



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 9th September 2013

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair), Charlton, Dawson, Kayley and Lakeland.

Others: Borough Councillors Barker, County Councilor Marcus Johnson, PCSO Alex Catterall, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

13/14/060 Co-option onto the Parish Council

There was no further update on the vacancy.

13/14/061 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Parish Borough Councillors Jean Cunningham and Joanne Greenwood.

13/14/062 Declarations of Prejudicial Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of prejudicial interests.

13/14/063 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

A resident raised the issue of youths on Water Street and that the problems have improved. Also a strange vehicle has been witnessed at the end of the lane getting motorbikes out, there are half a dozen at a time, usually at weekends at Pollard Moor.

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This has been reported but the land is privately owned, the PCSO agreed to speak to the resident later

There was a recent incident of a 4x4 on Blythe's apparently looking for metal, it appears they may have cut the lock and drove into the area, the PCSO took details of the incident.

13/14/064 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

13/14/065 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th August 2013.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. The flowertubs should have referred to them not being planted rather than not delivered and the land taken should be referred to as being taken.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendments, the minutes of the Hapton Parish Council meeting on the 12th August 2013 are approved as a correct record.

The Hapton stone is looking tired and it was suggested that a wrought iron sign saying Hapton with the Hapton Shield could be provided, it was agreed to get a price for a future meeting.

The owner of Castle Clough Farm needs a letter telling them not to fence off the common land, the Public Rights of Way Officer at the County will be contacted and Councillors will visit and advise the owner.

13/14/066 Update on Website

The website has been updated, the little lodge at Miller Farm is being polluted and it was suggested that an article is put on the website advising residents.

13/14/067 Update on Recreation Ground

The tenders have been returned for the bowling green and will be sent to Viola who have contacted to say they are awaiting the tender documents, The Chair will confirm these have now been received.

13/14/068 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The Remembrance Day will be advertised as last year, the date is the 10th November at 9:45 and the service is being held at the Methodist Church. The Chair will contact the British Legion and arrange a wreath. The bugler will be contacted through the previous Clerk and the Chair will contact about road closures. The Guides and Brownies will be invited to attend.

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Numbers have declined at the Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings and these will be better publicised. There are issue of anti-social drinking on Fennyfold and problems with motorbikes on Hapton Moor. The animal feed shop has been broken into and there are reports of issues at the Hapton toilets, although these are now being locked on a daily basis. It was suggested that automatic toilets are considered. Any incidents within the toilets should be reported to the police.

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) reported that Councils are going to lose government funding and precepts may need to be considered. Funds are available from the County Council through the Parish Champion and the County Councillor has a local member's grant fund but this is not available to the Parish Council. The Borough Councillors also have a Ward Opportunities Fund. Cliviger Parish Council has used some of these to buy a solar powered Speed Indicator sign. The County is also going to carry out speed checks on Burnley Road and outside the school. The Chair will inform the resident that raised concerns.

The school is to be asked for a date for the Christmas Lights event and Burnley Football Cub will be asked to provide a player for the switch on. Carols will be sung outside and there will be refreshments at the school, it was agreed it would be a Monday night again. The Borough Council will be asked if an actual switch can be provided this year. The 2nd December was suggested as a possible date.

The Heritage Group is progressing well and has produced a guide to Hapton Village. A stall is to be provided at Party in the Park and at the Canal festival, it was agreed that the group will promote the Parish Council and will be covered under the Parish Council insurance. Information boards and surrounds have been provided for the events.

13/14/069 Finances

Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£ 133.00 plus £13.06 back pay for pay rise
HMRC Clerk Tax	£ 26.61 plus £3.26 back tax for pay rise
Internal Audit Invoice	£ 60.00

An Invoice from D Greenwood for heating repairs has been received and the Insurance renewal at £243.80 was agreed for payment.

A cheque has been received from Electricity North West for £22.56, last year's cheque is to be requested. An income of £260 has been received for the Allotments.

Resolved: That the above bills are paid and income noted.

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The budget monitoring report and bank statements were provided and agreed.

The Internal Audit report was circulated and the External Audit report has been submitted.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report is noted.

The following bank balances for July were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 3,460.47
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total** **£10,698.67**

RESOLVED: The bank balances are noted.

13/14/070 Planning Applications

LAB/APP/2013/0381 – Installation of 2 no wind turbines with a hub height of 32m and a height to blade tips of 47m with associated equipment – Old Barn Farm, off Accrington Road. The Parish Council has received concerns about the application from residents and the Parish Council will object on the grounds that it is too close to residential properties and will adversely impact on the medieval village. Councillor Lakeland will speak on the application.

13/14/071 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted, the Clerk provided a Freedom of Information Policy and a Financial Regulations Policy which were deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted and the Freedom of Information Policy and Financial Regulations are to be considered at the next meeting.

13/14/072 Visual Audits

The Bridge yard is going to be tidied. The Borough Council has been contacted to board p the area. There has not yet been a request to the Borough Council to buy the land for the car park.

The PACT meeting was advised that there have been problems with youths causing a noise nuisance in the area and residents are advised to contact the police if problems persist.

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There has been an accident on Simpson Street between 2 cars and a bus.

A discussion took place about the future of Manly House and if it would be used as a school, it was confirmed that the property could not be a school without the proper permissions and nothing had been applied for.

Southern Solicitors have advised that the request to sell land is not advised as the original vendors would need to give permission. The land is not currently registered and it was advised that the land should be, the deeds will be checked and registration is to be considered. A special meeting will be convened to discuss registration.

An update on the bye-law is needed.

13/14/073 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 14th October 2013 at 7:00pm at the Community Center, Ruskin Grove.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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