



## Hapton Parish Council Meeting

### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan and two residents.

#### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Councillors and residents.

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<b>22/23/138 Apology for absence and reasons given.</b>		
There were no apologies for absence.		
<b>22/23/139 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.</b>		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
<b>22/23/140 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.</b>		
There were no public questions in advance.		
A member of the public advised that one tree has been removed from her allotment and 1 is to be taken down. She also noted that the Council website is not working. There has been an issue with the website and a potential cost, therefore the site has moved to:		

<a href="http://hapton-parish-council.weebly.com/">http://hapton-parish-council.weebly.com/</a>		
It was agreed to investigate a new website provider.	<b>Website</b>	<b>BC JMc</b>
The Police had not sent a report this month.		
The County Councillor had not sent a report this month.		
<p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that the River Trust will check the rubbish and have it removed but that this may need a boat. Rural bin collections were discussed, the Borough Council will not take a bin if the lid does not close. Currently the use of bags provides a greater waste volume than a wheelie bin. The overflowing bins in the village have all been emptied, however they were being mis-used for things that should not have been put in them, such as household waste. An abandoned wheelie bin that is missing its lid needs to be removed.</p> <p>The Full Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February set the 2023 Budget. An amended Budget was put forward that allowed for a Council Tax freeze, but this was out-voted.</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner has made community grants available from the proceeds of crimes and documentation was provided. The grants are to tackle anti-social behaviour and speeding vehicles. An application could be submitted for the Pump Track.</p> <p>A £10,000 grant pot has been set up for Coronation events and an application could be submitted.</p> <p>Councillors McGowan was thanked for his reports.</p>	<b>Abandoned bin</b>	<b>BC JMc</b>
<b>22/23/141 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</b>		
<b>22/23/142 Minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b>		
The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.		
<b>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 are approved as a correct record.</b>		
<b>22/23/143 Matters Outstanding as listed.</b>		
There was no update on the Pump Track		
<b>22/23/144 Updates.</b>		
There were no updates.		
<b>22/23/145 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.</b>		
No separate reports.		

<b>Community Centre.</b>				
Michael has some days to reclaim and will use them to paint the Community Centre.				
<b>22/23/146 Lengthsman.</b>				
The path to the woods is to have a stronger fence and gate installed, metal bars are to be welded between the green hoops. Tim will meet with Michael to discuss.				
<b>22/23/147 Allotments.</b>				
There were no new applications and no vacancies at the present time. There are 2 on the waiting list and the 'old school plot' needs some fence posts replacing that are rotten. The Lengthsman is to be asked to do this from the Allotment budget. Rent letters are due and plot A3 has already paid.				
<b>22/23/148 Planning.</b>				
No applications had been received. The recycling plant has been causing excessive noise, however this was due to a one-off setting up and will stop once the site is built.				
<b>22/23/149 Finances.</b>				
The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment:				
<b>10.1 Expenditure</b>				
1. Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid		£255.92	S/O Paid	
2. Bank Charges		£15.00	DD	
3. Lengthsman Labour		£420.00	100779	
4. HMRC Total		£63.98	100780	
<b>Resolved: That the above bills are paid.</b>				
<b>10.2 Income</b>				
10.2.1 Allotments		£70.00		
Bank Balances –				
Fundraising Account		£12,394.65		
Expenses Account		£32,234.45		
Environmental Account		£3,776.40		
TOTAL		£48,405.50		
<b>RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts are approved.</b>				
<b>22/23/150 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.</b>				
No correspondence. The National Litter Picking Event is to be considered if volunteers are available.				
<b>22/23/151 Events.</b>				
Gazebos, tables and chairs are available for the King's Coronation celebration on Sunday the 7 <sup>th</sup> May. All rides and entertainment have been				

ordered, flags and bunting are to be sought. A DJ is to be asked and an alcohol license applied for. Prices for security are to be sought. <b>RESOLVED: That a Budget of £200 is approved for flags and bunting.</b>	<b>DJ TEMPS &amp; security Flags &amp; Bunting</b>	<b>TB Clerk  HF</b>
It was agreed that there would not be a summer event this year due to the Coronation. <b>RESOLVED: That the £2,000 Summer Event Budget is used for the Coronation Event.</b>		
<b>22/23/152 Visual Audits.</b>		
The drains blocked on the A679 have not been done and it was noted that the County Councillor had not been up to view the Hameldon drains.		
<b>22/23/153 Pump Track.</b>  Already covered.		
<b>22/23/154 Date of next meeting.</b>		
Date of the next meeting, it was noted that Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April was Easter Monday and a Bank holiday. Therefore, the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.		