



## Hapton Parish Council

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

**Others:** Borough Councillors Jean Cunningham and Alan Hosker, Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman) and Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 10 resident.

### **Parish Council Agenda**

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **16/17/052 Council Vacancy**

There were currently no volunteers.

#### **16/17/053 Apology for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Harry Kayley.

#### **16/17/054 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**16/17/055 RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.**

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A resident has received a letter from Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald acting on behalf of the Highways Agency regarding a proposal to put acoustic fencing on the M65 between junctions 8 and 9. The Parish Council has not received anything with regards to this. The suggestion is to remove the trees and erect a 3M fence, the area houses both bats and squirrels. It was noted that the motorway has been there for 33 years and the existing trees act as a natural sound barrier. The Parish Council agreed to oppose the proposal, information will be put on the website, a press release will be sent and posters for shops and residents windows will be produced.

A resident suggested that the nursery development is a mess and an accident waiting to happen.

The proposed development on the former Blythe's site is a concern due to the increase in traffic and the existing infrastructure pressures.

It was suggested that the a new resident of the Burnley Bridge site will not have sufficient car parking spaces for its staff, the company have suggested that staggered hours will resolve the problem.

4x4 motorbikes are dumping rubbish and causing a nuisance to walkers and wildlife by going round the barriers. Residents have tried to report this to the Police 101 number without successfully getting through. This will be reported to the next PACT meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Methodist Church. Stones were suggested to block the access.

Planning has been agreed for Simpson Street and is now making it impossible to park. A resident suggested that the bungalows are not up to building specification and the planning department will be notified of this concern.

Fencing on the moor has been sent for a Secretary of State decision however the footpath is now blocked with bales.

### **County Council Report**

There was no County Council Report

### **Police Report**

There was no Police report, however Councillor Cunningham provided an update from the last PACT meeting that outlined that there had been 3 youths on the roof of the Chapel and 10 burglaries.

### **Borough Council Report**

Councillor Greenwood has met with the Parks Officer who has advised that there are no funds for gates or fences and there is no funding for the path. It was agreed that a RWE grant application will be made for the path and the Chair will get a quote.

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The Parks Officer also confirmed that, in his opinion, the drainage problem on the allotments is not as a result of the recreation ground drainage, a request will be made to remove the remaining soil piles. Costs for changing rooms are also being sought.

The Borough Bonfire has been scheduled for the same day as Hapton, therefore barriers are not available. Letters of sponsorship are to be sent out and the Chair will get a price for a barrier system.

**16/17/056 The meeting was formally re-convened for business**

**16/17/057 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**16/17/058 Updates**

**Bridge Inn Development**

The Bridge Inn Development is progressing slowly.

**Website**

The website has been updated, the last month's statistics were circulated and agreed with 94 unique visitors and 235 page views.

**Update on Events**

The Chair will book the bugler for the Remembrance Sunday event and it was confirmed that the Christmas Lights Switch On will commence at 6:45pm.

**16/17/059 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies**

It was noted that the Heritage Group were unsuccessful in their funding bid for the lost village but will reapply to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**16/17/060 Lengthsman**

A list of jobs was circulated and agreed. The path out of the wood has been completed and cutting the grass opposite the Hapton Inn was included.

**16/17/061 Allotments**

Rent is outstanding from 2 tenants who will get a final letter, all the allotments are currently occupied with 3 people on the waiting list. 2 deposits and 1 rent have been

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paid totaling £450. Tenants are to be reminded not to tip weeds over fences as this is deemed a breach of the tenancy agreement.

## 16/17/062 Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

1. **CMR/APP/2016/0328** – Proposed change of use from farm shop to doggie day care center, Shuttleworth Hall Farm, Higher Shuttleworth
2. **AA1/APP/2016/0382** – Proposed single storey side extension, 1 East Street
3. **Local Plan Consultations**
4. **Sale of previous toilet site**

The Parish Council had no comments on the Planning Applications.

No late applications were tabled.

## 16/17/063 Finances

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

1. Clerk's Salary – September (Standing Order) PAID	£230.60	S/O
2. Clerk's Salary – August re issued PAID	£230.60	100300
3. Duncan Ross Recreation Ground PAID	£6,701.65	100513
4. Lengthsman – July/August PAID	£400.00	100514
5. Lengthsman – August	£400.00	100515

**Resolved: That the above bills are paid.**

The following income was received

1. Allotment rent	£70.00
2. Summer Event Tombola	£66.00
3. Summer Event BBQ	£109.70
4. HMRC VAT Return	£8,976.82
5. Allotment Deposits and rent	£450.00

The following bank balances for 31<sup>st</sup> August were noted.

• Fundraising Account	£ 1,714.65
• Expenses	£ 9,960.14
• Env. Account	£ 23.55
• <b>Total</b>	<b>£11,698.34</b>

The financial reports including the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliations were circulated and approved. It was also noted that the VAT Return had been paid.

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**Resolved: That the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank reconciliations are all approved. It was noted that the VAT return has been paid.**

**16/17/064 Clerk's Report including Correspondence**

The Clerk's report was noted.

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

**16/17/065 Visual Audits**

There were notices advising residents not to park on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, however no work was carried out, the temporary traffic lights are still on the bridge.

**16/17/066 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting Monday 10<sup>h</sup> October 2016 and will start at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed and all present were thanked for attending.