



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 11th September 2023

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

Others: Jennifer Sutcliffe (Acting Clerk), Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan, Borough Councillor Joanne Broughton, and six residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck welcomed Councillors and residents.

23/24/053 Apology for absence and reasons given.		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Michael Greenwood, Lengthsman and Councillor Alan Hosker.		
23/24/054 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
Councillor Young declared an interest in the Allotments.		
23/24/055 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
Several residents from Valley Gardens attended the meeting and expressed concern that they did not feel part of the Community as there is no bus service. The regular bus had been withdrawn during Covid and had not been reinstated. It was particularly difficult for residents and the disabled to take a bus as the nearest available stop was Rosegrove but that meant negotiating a busy road with no pavement. Borough Councillor McGowan advised residents		

that he had been campaigning for the return of the bus for some time. The nearby site designated in the Local Plan for industrial use, would bring some Section 106 monies to create better transport links.

A planning application, **LCC/2023/0024** had been submitted for the construction and operation of an embedded waste fuel gasification and combined heat and power generation facility, utilising densified waste derived fuels at Hapton Valley Transfer Station, Hapton Valley Estate, Accrington Road, Burnley. He advised that a waste transfer station was already operational on the site and he had been lobbying LCC for some of the Section 106 monies to be spent on reinstating the bus service. The application should be decided around October 2023. Residents expressed concerns that black ash particles settled on windowsills daily and were concerned about breathing in the particles. They also had objections to being named as "Sensitive Human Receptors" in communication from the company. Filtration systems had been installed at the site and when in use, worked well. Concern was expressed that these filters had now been switched off and the problems were reoccurring.

The site policy is that wagons do to enter the site before 7am and residents advised members that by 7.10am, it was a regular occurrence for a convoy of 16 queuing wagons, waiting to enter the site, with their engines running, polluting the atmosphere.

The Parish Council were encouraged to request an Air Quality Report and to submit objections based on public health concerns. Councillor McGowan also encouraged residents to attend the meeting when it goes before the Committee.

Residents also expressed concern about the lack of a grit bin at the entrance to Valley Gardens and the rubbish left in long grass at the entrance. Councillor McGowan had asked LCC to cut and clean up the area. The Parish Council confirmed that they would ask the Lengthsman to add it to his list of regular work. Residents were also encouraged to report such issues to LCC via the Lovecleanstreets App.

It was also highlighted that not all residents have use of the internet and that the meeting agendas should be added to the notice board.

Councillor McGowan completed his report and reported problems with bikers around Pollard Moor and advised members that police had seized three bikes, two quads and a van.

A wall on the canal had collapsed and ownership had not been determined. The issue was currently with LCC.

He had no update on the wedding venue planning application at Manley House.

The new Parish Council website was ready to be launched and should go live shortly.

In respect of the Pump Track, Lancashire Environmental Fund had given permission for the first phase and an application could now be submitted in the sum of £40,000.00, in addition to the £7000.00 from Burnley Borough Council. He would be submitting this by Thursday this week and was hopeful of a decision by December. It was suggested that an application was made by the Clerk to the Windmill Fund for further funding.

Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report and left the meeting together with Councillor Broughton.

<p>The Police had submitted written reports. They updated members on Operation Centurion which was launched in July 2023. This initiative gives Padiham and Hapton more police resources for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>They are working with partner agencies and Councillors to put in place kissing gates, fences etc, with the aim of frustrating the bike riders, making them dismount.</p> <p>The July crime statistics for Hapton were:</p> <p>16 Assaults, 3 Burglaries, 1 Criminal Damage, 24 Highway Disruption (Broken down cars/sheep in road), 2 Hoax Calls to the Emergency Services, 11 Nuisance, mainly Anti Social Behaviour, 5 Public Order Offences, 12 Road Related Offences, i.e. Speeding, 5 Thefts and 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle.</p> <p>There was no County Councillor present.</p>		
23/24/056 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.		
23/24/057 Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2023.		
The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. They were not available for signing but would be signed at the next meeting.		
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th July 2023 are approved as a correct record.		
23/24/058 Matters Outstanding as listed.		
Website Provider – This subject had already been discussed earlier.		
Cenotaph Railing Quotes – The Clerk is to apply for funding from the Windmill Fund.	S	W
Chairs Windfarm Bid – The Clerk is to apply for funding from the Windmill Fund.	S	W
Nuisance Bike Signs – Councillor Jamie McGowan is to provide the signs.	J	M c
Lancashire Environment Fund Application - Councillor Jamie McGowan had completed the application.		
23/24/059 Updates.		
There were no updates.		
23/24/060 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
The Community Centre PAT testing had been carried out and an invoice for £79.38 was submitted and approved.		

23/24/061 Lengthsman.		
Valley Gardens would be added to the regular schedule.		
23/24/062 Allotments.		
Trees in the allotments would be cut in the Winter.		
23/24/063 Planning Applications.		
Delegate responses to planning applications received with response date prior to the next meeting.		
REM/2023/0465 - Application for approval of reserved matters for the layout, appearance, scale and landscaping of proposed Unit 3, Unit 4 and Unit 5 for storage and distribution use (Class B8) (pursuant to outline planning permission VAR/2023/0150) Land at Accrington Road, Burnley.		
RESOLVED: No objections or observations were made.		
23/24/064 Finances.		
The following invoices were tabled. Bills for payment:		
10.1 Expenditure.		
10.1.1 Clerks Salary (Standing Order) Paid	£255.92	S/O Paid
10.1.2 Bank Charges	£16.20	DD
10.1.3 Lengthsman Labour	£517.50	100809
10.1.4 HMRC	£63.98	100810
RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid.		
10.2 Income.		
Bank Balances – Fundraising Account		£12,369.65
Expenses Account		£40,015.32
Environmental Account		£3,551.00
TOTAL		£55,935.97
10.3 Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations.		
10.4 Payments and Receipts Lists		
RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts are approved.		
23/24/065 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.		

