



## Hapton Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Clerk).

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

<b>23/24/137 Apology for absence and reasons given.</b>		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Tim Birbeck. Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan also sent his apologies.		
<b>23/24/138 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.</b>		
Councillors Carol Downham and Shirley Young declared an interest in their allotments.		
<b>23/24/139 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.		
There was no Police report.		

There was no County or Borough Council report.		
<b>23/24/140 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</b>		
<b>23/24/141 Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are approved as a correct record.</b>		
<b>23/24/142 Matters Outstanding as listed.</b>		
<b>Website Provider</b> – This was moved to the next meeting.		
<b>Cenotaph Railing Quotes</b> – This is on-going.	SW	
<b>Chairs Windfarm Bid</b> – The bid has been approved.	SW	
<b>Nuisance Bike Signs</b> – This was moved to the next meeting.		
2 members of the public attended.		
<b>23/24/143 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>		
The residents have 2 small allotments which contain a large tree that is overshadowing a considerable part. The trees needs cutting back then the tenant will maintain it going forward.		
<b>RESOLVED: That the tenant would obtain 1 quote and the Council 2. The decision is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Full Council over email.</b>		
Dog fouling is still a problem on the allotments and it was suggested the trail camera is used to catch culprits.		
<b>23/24/144 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</b>		
<b>23/24/145 Updates.</b>		
There were no updates.		

<b>23/24/146 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.</b>																																
There were no reports. The football agreement is to be an agenda item at the next meeting.	Agenda	SW																														
<b>23/24/147 Lengthsman.</b>																																
The Lengthsman is off work recovering from an operation. A den has been built in the woods.																																
<b>23/24/148 Allotments.</b>																																
There are no new applications, 1 person is on the waiting list and those with untidy allotments are to receive a letter. A burning policy is to be devised and forwarded to the tenant having fires. A windfarm grant is to be applied for to construct a concrete path on the Recreation Ground near to the courts to the entrance to the children's play area.																																
<b>23/24/149 Planning Applications.</b>																																
Delegate responses to planning applications received with response date prior to the next meeting. There was 1 application.  1. <b>HOU/2024/0076</b> Rear balcony. 6 Simpsons Wharf Simpson Street Hapton  There were no comments.																																
<b>23/24/150 Finances.</b>																																
The following invoices were tabled.																																
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<b>RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid and the bank balance, budget monitoring, bank reconciliation and payment and receipt lists are approved.</b>																																
It was agreed that the Vice-Chair would get flowers for the Hapton Valley Memorial																																

<b>23/24/151 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.</b>		
The telegraph poles on Manchester Road were noted, however the Council has no powers to act.		
<b>23/24/152 Events.</b>		
The main event in 2024 will be the official opening of the Pump Track once a date is known.		
<b>23/24/153 Visual Audits.</b>		
The road was bad again with the weather.		
<b>23/24/154 Pump Track. Subject already covered</b>		
<b>23/24/155 Date of next meeting.</b>		
Date of the next meeting Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.		