates</p>		
<p>Update on Events</p>		
<p>There were no updates.</p>		
<p>20/21/097 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies</p>		
<p>Community Centre</p>		
<p>The painting is due to start.</p>		

20/21/098 Lengthsman																																		
It was agreed to get a couple of magnetic sign for the Lengthsman's vehicle saying Hapton Parish Council Lengthsman.	Signs	MG																																
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One tenant has given notice and there are 5 on the waiting list. The tenant leaving has left a tidy plot and will have her deposit returned in full. A large privet hedge needs cutting back and an untidy plot with a dumped settee is to receive a tidy up letter or be terminated.	Letter	Clerk																																
20/21/099 Planning																																		
The following applications were considered: HOU/2021/0035 – Proposed adaptations, demolition of garage and side extension to form bedroom and en-suite, 14 Valley Gardens. There were no comments if the neighbours don't object. A house on Accrington Road is amassing a large number of cars again and this is to be reported to Planning.																																		
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The Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliations payments and receipts were noted. The Bank balances were also noted.																																		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid and the monitoring reports are noted.																																		

20/21/101 Clerk's Report including Correspondence		
The Clerk's report was noted. A Windfarm application was suggested for a new bridge in the woods over the stream and a quote is to be provided.	Quote	TB
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.		
20/21/102 Visual Audits		
Visual audits were raised earlier in the meeting. A toilet has been dumped on the right hand side of Mill Hill Lane.		
20/21/0103 Date of next meeting		
Date of the next meeting Monday 12 th April 2021 at 7:00pm.		