



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 10th October 2022

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

Others: Jennifer Sutcliffe (Acting Clerk), Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan, Nick Sharples (Hapton Junior FC) plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Councillors and residents

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22/23/073 Apology for absence and reasons given		
There were no apologies for absence.		
22/23/074 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
22/23/075 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. A resident again requested the bank details to pay an allotment bill as she had mislaid them.		
A resident queried when the trees on the allotments would be cut and was advised that it would be done this winter. She also requested that this year's bonfire be built further away from residential gardens.		

The Police had not sent a report this month.		
Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that he had tried to ascertain a schedule for grass cutting but it was not forthcoming. He had been advised that the current timetable is to cut the grass every 10 days however, due to long term illness, there were only four grasscutters manning the whole of the Borough. He had raised the points that the Borough had recently recruited a Climate Change Officer and spent a substantial amount on Carbon Literacy Training and felt that more resources should be allocated to grass cutters. He also added that there was a cut back of actual cutting areas with large areas left to diversity/wildflowers. He was looking into any grant funding for trees and would look at The Woodland Trust. He would also be available to help with the building of the bonfire.		
Jamie was thanked for his report.		
22/23/076 The meeting was formally re-convened for business		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.		
22/23/077 Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2022.		
The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.		
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th September 2022 are approved as a correct record.		
22/23/078 Matters Outstanding as listed		
Hapton Juniors Football Club – A representative from the club attended and advised that a new agreement was required for the pitch only which they would sign for this season which would finish in May 2023. They will not be using the Community Room but will continue to cut the grass and the pitch. He stated they were looking to minimize disruption to parking for residents including asking the league to change the times of games to allow for more staggered arrivals. He stated they are doing what they can to monitor the situation. In response to an email he had received from the Parish Council he stated that in his opinion the club had never disrespected the facility and had not charged power tools. He also asked that it be minuted that should he or any volunteers hear any slanderous comments he would report this to the appropriate body and if the situation deteriorates, they will look at alternative facilities. He did stress that they do not wish to relocate and the Parish Council would not like to see that either. They will not be running the annual tournament this season. There are over 100 children registered with the club, they are expecting more teams to participate next season and are looking at funding initiatives. It was agreed that the two personal email addresses would be removed and that only the clubs email address will be used in future.		
Tim has provided the vents, they still need installing.		
The grass cutting schedule was discussed earlier in the meeting. Borough Councillor McGowan has some dog signs which he will display. There seems to be an ongoing problem with dog owners not picking up.		
The change of Bank is still ongoing. The Clerk to chase up.		

The railings are loose on the Cenotaph and it is still to be established who owns the land. According to LCC the land is on the same title as the school land. Councillor McGowan will deal with the matter and report back.		
22/23/079 Updates		
Borough Councillor McGowan advised that in respect of the recent fly tipping, a prosecution is going ahead. Councillor Birbeck will install cameras this weekend.		
22/23/080 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
No separate reports.		
Community Centre		
The lengthsman has already been asked to replace rotting wood and paint before winter.		TB
22/23/081 Lengthsman		
Hedges are being trimmed.		
22/23/082 Allotments		
There were no new applications and there had been one query regarding weeds.		
22/23/083 Planning		
LCC/2022/0050 Construction of three additional waste processing/storage buildings and an office building at the Hapton Valley Estate, Burnley, Lancashire. Location: Hapton Valley Transfer Station, Hapton Valley Estate Accrington Road, Hapton, Burnley		
Members discussed the application and providing no objections are received from Hapton Valley, they have no objections.		
FUL/2022/0539 External and building mounted lighting for the approved 4-bedroom, single storey, eco-home (details required by Condition 10 of FUL/2021/0384). 65 Burnley Road, Hapton, Lancashire		
Members discussed the application and raised no objections.		
22/23/084 Finances		
The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment:		
<p>Expenditure</p> <p>10.1 Expenditure</p> <p>10.1.1 Clerks Salary (Standing Order) Paid £216.13 S/O Paid</p> <p>10.1.2 Bank Charges £15.40</p> <p>10.1.3 Lengthsman (September) £460.00 100761</p> <p>10.1.4 HMRC £57.29 100762</p>		

10.1.5 Blakeys Locks	£173.40	100767		
10.1.6 C Downham - Kitchen Keys	£27.00	100764		
10.1.7 UK Test – PAT Testing	£81.00	100765		
10.1.8 J Sutcliffe – Clerk Cover	£60.00	100766		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.				
10.2 Income				
10.2.1 LALC Refund			£54.00	
Bank Balances –	Fundraising Account		£12,419.65	
	Expenses Account		£36,443.93	
	Environmental Account		£3801.40	
	TOTAL		£52664.98	
RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts are approved				
22/23/085 Clerk’s Report including Correspondence				
No correspondence.				
22/23/086 Events				
The next event is the bonfire which will be on Saturday 5 th November. As a resident has requested that it be moved away from residential gardens, Councillor Birbeck will speak to the farmer that owns the field to see if this can be done. The Christmas lights switch on will be the 5 th December with Rainbows and Brownies attending. The switch on will be at 6.45pm.				
22/23/087 Visual Audits				
There was a street light out on Hambledon Road. The grate outside 18 Lane Ends is blocked and one of the overgrown/blocked drains does not appear on the LCC grid to be reported. There is also a pot hole on Manchester Road, 30 metres up from Ruskin Grove. Councillors had met with a representative from Burnley Borough Council regarding the pump track and surrounding benches but have not had any contact since then. Borough Councillor McGowan will check and report back.				
22/23/088 Date of next meeting				
Date of the next meeting Monday 14 th November 2022 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.				