



Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 11th November 2024

Present: Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors Differ, Downham, Fowke Lakeland, Owen and Young.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillors Joanne Broughton and Jamie McGowan and 2 residents.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

24/25/089	Apology for absence and reasons given.		
	Apologies for absence were submitted by County Councillor Alan Hosker.		
24/25/090	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.		
	Councillors Carol Downham and Shirley Young declared an interest in their individual allotments.		
24/25/091	The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.		
	RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.		
	The Council were congratulated on the excellent Bonfire Event, it was thought that 2024 was the best year yet with over 200 people attending. Th event had received a lot of positive comments on Facebook and it was suggested that collection buckets are made available next year.		
	There was no Police report.		

Councillor McGowan had an update from County Councillor Alan Hosker that the blocked drain had a new Officer at County dealing with it. The roundabout has been relined and marked, the sinking drain still needs repairs and hedges have been cut back on the top road, though some have been missed and are causing sightline problems. The County have agreed to put pressure on Gleeson about Moor Road, after 28 days they will carry out the work are recharge. Attempts are ongoing to get a dog bin on the bottom road.		
Councillor McGowan reiterated how excellent the Bonfire Event was and a lot from the new estate attended. A table at the entrance letting people know the Parish Council provide the event was suggested for next year.		
The Remembrance Service was also excellent but there was a lot of dog mess on pavements to contend with. Dog fouling fines signs were suggested.		
Many don't want the planning application on the Bridge Inn, however a lot of people agree that something needs to be done with the building. The County have objected to the application on the grounds of parking.		
Jamie will send the link to update the website.		
The red telephone box in the center of the village could be adopted and refurbished for around £300, this will be investigated further. There is still nothing happening with Cleggy's shop.		
Councillor McGowan was thanked for his report.		
There were no further reports.		
24/25/092 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.		
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.		
24/25/093 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2024.		
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 14th October 2024 are approved as a correct record.		
24/25/094 Matters Outstanding as listed.		
The website was covered earlier, the Cenotaph grant application is awaiting a response and the fruit orchard application has been submitted.		
24/25/095 Updates.		
There were no further updates.		
24/25/096 Councillor Reports including reports from representatives of outside bodies.		
There were no reports.		

24/25/097 Lengthsman.		
Jobs included removing and clearing the hanging baskets, tidying allotment plots, the allotment fence, pathway at the back of Wordsworth Huse, clear the railway steps and trim Lyndale snicket.		
24/25/098 Events		
The next event is the Christmas Light Switch On. The school have agreed to repair the electric socket if the Council pays for it. Time will contact Dave about setting off the fireworks and Carol has provided sweets.		
The Summer Festival will book all the same again for Saturday 5 th July and the costs of a marquee are to be sought. Ask people what do they want on social media and a 40s themed day was suggested due to the 80 th anniversary of VE Day in May.		
24/25/099 Allotments.		
There was nothing to update.		
24/25/100 Planning Applications.		
There were no outstanding applications.		
24/25/101 Finances.		
The following invoices were tabled.		
Expenditure Clerk's Salary – (Standing Order) Paid £255.92 S/O Paid Bank Charges £6.60 Direct Debit HMRC £81.92 100881 Clerk's Salary Backpay £66.36 100882 HMRC Back Tax £14.16 100883 Lengthsman £tbc 100884 Poppies – Carol £29.50 100885 Poppy Appeal Wreaths £75.00 100886 Stationery £8.20 Postage £11.85 Total – S. Watson £20.05 100887 Classic Fireworks £1,590.00 100888 PKF Littlejohn £96.00 100889 Income Allotment rents and deposits £235.00 Bank Balances – Fundraising Account £12,369.65 Expenses Account £2,545.57 Environmental Account £4,311.00 TOTAL £19,226.22		
RESOLVED: That the above bills are paid, the Budget Monitoring Report, Bank Reconciliation, payments and receipts lists are approved.		
RESOLVED: An additional £230 will be paid to the previous Lengthsman.		

24/25/102 Clerk's Report including Correspondence.		
The report was noted.		
24/25/103 Visual Audits.		
The County Councillor was still complaining about the barrier block, the Council needs this in writing before it can consider it.		
Date of the next meeting Monday 13 th January 2025 at 7:00pm, in the Community Centre, Ruskin Grove.		

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