



Hapton Parish Council

Monday, 13th July 2015

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

Others: Borough Councillor Alan Hosker and Steve Watson (Clerk).

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

15/16/039 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Butterfield, Charlton and Greenwood, Borough Councillor Jean Cunningham, County Councillor Marcus Johnson and PCSO Julie Rosthorn.

15/16/040 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct

Councillor Kayley declared an interest in Allotments, there were no further declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

15/16/041 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.

There were no members of the public.

PCSO Julie Rosthorn provided a written report that outlined there had been 22 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents including football nuisance, mini-motos/quad bikes and BB

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guns on Lancaster Drive/Malvern Avenue and St John's Road. It was noted that off road bikes are using the recreation ground again. There were 9 burglaries, 2 from dwellings on Eton Close, an attempted burglary on Beech Street and 7 others not from dwellings. There were 2 criminal damage, 1 damage to a vehicle, 1 domestic damage and 1 damage on Carter Avenue. There were also 4 thefts, 1 of a pedal cycle.

The PACT Priorities were agreed as:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour on Lancaster Drive
2. Motorbike Nuisance

PACT meetings have been moved to every 2 months with the next meeting being on Wednesday 2nd September. CCTV covering the Recreation Ground was suggested and will be investigated further. Julie was thanked for her report.

There was no County Council report and there was nothing further to report from the Borough Council.

15/16/042 The meeting was formally re-convened for business

15/16/043 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th June 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 8th June 2015 are approved as a correct record.

15/16/044 Update on Website

The website has been updated and the school photos have been displayed.

15/16/045 Update on Events

Events were on hold until the football pitches had been sorted. The pitches have been sprayed and a request for information on cables has been received. To the best of everyone's knowledge there are no cables. Work on the pitches is expected this week.

A Bugler is needed for the Remembrance event, volunteers will be sought and music used if a volunteer cannot be found. Christine will be informed about the date of the Christmas Light Switch on. September's agenda will include the Armistice Day, Bonfire and Christmas events.

15/16/046 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies

The PACT report was covered earlier, the Heritage Group have had a site inspection at the Castle, a cast iron pipe was found running down the side of the field and a report is to be provided. It was noted that a tunnel exists from the farm and access is

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to be sought. A walk up Hambledon has been arranged and a bid has been submitted to RWE, who are meeting this Thursday to discuss bids. The wall painting is looking good.

15/16/047 Lengthsman

A list of jobs was circulated, additional work suggested included the overhanging tree on the moor that needs to be lopped. The Lengthsman has done an excellent job on the grass, the railings have been done but this wasn't done by the Lengthsman. Planters were discussed and it was agreed to get up to £50 of plants from Springwood. Youths from Water Street are vandalizing the garden area and the PCSO will be asked to visit. Plants will be put in front of the stone once vandalism stops. A planter brochure was circulated and it was agreed to get 3 rail hanging planters with double inserts at a cost of up to £500. Planters for bus shelters will need permission from the County.

A sponsored bench request has been received for £600 and will be investigated further.

15/16/048 Allotments

There are 2 vacant plot to be let. The final rent payment has been received and Mr. Eastham has vacated his plot and needs his deposit repaying. A sign saying Allotments available is to be provided, there is no waiting list, there was no maintenance issues and there were no new applications received.

15/16/049 Planning

The following Planning Applications were considered:

LAB/APP/2015/0255 – Proposed extension to dwelling to provide garage and kitchen at ground floor and staircase leading to first floor, 7 Kingsway, Hapton. The Parish Council would support any objections raised by residents.

15/16/050 Finances

The following invoices were tabled.

Clerk's Salary July
Clerk's Salary August

HMRC Clerk's Tax July
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Bill's for payment:

£178.82 100501
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£357.64
£44.70 100502
£44.70 100503
£89.40

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Lengthsman	£525.00	100504
Allotment Deposit repayment	£200.00	100505

Resolved: That the above bills are paid.

The final Allotment Income of £60 has been received and the Electricity North West cheque of £23.77. The VAT return of £503.40 has also been received.

The financial reports were circulated and explained, this included a budget monitoring report and a bank reconciliation, and all were approved.

The following bank balances for 30th June were noted.

- Fundraising Account £ 1,914.65
- Expenses £10,689.86
- Env. Account £ 2,023.55
- **Total** **£14,628.06**

15/16/051 Clerk’s Report including Correspondence

The Clerk’s report was noted. It was agreed that Councillor Birbeck would be the Pensions Contact. The Clerk would take on the Hapton Column and articles are to be sent from organisations.

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

15/16/052 Visual Audits

Footpath 50 is overgrown and is to be reported to the County Council. The overhanging tree was dealt with earlier and a mattress has been reported and moved. It was noted that the Lengthsman is keeping on top of issues.

15/16/053 Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting Monday 14th September 2015, and will commence at 7:00pm.

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

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