

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary meeting of the council held on
10th September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J Allinson, in the Chair, R Wilkins, D Clarke, P Smith, H Rainey, J Downing, S Taylor, R McBrien.
APOLOGIES: S Betty, D Hussell.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street, Clerk to the Parish Council, District Cllr M Barrett
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14/117 To approve the agenda
The agenda was approved.

14/118 Declarations of interest
None were declared.

14/119 Confirmation of minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2014 were signed as a true record.

14/120 Matters arising
Energy Audit – Cllr Betty to get quote from TOE Energy Audit for the Town Hall, Old School Community Centre and Pavilion, also to investigate the availability of grants. **ACTION SB**
On-going

Purchase of additional land for the cemetery is priced at £12,000 per acre. Cllr Allinson has provided a copy of the Ordinance Survey map to ascertain how much land we require. **ACTION JA**
On-going

Plan of Cemetery - Cllr Allinson to draw up a grid map of the burial plots in the more recent section of the cemetery. **ACTION JA**
On-going

Installation of Post Office WC - Two quotes have been received for the installation of a WC, which are subject to further investigation on the drainage. Cllr Allinson will investigate the quotes further before a decision is made. **ACTION JA**
On-going

Flower tubs - It was reported that one of the flower tubs in the Market Square has been damaged. Cllr Wilkins to investigate. **ACTION RW**
On-going

14/121 District & County Councillors' Reports
There were no items to report this month, however District Cllr Barrett asked if the Parish Council had anything they needed his input on. It was suggested that when the section 106 agreement from the New Road development is discussed then the District Council would be consulted so ensure the monies are allocated to the designated areas within Bampton.

Cllr Barrett left the meeting.

We were disappointed that the County Councillor did not attend the meeting.

14/122 Finance and Accounts for Payment
The following cheques were signed:

Gardening Club	Sponsorship	£20
BDO	External financial audit	£480
AON	Engineering Insurance renewal	£343.48
Chris Smith	Maintenance services for August 2014	£1646
Margaret Johnson	Stationery	£30.73
Pauline Smith	Reimbursement of expenditure – catering equipment for Old School Community Ctre	£38.64

14/123 Planning applications

There were none received.

14/124 Mercury Court Playing field Report

- More dog/cat fouling was reported this month. Cllr Wilkins to put natural cat deterrent on the play bark.
- It was agreed that a gate is not needed as the worst offending animals fouling are cats and not dogs.
- Work outstanding from ROSPA report due to absence of lengthsman:

Tighten bolts at bottom of ropes on main piece of equipment.

By rotator dish, fill in two holes with turf where concrete on ground is exposed.

Redistribute and rake through woodchip.

Remove weed growth by up-ramp on smaller piece of play equipment.

ACTION RW

14/125 Draft Local Plan consultation

Following a short discussion about what should be included in a local plan, **it was resolved** that Cllr McBrien would compile a list of comments and email to all councillors for approval.

ACTION RM

14/126 Highways Update

We received an update via email from PCSO Colin Davies re. the Speed Indication Device (SID) work conducted in Bampton on Station Road, Aston Road and Buckland Road.

It was recommended that the VAS Vehicle Activated Sign on Clanfield Road would need replacing soon due to old age and a discussion would be needed with the County Councillor to facilitate this.

14/127 External Audit (by BDO) for 13/14

The Audit report was presented to the council and was approved and accepted.

14/128 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

1. Section 106 agreement for New Road Development was sent to all councillors.
2. Letters from Mr Wythes re. Eucalyptus tree on his allotment were given to councillors who were not present at the last meeting. Clerk to return the first class stamps he kindly provided, as these were not necessary. See AOB.
3. Community Led Plan update has been circulated via email to all councillors.

14/129 Any other matters for consideration

- **Allotments** - The clerk cannot find any reference to permission given for the eucalyptus tree in the minute books, and the allotments act states that allotments are to be used for produce, fruit and flowers. No action to be taken until after the AGM.
- The allotment AGM is to be held on 1st Oct where all allotment holders will be asked to sign a new updated agreement.
- The Parish Council have been approached about accepting a donation of land to be used as allotments. Due to allotment legislation and running costs **it was resolved** to decline the offer with thanks.
- A full refund of the rates for the former community centre Horsa building has been received.
- A padlock has been supplied to secure the sand bunker but vans have been parked in front of it blocking access. Parking is being monitored.
- The Carterton Lions silver jubilee commemorative tree in the cemetery has died. Once a replacement tree is bought Chris Smith will be asked to water it.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 8.47pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....