



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th April 2015

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

Others: Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood and S. Watson (Clerk).

It was noted that due to non-attendance Councillor Derek Dawson was now no longer on the parish Council and that a vacancy had arisen. Due to the election in May it was agreed to co-opt after this.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

14/15/146 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham.

14/15/147 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

14/15/148 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

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There were no members of the public present. There was no Police report and this is to be chased again. It was noted that car doors have been checked in the area by opportunity thieves and houses and cars have been targeted in the Gawthorpe area. A lady has been attacked in her home.

There was no County Councillor report.

Borough Councillor Joanne Greenwood reported that Simon Goff is back at work and has not received anything from Total Turf. Spraying is due to start in the next 7-10 days with the work commencing in May. Gates and fencing for the playground are planned to be completed by the summer holidays and a further chase will be done on the dog-fouling signs. The pathways are also planned for this year.

14/15/149 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

14/15/150 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th March 2015.

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 9th March 2015 are approved as a correct record.

14/15/151 Update on Website

The website has been updated and new articles were requested. A link will be provided to the Football Club's website.

14/15/152 Update on Events

Events were on hold until the football pitches had been sorted.

14/15/153 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

There were no Councillor report

14/15/154 Finances

The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:

Clerk's Salary	£129.87
HMRC Clerk's Tax	£32.47
Johnston Publications Lengthsman Ad	£570.00

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

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The financial reports were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved. The Annual Statement of Accounts was circulated for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Maintenance Grant and Precept have been received from the Borough Council. The following bank balances for September were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £ 272.35
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total** **£ 4,210.55**

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

There was 1 applicant for the position of Lengthsman from Greenwood's Joinery and Building Services Ltd, the applicant is to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting. A list of Lengthsman jobs is to be prepared for prioritisation at the next Parish Council meeting and residents are to be asked to suggest jobs via the website.

It was proposed that the Parish Clerk is progressed an increment from SCP 23 (£20,400) to SCP 24 (£21,067) pro-rata. It was also proposed that an additional 5 hours per month is granted and paid from the Administration element of the Precept Lengthsman Scheme. This would increase the Clerk's hours to 20 per month.

RESOLVED: The Greenwood's Joinery and Building Services are awarded the Lengthsman Contract for 3 years, with an annual review and 1 month cancellation clause.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's salary is increased by 1 increment from the 1st April from SCP 23 to SCP 24 and an additional 5 hours are granted to administer the Lengthsman Scheme.

The external audit documentation has been received and was noted.

14/15/155 Planning Applications

Planning Applications were considered.

- 1.1 **AR/APP/2014/0526** – Retention of use for demolition contractor's business; proposed demolition of existing timber barn and the erection of a stone build unit for the storage and repair of small machinery for use with the demolition business and additional garage space for parking of cars, Castle Clough Farm, Castle Clough, Hapton..

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There were no comments on the above applications.

14/15/156 Clerk's Report including Correspondence

Councillors Birbeck and Hayley will attend the Borough Council AGM and the Clerk's report was noted.

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

14/15/157 Visual Audits

The bend in the road at Bentley Wood Farm has a very uneven surface. Litter is collecting around the cattle grid on Hambledon Road due to unsociable behaviour in the area. The lamppost outside number 141 Manchester Road has holes in the tarmac surrounding it. Blythe's wall has not yet been fixed and the Bridge Pub has been re-boarded and some cleaning done.

2 allotment deposits were refunded at £200 each, it was agreed that the allotment rents will be increased to £70 next year and rent letters will give notice of this.

A commemorative decoration for the mine disaster was suggested, possibly at the entrance to Valley Gardens.

The date for the election form is to be circulated.

A complaint is to be sent to the owners of Perfect Pooches as they have been seen allowing dogs to foul on the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed to allow Splash to use the community center for the Safari Supper event.

14/15/158 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 11th May 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting then the May Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm and all present were thanked for attending.

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