



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th October 2014

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

Others: Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood, County Councillor Marcus Johnson, S. Watson (Clerk) plus 2 resident.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck took the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

14/15/078 Co-option onto the Parish Council

The Chair pointed out that there were now 2 vacancies for the Parish Council. One vacancy is out to Notice for Election and cannot be filled until after the 30th October. A Mrs Carolann Downham has written to the Council expressing an interest in the vacant position that may be co-opted to.

RESOLVED: That Carolann Downham is co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Carolann was welcomed to the Council and asked to the table, she expressed that she preferred to be addressed as Carol.

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Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood expressed an interest in the recent vacant position.

14/15/079 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors Jonathan Barker and Jean Cunningham.

14/15/080 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

14/15/081 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

The Police were not in attendance so no report was provided.

A resident offered to tend to the tubs on the railway bridge and would provide the bulbs.

The County Councillor had no specific report.

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood reported that Councillor Cunningham was a member of the 3 Tier Forum and would forward any issues raised. Footpath repairs were suggested but it was noted that more strategic issues were expected. The canal bridge will be reported as an issue although work is on hold pending an inquest. The bridge belongs to British Waterways. The County Councilor has spoken to the Cabinet Member for Highways who advised that chicanes are now being removed in the Daneshouse area but was quite responsive to chicanes in Hapton at the bridge.

The Speed Indicator sign is being used, it was asked if the 20mph zone by the school could have lights and be active only when the lights show.

The bonfire event doesn't need to be registered and the food van has been booked, the school is to be contacted about providing a Guy as well as if they still require their allotment. It was suggested the school should pay for the allotment if it is not being used. Drinks will be provided in the Community Room if they are not provided on the food van. The field owner is to be asked for permission of use and Councillor Greenwood will sort out lights, barriers and bins. Banners will be used to advertise and the Burnley express, 2BR and Radio Lancashire are to be approached as well as an advert placed in the Herald. It was agreed to change the date to Saturday 8th November to allow for the set up, it will also be put in the school newsletter. The fireworks have been ordered and the Rotary will be approached for glow-sticks. Buckets will be provided for donations to next years fireworks. Councillor Dawson agreed to provide a PA System.

14/15/082 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

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14/15/083 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th September 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record. It was noted that the 26 objections against the Industrial development had been rejected due to lack of addresses, Hapton Station had been trimmed and permission is still needed to do tidying work.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th September are approved as a correct record.

14/15/084 Update on Website

The website has been updated and more articles were requested. The panoramic view is now included.

14/15/085 Update on Events

The bonfire event was covered earlier.

There is currently no bugler available for the Remembrance Service, Councillor Greenwood will check with the school bands and an article will be put on the website. The wreath is ordered and Councillor Dawson will provide a back-up recording.

The Heritage Group had a very successful WW1 event with excellent attendances.

14/15/086 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

Quad bikes are causing a nuisance on the bowling green and canal bank, despite 12 complaints there had been little police response.

A number of residents attended the PACT meeting, which is held with Gawthorpe, due to the number of burglaries with a couple of houses and shops being burgled. A sleeping gent has been reported in the cemetery and the quad bike problem was reported, but there were no issues in Hapton. There is to be an open meeting in Padiham to discuss Police levels in the area at the next Town Council meeting on the 3rd November, questions need to be asked in advance.

Following a recent meeting it appears that the Travelers Site will now not be placed in Hapton in the Local Plan.

Burnley College have agreed to paint the Muriel, they will provide a design and work should be completed by Spring.

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14/15/087 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.	Bill's for payment:
Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
BDO Audit	£240.00

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The new financial report were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report, list of transactions and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 1,267.85
- Env. Account £ 5,323.55
- **Total £ 8,506.05**

RESOLVED: The bank balances, reconciliation and the budget monitoring report are approved.

It was agreed to set a budget of £800 for the fireworks and any shortfalls on sponsorship funding will be transferred from the fundraising account. The Precept and Financial documents for the audit will be tabled at the next meeting.

The BDO audit report was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the BDO audit report is noted.

The County Council footpath officer has offered to explain a Lengthsman scheme and it was noted that Standing Orders do not need amending with recent changes to public recording of meetings.

14/15/088 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

SMD/APP/2014/0390 – Proposed construction of a bridge over stream to improve access from one area of land to main area all in the same ownership, Opposite Castle Clough Wood, Mill Hill Lane.

GDT/APP/2014/0395 – Application for approval of all reserved matters for the proposed industrial development (Use Class B8) incorporating mezzanines and ancillary offices (Use Class B1) to include future Use Class B8 expansion plant alterations and extension to the existing estate road (pursuant to outline planning

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permission APP/2008/0805 as varied by planning permission APP/2011/0362, Burnley Bridge Business Park, Magnesium Way. Application **App/2014/0414** was also considered.

Planning application 0390 will be objected to as it is not in keeping with the surrounding area which is a site of national beauty and would spoil the visual amenities. There were no objection to the other Planning Applications.

Councillor Kayley is to view the deeds.

14/15/089 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report and correspondence is noted.

14/15/090 Visual Audits

It was noted that footpaths need repairing and the lights are out on the Car Park. The access panel is still to be repaired and the wall on Manchester road appears to be sagging. 3 bags of rubbish have been left in front of the Chapel.

A Community Skip is to be provided outside the Chapel on Wednesday.

14/15/091 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 10th November 2014, and will commence at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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