



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 11th October 2021

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	By
21/22/085 Vacancy		
Applications packs have been sent and the closing date is Friday 15 th October.		
21/22/086 Apology for absence and reasons given		
There were no apologies submitted.		
21/22/087 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
21/22/088 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
Residents had attended with regards to a request to move a fence on land they rented from the Borough Council. The fence is next to a highway so		

cannot be higher than 1 meter tall. It was agreed not to object to the fence move so long as it is logged, photographed and measured and the agreement is with the home owner not the house.		
There was no Police Report. Councillors expressed disappointment that there was no written report sent.	Absence chased	TB
There was no County Council or Borough Council report. Councillors expressed disappointment that there was no written report sent and there had not been an attendance for numerous meetings.	Absence Chased	TB
21/22/089 The meeting was formally re-convened for business		
21/22/090 Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 13th September 2021.		
The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.		
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on the 13th September 2021 are approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.		
21/22/091 Matter Outstanding as listed		
The grass cutting schedule has not been provided.	Schedules	CC AH
The yellow lines and 30 mph signs are to be moved to the next meeting.	Yellow Lines & 30mph signs	CC AH
The previously agreed double yellow lines are to be provided by the end of the year.		
The Community Room painting quote was considered, but it was agreed it was too expensive and would not be accepted.		
Keys have been sourced for the school gate and cenotaph garden, the area has been strimmed and weed killed.		
Simon Goff has not responded. A membrane and chippings are to be laid at the Cenotaph and the Peace Garden is to be tidied. A tree planting ceremony has been scheduled for 10:30am on Sunday 24 th October. The hanging baskets weren't watered and died, future watering is to be checked.	Invite	Clerk
Brett has agreed for the bonfire event to go ahead again this year. The fireworks have been ordered, the price has increased to £2,100 plus VAT. Acewells will provide pallets and the event will be on Saturday 6 th November, the pizza man is willing to bring a food van.		
The school are to be checked if they need a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and St. Margaret's Church will do the service. Mick will play the Last Post, posters are to be provided.	Wreath Posters	TB Clerk
The Christmas Light Switch on will be on Monday 29 th November, Joan will contact the Brownies for a start time. Fireworks will be from Lance's backyard and posters are to be circulated.	Brownies Poster	JL Clerk

It was suggested that the Pump Track could be renovated and Simon Goff is to be invited to a meeting.														
21/22/092 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies														
Community Centre														
This was covered earlier.														
There is a process to save unregistered footpaths and information needs to be put on the website.														
21/22/093 Lengthsman														
This was covered earlier. The Lengthsman is to paint the Community Centre in November.														
21/22/094 Allotments														
A tenant is building a shed, a tenant who has been abroad due to covid has returned and paid 2 years rent. Another tenant has moved out of the Parish and will have her deposit refunded. A tenant who took over a plot in June but hasn't paid will be terminated. The trees need to be trimmed next year and it was agreed to remove 2 trees. Left over apple trees will be planted in the Peace Garden. £50 is being transferred to the Bonds account to bring it up to date.														
21/22/095 Planning														
TPO/2021/0452 – No Comments FUL/2021/0510 – to be objected to on the grounds it is on greenfield, it reduced the separation of the village from Accrington and it is not in the Local Plan.														
21/22/096 Finances														
The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:														
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The Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliations payments and receipts were considered.														

Resolved: That the above bills are paid and the monitoring reports are noted.		
21/22/097 Clerk's Report including Correspondence		
The Clerk's report was noted.		
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.		
The Bonfire and Christmas Light Switch On were considered earlier		
21/22/098 Visual Audits		
The fence outside the school and the railway are looking good as do the flowers on the railway.		
21/22/099 Date of next meeting		
Date of the next meeting Monday 8 th November 2021 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.		