

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary meeting of the council held on 13th January 2016
at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs R Wilkins, in the Chair, D Clarke, N Thorpe, R McBrien, H Rainey, P Smith & S Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street, Clerk to the Parish Council, County Cllr J Mills, District Cllrs M Barrett & T Fenton

1/2016 Apologies for absence
Cllrs J Allinson & S McLaren

2/2016 Variation of order of business
Public participation was moved from the end of the agenda to item no. 7 following the report on the children's centre.

3/2016 Declarations of interest
None given.

4/2016 Resignation
The resignation of Liam Walker as parish councillor was noted.

5/2016 District & County Councillors' Reports
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC):

- The financial spending review has highlighted the need for further budget cuts.
- A referendum would be too costly to consider.
- The budget review will take place next month.

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)

- Notification that the Windrush is on flood alert.
- The decision on the future of household waste and recycling centres has been delayed until 2018.

6/2016 The future of Bampton Children's Centre
Mark Gray, the chair of the county education scrutiny committee, gave a report on the future of the children's centre. No decision has been made yet as it is dependent on county council budget decisions. Should the county council be forced to close the centre we were informed that, should we wish to keep this service, it would be the community's responsibility to keep it open. Local funding options that were suggested were the parish council, housing associations, local grant giving bodies, local businesses, the health visitor service and the possibility that the building might be donated by the county council. County hall would have staff available to advise should this be required.

7/2016 Public participation
Further information about the current services of the children's centre was provided.

8/2016 Confirmation of minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2015 were signed as a true record.

9/2016 Actions update
See attached list.

10/2016 Notices of planning decisions

15/03900/HHD	Alterations and extensions, erection of carport and creation of new access. Weald Manor Farm, Weald Street, Weald. APPROVED.
15/04106/FUL	Erection of holiday boarding cattery. 4 The Houses, Aston Road, APPROVED
15/04177/LBC & 15/03941/HHD	Internal and external alterations to erect rear conservatory. Formation of vehicular access. Dove House, Bridge Street, APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
15/04152/FUL	Construction of new dwelling with attached car port and associated works. Weald Manor Farm, Weald APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

11/2016 Planning applications

15/04228/HHD	Erection of first floor side extension. 23 Talbot Fields NO OBJECTIONS
15/04495/HHD	Remove parts of existing building. Erection of single storey front, rear and side elevations with internal alterations to suit. Colt House, Aston Road. NO OBJECTIONS

12/2016 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Bampton Opera	Grant	£500
St Mary's Church	Grant	£800
WOA	Grant	£650
Louise Williams	Lengthsman expenses	£10
Goodwood Tree Care	Tree in Ampney Orchard	£450
HMRC	PAYE Q3 (letter to HSBC, not cheque)	£990.36
Cathy Street	Clerk expenses	£85.53
Margaret L Johnson	Printer paper (Cllr)	£3.35
Post Office	Cleaning supplies	£7.70
Xtra Hands (Guy Lennon)	Gardening for December	£30
Chris Smith	Cemetery upkeep December	£60

13/2016 Mercury Court Playing field Report

The monthly playground checklist was sent out to all councillors before the meeting. There were no resolutions made. Investigations into bark levels are needed.

14/2016 Cemetery report

A fir tree branch has fallen and broken a cross on old headstone in old section of the cemetery. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Chris Smith for £270 to clear the deadwood from the whole cemetery.

It was noted that the builders in the site the other side of the cemetery wall have accidentally cut a small tree down along with the ivy. Clerk to write and ask them to respect the cemetery while they are carrying out their building works.

15/2016 Allotment report

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote for £260 to clear and rotivate four plots.

16/2016 Report on village matters (received after agenda was set)

- Pots holes at the chicane on station road and at the roundabout were reported. Cllr McLaren to report on Fix My Street.
- A request for further donations to the church for headstone repairs was rejected, as we have already signed a grant cheque for the church at this meeting.
- The library wish to re-run the Bampton Directory and have requested parish council funding. It was agreed they would have to officially apply in writing for it be to be considered.

17/2016 Correspondence

Volunteer Link Up	It was RESOLVED to donate £100.
West OX Citizens Advice	Thank you letter for our donation.

18/2016 Electronic banking.

It was agreed to set up electronic banking and to delegate any decision making to the Finance and General Purpose Committee. Clerk to set meeting date.

19/2016 Request for the PC involvement in firefighter leaving service.

It was agreed for Cllr Clarke to produce a framed certificate to be presented to the firefighter at his leaving presentation. Cllr Thorpe has agreed to frame it.

20/2016 Aston Road/Buckland road junction safety issues.

Although the parish council are sympathetic to the issues at this junction, it is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council Highways and the parish council have no budget for this at this time. Cllr Wilkins to inform resident who to contact.

21/2016 The closure of the Community Shop.

Martin Barret gave an update on the funding already raised. All requests for funding for 2015-16 have been met and £10k has been put aside for new premises start up, should anywhere become available.

A lot of research into new premises has been carried out by the parish councillors, but sadly no opportunities have arisen yet.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

ACTION LIST

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	NAME	BY DATE
Town Hall	Get quotes to insulate the roof & to install Post Office WC.	JA	Before winter
Draw up plan of newer part of cemetery	Cllr Allinson to draw up the section of the plan that was agreed with the clerk.	JA	On going
Purchase of additional land for the cemetery	A provisional quote for £4500 for the land was given, however this still needs to go to consultation before being confirmed.	HR	On going
Weightlifters signed rental agreement for TOSCC	Cllr Thorpe to arrange meeting with weightlifters to review contract.	NT	March 2016
Market Square bench	Call received from OCC via fix my street said they would not repair this. Clerk to ask Gareth Pursey for quote/advice. Clerk to follow up again.	Clerk	On going
Cemetery tap	Cllr Rainey to ask Chris Smith to replace tap head. Cllr Rainey to chase this.	HR	On going
Triangle of land outside the church.	Ask Cllr Mills to remind Tim Shickle about request to raise plan tree canopy.	Clerk	On going
Queen's 90 th Birthday celebrations	Cllr Wilkins to ask Rev Lloyd about their plans before the Bampton Beam deadline.	RW	1 Feb
Letter to Mr Grinsell	Draft letter	JA, RW	Jan
Mobile phone	Cancel contract with Vodafone	Clerk/ NT	Feb
Pot holes	Report on Fix my Street	SM	Feb
Cemetery clearance	Ask Chris Smith to clear cemetery of wood	HR	Feb
Cemetery wall	Write to Prestige Builders about ivy/tree cutting	Clerk	Feb
F&GP meeting	Arrange meeting date	Clerk	asap
Firefighter	Create certificate and frame it	DC, NT	Feb