

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary meeting of the council held on 14th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J Allinson, in the Chair, R Wilkins, D Clarke, S Taylor, D Hussell, P Smith, R McBrien, H Rainey
APOLOGIES: Cllr L Walker, County Cllr S Hoare.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street, Clerk to the Parish Council, District Cllrs M Barrett and M Booty.
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- 15/01 To approve the agenda
The agenda was approved.
- 15/02 Declarations of interest
None were declared.
- 15/03 Confirmation of minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2014 were signed as a true record.
- 15/04 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 for this work if we decide not to do an audit first. **NEW CLLR 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. Cllrs Clarke and Rainey to investigate further. **ACTION DC, HR 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**
- Access to field on Station Road** –County Councillor Simon Hoare advised that any highways enforcement must follow due process by the legal department after a 28 day notice period. Cllr Hussell to seek an update when one is available. **ACTION DH**
- Cleaning of signs at entrances to the village** – Signs at all entrances to village apart from Station Road need cleaning. Cllr Hussell to go back to County Highways Department and ask them to clean them stating that we are not insured to work on public highways. **ACTION DH On-going**
- Grass Cutting –RESOLVED** - to accept the quote for grass cutting, however, there will be a possible reduction in the frequency of cuts to the grass verges on the highway only due to County Council finding cuts. This will not affect other any other areas of grass cutting. **ACTION CLERK**
- 15/05 District & County Councillors' Reports

- The 2015-16 budget has been approved with council tax being frozen, free car parking to be maintained and no large changes to the services currently provided.
- There is the possibility that the New Homes Bonus may revert back to the Rate Support Grant should there be a change in Government which would affect budgeting.
- The New Road development is going to appeal regarding the phasing of the project
- The Aston Road appeal by Gladmans has been postponed and is resuming in April.
- Minister of State for Housing and Planning, Brandon Lewis MP has written to all local authorities with reference to their local plans saying that the SHMA should not necessarily override all other housing need projections. West Oxfordshire District Council feel this will help their case in the preparation of their plan and in resisting applications and appeals from developers who are pushing for the use of the SHMA/higher housing need figures. Cllr Booty to give copy to Cllr Allinson.
- Bampton Parish Council can apply to the District Council to access the money from the New Homes Bonus.
- The figures from the Ambulance performance times have been found to be inconsistent due to a change in the way data is collected and cannot be easily analysed.

15/06

Finance and Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were signed:

Bampton Opera	Grant	£500
G&O Engineers	Cooker service at Old School Community Centre	£120
AK Timms	Key box for Town Hall	£12.70
Chris Smith	Cemetery upkeep December	£60
Seb Wilsker Carpentry	Items at Old School Community Centre and Town Hall	£295
HMRC	Quarter 3 PAYE	£809.85
Stuart Ransom	Xmas tree for market square	£170
Pauline Smith	Reimbursement for Mobile phone top up. THIS WAS PAID FROM RECREATION GROUND ACCOUNT	£15

15/07

Planning applications

14/00005/APPEAL	Notification of appeal for New Road Development. Comments deadline 20 th Jan 2015 No further comments.
14/01996/HHD	Erection of single storey rear extension. 14 Shrewsbury Place. NO OBJECTIONS
14/01955/HHD	Single storey pitched roof side extension. 1 Primrose Cottages, Primrose Lane, Weald NO OBJECTIONS

14/01942/JUL	Conversion of 2 existing barns into 2 residential units. Weald Farm Cottages, Weald Farm, Weald NO OBJECTIONS
15/00041/HHD	Erection of single and two storey rear extensions, loft conversion and new entrance porch. 1 Bowling Green Close Bampton NO OBJECTIONS

15/08 Mercury Court Playing field Report
Cllr Taylor is to take over the responsibility for the playgrounds from Cllr Downing.
A small amount of cat faeces were cleared up and the situation is to be closely monitored.

15/09 Emergency Response Plan
The revised plan was emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED - to accept these changes. Clerk to fill in contact telephone numbers and broadband access information.

15/10 Purchase of broadband for Town Hall
Distribution of updated ERP to community – cost – enquire at Post Office
RESOLVED – Clerk to order broadband from BT.

15/11 Highways priority list
We have been offered £9000 funding from Oxfordshire County Council towards highways, plus a further £2000 from Simon Hoare’s Councillor Community Budget, which we must apply for for a specific use.
RESOLVED – to prioritise as much road marking as possible from the £9000 budget, then then, if sufficient funds are remaining, this will be put towards the cost of a speed activated sign for Buckland Road (to be topped up by the Parish Council depending on how much we are short by).
RESOLVED – To apply for £2000 funding towards the cost of a speed activated sign for Station Road from the Councillor Community Budget, which the Parish Council will top up to the full amount of £4500 to purchase the sign.

15/12 Allotment Report
A report was sent out to all councillors prior to the meeting and the following decision was made:
RESOLVED – to purchase two double ended taps for watering at the allotments. **DC**

15/13 Old School Community Centre report
A report was sent out to all councillors prior to the meeting and the following decisions were made: **ACTION CLERK**
RESOLVED – clerk to send Oxfordshire County Council an invoice for the repair of three of the hanging lights.

15/14 Correspondence
The following correspondence was received:
1) Resignation from Cllr Betty. For information only.

- 2) Resignation from Cllr Downing. For information only. **ACTION**
- 3) Response regarding the eucalyptus tree at the allotments. Clerk to reply. **CLERK**

15/15 Any other matters for consideration

- Notification was received of the hearing for Co-op Licencing changes and was passed onto Cllr Allinson. **ACTION RM**
- Carnival Productions have requested dates for filming the next series. **ACTION RM**
- Cllr McBrien to forward minutes from Friends of St Mary’s meeting to all councillors for information. **ACTION JA**
- There was a report that people were using the weightlifting room late at night. Cllr Allinson to respond. **ACTION JA**
- Sports Champions and Stars of the Future fliers to be displayed at the Pavilion and Old School Community Centre. **ACTION CLERK**
- The ditch between Ampney Orchard and Chetwynd Mead needs clearing of overgrown thorns so that the new Lengthsman can then continue to keep it clear. Cllr Smith to ask District Council if they would do it, and a quote has also been received from Chris Smith. **ACTION PS**
- Cllr Wilkins has agreed to take over as Parish Council representative on the Bampton Welfare Trust from Cllr Downing.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.41pm.

Signed.....

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