

Hapton Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 9th September 2024

- **Present:** Councillor Birbeck (in the Chair) and Councillors Differ, Downham, Fowke Lakeland, Owen and Young.
- **Others:** Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Joanne Broughton and 3 residents. County Councillor Cosima Towneley joined later.

Parish Council Agenda

Councillor Birbeck opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors.

24/25/058 Apology for absence and reasons given.	
Apologies for absence were submitted by Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan who had another engagement and County Councillor Alan Hosker.	
24/25/059 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Code of Conduct.	
Councillors Carol Downham and Shirley Young declared an interest in their individual allotments.	
24/25/060 The meeting would be adjourned for Public Participation.	
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be adjourned to welcome comments from members of the public.	
A resident advised that the sandpit was being well used and needed to be weeded. The bins by the Pump Track are filling with water and holes need putting in the liners. The bin by the sandpit has not been replaced and rubbish blows out of the bins around the park. The resident was concerned that the football club were not	

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utilizing the new car park area and had only seen the gate opened once. Ragwort is growing in the park and the end of Ruskin Grove is to be given double yellow lines. A sign for the car park gate advising it will be locked when the football finishes was suggested. The gap in the wall behind the goal needs rebuilding, Simon Goff is to be notified. E-bikes use the ginnel and signs on the pathway only show from one side. There are grants available to plant trees.	
County Councillor Cosima Towneley joined the meeting.	
A kissing gate is needed at the top of the path and a hole driller is required to build a fence. Jamie is looking into any liabilities if a pathway is provided.	
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Cosima advised that the consideration is being given to resurrecting the Rural Landrover project. Rural Parishes included Briercliffe, Cliviger, Hapton and Worsthorne and all were being asked if they would like to share in the project.	
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Councillor Broughton provided an update from Alan Hosker. The Hameldon Road gully has not been sorted and is now overgrown. Hapton Moor is overgrown and needs reporting. Gleesons have been asked to tidy the weeds in their wall. The Multi Use Games area refurbishment has been brought forward and there is no funding or equipment available for the sandpit. The Borough still owe £7,500 for the Pump Track and a bin is needed on the new estate. The Fairwell bash went well and the Borough has devised a new definition for Islamophobia. There was a Council motion to challenge the removal of the Winter Fuel Payments and a gate has been installed at the top of Castle Street.	
Councillor Broughton was thanked for her report.	
There was no movement on the Manly House application and it was agreed that a Coronation Orchard was a good idea and a grant is to be applied for from LALC. Information is still needed on how to update the new website and someone has shown an interest in buying Cleggy's old shop and a compulsory purchase was suggested.	
There was no Police Report.	
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24/25/061 The meeting was formally re-convened for business.	
RESOLVED: That the meeting would be reconvened.	
24/25/062 Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th July 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 8 th	
July 2024 are approved as a correct record.	
24/25/063 Matters Outstanding as listed.	
The website was covered earlier, the Cenotaph application needs to be submitted, the nuisance bike signs from United Utilities are outstanding and it was noted the Police do not have funding for signs.	
24/25/064 Updates.	
The Christmas tree plug needs to be repaired.	
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The hanging baskets have not been watered again and have died.					

24/25/072	Resolved that in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.	
Resolved:	That the Lengthsman contract will be terminated with 1 month's notice.	
24/25/073	Date of next meeting.	
Date of the Centre, Rus	next meeting Monday 14 th October 2024 at 7:00pm, in the Community skin Grove.	