



## Hapton Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Joanne Broughton and Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman).

### Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham welcomed Councillors.

<b>23/24/070 Apology for absence and reasons given.</b>		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Tim Birbeck who was working and Annemarie Differ who was away. Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan also sent his apologies.		
<b>23/24/071 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.</b>		
Councillor Young declared an interest in the Allotments.		
<b>23/24/072 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 members of public present.		
The Police written report is attached. Quad bikes are still a problem.		

There was no County Council report.		
Borough Councillor Joanne Broughton reported that access was now available for the new website but a domain name take over is needed. The signs have been requested. The LEF bid looks promising, with a result expected by December and the Police believe the bike problem has reduced. A severe dip in a road was mentioned but LCC will only repair if it is an adopted highway. There was no update on the No. 9 bus and Brett has requested help with a pathway through his field, he also wants to install a 'kiss-gate' onto the exit with Lindale Road.		
Borough Councillor Broughton was thanked for her report.		
<b>23/24/073 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</b>		
<b>23/24/074 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</b>		
The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that the Christmas Light Switch on date should say Monday not Saturday.		
<b>RESOLVED: That, with the above amendment, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 are approved as a correct record.</b>		
<b>23/24/075 Matters Outstanding as listed.</b>		
<b>Website Provider</b> – This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
<b>Cenotaph Railing Quotes</b> – to be taken to the next meeting.		S W
<b>Chairs Windfarm Bid</b> – The Clerk is to apply for funding from the Windmill Fund after the cenotaph bid.		S W
<b>Nuisance Bike Signs</b> – This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
<b>Lancashire Environment Fund Application</b> - This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
<b>23/24/076 Updates.</b>		
There were no updates.		
<b>23/24/077 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.</b>		
There were no updates.		
<b>23/24/078 Lengthsman.</b>		
Hedges and trees are to be trimmed. A letter has been received about grass cutting on Kingsway and will be circulated. A dead tree needs to be checked and tree branches on Bridgefield Street.		

<b>23/24/079 Allotments.</b>					
There is 1 vacancy and 1 on the waiting list but wants to keep chickens so isn't taking it. There are no new applications.					
<b>23/24/080 Planning Applications.</b>					
Delegate responses to planning applications received with response date prior to the next meeting.					
<b>HOU/2023/0557:</b> Single Storey Rear Extension. 28 Stone Moor Bottom St Johns Road Padiham					
<b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections or observations were made.					
<b>23/24/081 Finances.</b>					
The following invoices were tabled.		Bills for payment:			
<b>10.1 Expenditure.</b>					
10.1.1	Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid	£255.92	S/O Paid		
10.1.2	Bank Charges	£tbc	Direct Debit		
10.1.3	Lengthsman Labour	£345.00	100811		
10.1.4	HMRC	£63.98	100812		
10.1.5	B. Stott	£270.00	100813		
<b>RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid.</b>					
Bank Balances were not available					
<b>23/24/082 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.</b>					
No reports.					
<b>23/24/083 Events.</b>					
The price for the fireworks has increased by £50.00.					
<b>23/24/084 Visual Audits.</b>					
The exit for the by-pass is still flooding.				S	W
<b>23/24/085 Pump Track.</b> Subject already covered					
<b>23/24/086 Date of next meeting.</b>					
Date of the next meeting Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.					

**RESOLVED: That in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.**

The Scribe Accounts and Allotment packages were considered and it was felt they were expensive. The Chair is to be consulted.

Morning everyone!

Here are the monthly stats for Hapton with Park for the month of September, 2023

14 x Assaults

4 x Burglary

· **Remember to be proactive in securing your premises:**

**Don't leave valuables on display. Make sure to leave windows and doors locked at night. RING doorbells / CCTV is a great deterrent and helps us to catch perpetrators.**

3 x Criminal Damage

25 x Highway Disruption

· **These tend to be broken down cars or sheep in the road - many of these are related to the M65 and are not necessarily a reflection of road conditions in Hapton neighbourhoods!**

· **We are aware there are temporary traffic lights due to roadworks in the Lancaster Drive area - malfunctioning traffic lights have caused a couple of these incidents, however that problem is now resolved :)**

6 x Hoax Call to the Emergency Service

· **Sometimes these are legitimate accidents - pocket dials. However, please do not call 999 unless an emergency - hoax 999 calls can take emergency service resources away from someone otherwise genuinely in need**

15 x Nuisance

· **The majority of these are ASB related / ASB bike related.**

· **OP Centurion is the current force-wide operation which aims to take a firm stance on antisocial behaviour. After we raised Padiham and Hapton as a priority, these areas have been selected to receive resources to help tackle ongoing issues. - [Lancashire Tackling Anti Social Behaviour \(lancashire-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)**

3 x Public Order

10 x Road Related Offence

6 x Theft

1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

· **Make sure to leave your car locked, in a well lit location if possible and with all valuables removed from the car. If using a bike, please leave in a secure location with a bike lock**

As a final note - sometimes these numbers go up and down from previous months.

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I appreciate that when they go up it can seem scary - but there is a wide variety of factors which can affect these figures, including how things are reported. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure Hapton with Park, and the wider area of Burnley and Padiham, is a safe and pleasant place for everyone to live

Kindest regards,  
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