

## **Hapton Parish Council**

## Monday, 12th February 2018

**Present:** Councillor Downham (in the Chair) and Councillors Differ and Lakeland.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman), PCSO Helena Bulcock,

County Councillor Alan Hosker, plus 1 resident.

## Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Downham opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

	Action	Who by
17/18/120 Apology for absence and reasons given		
Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Tim Birbeck who was working, Councillor Joanne Greenwood who was at another meeting and Councillor Harry Kayley who was away. Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham also submitted her apologies.		
It was noted that Amanda Webber had not attended for over 6 months and is automatically disqualified, a notice of election is to be served.	Notice	Clerk
17/18/121 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.		

17/18/122 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.	
welcome comments from members of the public.	
County Councillor Hosker requested that the County report be brought forward, it was agreed to bring the report forward. Councillor Hosker reported that the bus stop is waiting for better weather and that there were still concerns with near misses at the traffic lights. A camera monitored the situation for a couple of days and it was agreed that the delay is not long enough. Highways are to be requested to revisit the lights. The blocked garages are being monitored and the horse warning sign between Lane Ends and the Pet Food store is to be checked as it is at a height that bumps heads in the dark. A couple of pot-holes have been repaired on Kingsway and others have been reported. Problems of fly-tipping remain at Mill Hill Picnic Site, but this is to be blocked soon. Vehicles are parking at the Valley Gardens entrance and the Police requested double yellow lines. A blocked footpath by the canal is to approach the land owner and a dog bin has been provided at Mill Hill farm and a second is to be requested for Hameldon Road.	
PCSO Bulcock outlined that there had been 45 crimes with 7 burglaries, 4 business related, 3 residential with 3 closed and 1 under investigation. 9 auto crimes with 6 thefts from vehicles and 3 vehicle interference. 15 violent crimes, 2 assaults with injury, 4 assaults without injury and 5 harassments. 3 molestations with 1 closed. 1 racially aggravated crime and 7 criminal damage, 3 from a dwelling and 4 from vehicles. 5 thefts with 3 from businesses and 2 from dwellings. An arson on Cambridge Drive has been closed. A neighbourhood watch is being started around the Greenway and letters are to be delivered.	
A resident had attended regarding the Bridge Traffic Lights which was dealt with earlier.	
There was no Borough Council report.	
17/18/123 The meeting was formally re-convened for business	
17/18/124 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018.	
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 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 are approved as a correct record.	
17/18/125 Matter Outstanding as listed	

The unlocked garages are being monitored. The risk assessment and PAT testing will be discussed at the next meeting. The bridge survey was	Next meeting	CCAH JG TB
circulated with mixed results.		
17/18/126 Updates		
Website		
The website has been updated, the Facebook page is not being updated.		Clerk
There were 128 unique visitors and 357 page views.		Cicik
Update on Events		
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2 rides will be provided at the parish's cost, the doughnut van and stalls such as hook-a-duck, Slatters Ice Cream will be invited with a treasure hunt and cloggers. The event will be held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> June.	Book rides	Clerk
17/18/127 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies		
The Heritage group had a cleaning and lebelling of artifacts day and have		
The Heritage group had a cleaning and labelling of artifacts day and have arrange a will transcript event of Lady Jane Towneley's will. A presentation		
of the project to date is to be held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> March.		
Community Centre Update		
Burnley Council are to be contacted about 3 radiators that are not working.	Contact	Clerk
The shutter has been damaged. The County Repair bill is to be chased.	Burnley	Cioni
	LCC Bill	Clerk
17/18/128 Lengthsman		
The new allotments are a priority and gaps will be left against the railway		
fencing, a costing I to be provided, the stump is to be reduced and any		
removed trees are to be replaced.		
RESOLVED: That a decision on the new allotments is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.		
Burnley Council are to be asked how frequently they cut the grass and	Contact	Clerk
which areas.	Burnley	JIOIN
Simon Goff and Total Turf are to be contacted with regards the football pitches being unfit to use and not fit for purpose and invited to a future	invite	Clerk
meeting.		

17/18/129 Allotments		
All rents have been paid, there are 4 on the waiting list and 1 new application. The shed request was approved and a new tenant has ignored letters about paying a bond and will be given until the 31 <sup>st</sup> March to pay otherwise will be terminated.		
There were no further maintenance issues.		
17/18/130 Planning		
<ul> <li>The following applications were considered:         <ol> <li>NOT/2018/0023 – LCC Consultation, New building to house biomass boilers including 2 x 9m high flues, Hapton Valley Colliery Site, Accrington Road.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Council is to object on the grounds that the flues are excessively high and will spoil visual amenities and the plan will result in emissions of nitrogen oxide which creates acid rain near to residential properties and</li> </ul>	Object	Clerk
agricultural areas causing environmental problems for farmers.		
17/18/131 Finances		
The following invoices were tabled. Bill's for payment:		
<ol> <li>Clerk's Salary – January (Standing Order) Paid</li> <li>HMRC Clerk Tax January</li> <li>M J Greenwood Lengthsman January Paid</li> <li>£400.00</li> <li>£400.00</li> </ol>		
October Bank Balances – Fundraising Account £1,714.65 Expenses Account £13,720.17 Environmental Account £2,974.50 TOTAL £18,409.32		
The Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were noted.		
Resolved: That the above bills are paid.		
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The following documents were reviewed:  1. Standing Orders 2. Financial Regulations 3. Freedom of Information Policy 4. Asset register 5. Risk Assessment		
Resolved: That the above documents are agreed.		

17/18/132 Clerk's Report including Correspondence	
The Clerk's report was noted.	
RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report and correspondence is noted.	
17/18/133 Visual Audits	
There is a dent in Blythe's wall opposite Ruskin Grove and is dangerous.	
17/18/134 Good Councillor Guide	
Chapter 4 of the Good Councillor Guide was considered, there were no questions.	
17/18/135 Date of next meeting	
Date of the next meeting Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 and will start at 7:00pm.	
The meeting closed at 8:45 and all present were thanked for attending.	