



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 12th September 2022

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), County Councillor Alan Hosker, Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan plus 3 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham welcomed everyone and asked everyone to stand for a minute's silence in remembrance of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

	Action	By
22/23/057 Apology for absence and reasons given		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Tim Birbeck who was away.		
RESOLVED: That the apologies submitted and reasons given are approved.		
22/23/058 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		
22/23/059 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		

<p>There were no Public Questions in advance. A resident requested the Bank details to pay an allotment bill.</p>		
<p>The Police had sent a report that is attached. The Pump Track is to be chased and kids have vandalized a bench. Councillor were disappointed at no Police presence again so questions could not be put to the Police.</p>		
<p>County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that the landowners on the top road have been contacted about cutting the hedges back, Blythe's chemicals have agreed to do their stretch. The road markings on Whitefield Street are to be repainted and there has been a prosecution on Mill Hill Lane for fly-tipping.</p> <p>It was reported that the Hameldon Road grate is blocked, although 4 outside the school have been cleared. It was suggested that drones are used to catch illegal motorbikes and Burns Street drains have been partially cleared, they were blocked with a sticky substance. The new bin up Hameldon has been on the list to be done for over 3 years.</p> <p>Alan was thanked for his report.</p>		
<p>Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that a number of events have happened following the sad passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Books of Condolences have been placed in the Churches.</p> <p>Councillor Hosker declared an interest in Planning matters and left the meeting.</p> <p>A Planning application had been submitted for a new shop frontage, but this had been rejected previously. The Borough Council had objected to the Waste Transfer site application but this was approved by Lancashire County Council and will be monitored going forward. It was noted it was to be used to separate non-food waste only, so any concerns about smell should be alleviated.</p> <p>Councillor Hosker returned to the meeting.</p> <p>Some new bins have been installed but need labelling up as being for multiple use. Hapton has a perception that it is ignored by Burnley Council and a web survey has been set up to get resident feedback. It was suggested this is promoted in Hapton with a link on our website.</p> <p>The Hapton Garden Street sign is deteriorating and is about to fall over and it was confirmed that the weedkiller used on the recreation ground is the same as has been used before for many years and would not cause irritation to pets. The school railway project is to be followed up.</p> <p>Jamie was thanked for his report.</p>		
<p>22/23/060 The meeting was formally re-convened for business</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.</p>		
<p>County Councillor Alan Hosker left the meeting.</p>		

22/23/061 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 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 11th July 2022 are approved as a correct record.		
22/23/062 Matter Outstanding as listed		
The grass cutting schedule has still not been provided. The football club agreement has not been returned and they have given the key back for the Community Room. It was suggested they might be relocating to Daneshouse. Whilst there is not a problem with them using the pitches, they are being disrespectful in the Community Room, leaving it dirty and charging large batteries on the chairs. They are still cutting the pitch.	Grass cutting	BC KMc
Tim has provided the vents, they just need installing.	Vents	TB
The bank is to be chased up.	Bank	Clerk
The railings are loose on the Cenotaph.	cenotaph	CC AH
22/23/063 Updates		
There were no further updates		
22/23/064 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
Community Centre		
It was suggested that the locks are changed for security locks that cannot have the keys cut without the Council's permission.		
Resolved: That the Community Centre locks are replaced with a security lock and 7 keys are to be provided.		
22/23/065 Lengthsman		
Hedges are being trimmed, it was agreed to leave them tall and just take the tops off. A dying tree is to be removed and replaced and any available tree schemes will be checked.		
22/23/066 Allotments		
There were no new applications and no one on the waiting list.		
22/23/067 Planning		
There were no Planning Applications.		

22/23/068 Finances				
The following invoices were tabled.			Bills for payment:	
1.1 Expenditure				
1.	Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid	£216.13	S/O Paid	
2.	Bank Charges	£17.00		
3.	Lengthsman August	£345.00	100756 Paid	
4.	HMRC	£57.29	100757	
5.	Lengthsman September	£478.00	100758	
6.	C. Downham Kitchen equipment	£64.90	100759	
7.	P3 Computers software	£115.06	100760	
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.				
1.1 Income				
	Bank Balances –	Fundraising Account	£12,424.65	
		Expenses Account	£37,339.75	
		Environmental Account	£3806.40	
		TOTAL	£53,570.80	
RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payment and receipts are approved				
22/23/069 Clerk's Report including Correspondence				
The Clerk's report was noted.				
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.				
22/23/070 Events				
The next event is the bonfire which will be on Saturday 5 th November, then it's Remembrance Sunday on the 13 th November and the Christmas light Switch On. Three wreaths are to be ordered for Remembrance Sunday and the date for the Christmas Light Switch on will be agreed with the Brownies.				
22/23/071 Visual Audits				
It was agreed to get 7 oak trees for the Peace Garden and a plaque as a Queen Elizabeth II memorial.				
It was agreed that the Council would provide hanging baskets next year to be planted and watered by the Lengthsman.				
The Pump Track was covered earlier				
22/23/056 Date of next meeting				
Date of the next meeting Monday 10 th October 2022 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.				

Padiham Town Council Meeting

September 2022

CRIME	July 2022	August 2022
Assault	20	18
Burglary	1	5
Criminal Damage	8	8
Drug Offences	0	1
Nuisance	19	36
Public Order	6	8
Theft	9	10

Over the last month we have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour which was to be expected given it was the school holidays. The anticipation was that the figures would be much higher, so we are pleased with having only 36 instances of ASB.

Motorcycle nuisance is still a priority with a large number of the ASB calls relating to this. We still need the local community to provide us with information and Intel so that we can combat this.

Speeding has been reported at various locations across Padiham. We are working towards holding some "days of action" in relation to this. We will update you with the results once we have carried out the events.

Bicycle marking. We recently held an event on Boyes car park and marked bicycles with tamper proof stickers. These stickers allow us to re-unite stolen bikes with their owners. This was well received and we will be looking at similar events in the near future.

One incident of note which created some community interest was that of a male masturbating at Tesco. I am pleased to say that this person has now been charged and summonsed to court.

I have been made aware of drug use and possible dealing around the Beech Street area of Padiham. I am working with the housing authority to combat this and should there be concerns then please can any query be directed towards myself.

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