

**BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary meeting of the council held on**  
**13 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall**

PRESENT; Cllr J Allinson, in the Chair, Cllr R Wilkins, Cllr P Smith, Cllr H Rainey, Cllr D Turner, Cllr J Downing, Cllr G Pursey, Cllr M Dowding, D. Cllr M Barrett, D. Cllr M Booty

APOLOGIES; Cllr R W Norman, Cllr G Gascoigne C. Cllr D Seale

IN ATTENDANCE; Mrs S Radband, Clerk to the Parish Council

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13/389 Declarations of Interest

Cllr G Pursey informed the Council that he may be employed to carry our works at Ham Court.

13/390 To sign minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013 were signed as a true record.

13/391– Matters arising

**Highways walk around** – Contact has been made with Mr. Pridgeon, OCC by Cllr G Pursey. The walk around will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**“The Beam”** – A meeting has been organised for 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013, at 7.30pm in Town Hall council chamber.

**Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Tree** – A meeting has taken place with a Mr C Smith, caretaker of the Cemetery, to discuss the position of the tree planting in the cemetery. A spot has been chosen and the deeds will be checked to see if it is appropriate. Mr J Knight will order the tree and a date will then be organised for planting.

**WOA** – A meeting has taken place between Cllr J Allinson and Mr. M Jones, WOA Chairperson. He is concerned that Bampton PC didn't pay the grant to them in the year 2012/13. Clerk will check the accounts and rectify.

**Parking** - Cllr P Smith has sought advice with regard to the parking issues. There will be no further action as a cost of £1500.00 will be charged to change the parking restrictions

13/392 County and District Councillors' Report

- 1) D. Cllr M Barrett attended the Willow Tree Centre, for disadvantaged children, situated in Bampton Primary School grounds. They would like a Councillor to be present at the next meeting, which will take place on ~~23rd~~ 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
- 2) The forthcoming year's budget has been agreed. There will be no rise in tTax.
- 3) The new Police Commissioner has been met and he has said he will keep crime down in rural areas.
- 4) The District Elections take place 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- 5) D. Cllr M Booty expressed and concern that he had to date not received the planning comments with regard to Ham Court development. Clerk will action.
- 6) A question was raised as to whether Bbampton was to construct a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr J Allinson, advised that the Council thought that the work needed would prove to be very expensive.
- 7) Cllr J Allison asked on a Parishioner's behalf why Bampton has no Good Neighbourhood Scheme?

J.A.

- 8) District Council was also asked if the parking allowance for Bampton Community Centre could have lockable bollards to stop others users using them.

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13/393 Finance and Accounts for Payment

ESPO	£16.32	123 Connect	£198.96
Thames Water – T/H	£19.86	Thames Water – TOSCC	36.71
Securipol Systems	£42.00	OALC	£473.56
Goodwood Tree Care	£3060.00	DNN Ltd	£432.56 this was £432.00 in agenda
SEB – T/H	£157.14	SEB – t/H	£34.77
Grant to WOA	£660.00		

13/394 ROSPA Inspection.

The ROSPA report has previously been given to Cllr. G Pursey and Cllr. G Gascoigne. There was found to be minor requirements needed. The relevant people will be contacted to any works that need to be carried out.

13/395 Complaints Code of Practice.

After discussion the revised Complaints Code of Practice was signed by Cllr. J Aillinson.

13/396 Update of ERP

The ERP was discussed and it was proposed that it be included in the centre of The Bbeam in the June eaddition. A working party of Cllr's R Wilkins, P Smith and Clerk will be formed for the revised update. Clerk will send Cllr's an electronic version by email.

13/397 Mercury Court Playing field Report.

No Councillor present for report. Cllr J Downing was asked if she would be considered to help helping with the Playing field reports.

13/398 Planning applications

13/0279/P/FP – Erection of single storey rear extension to cottage 2 linking main dwelling to existing outbuilding and conversion of loft space and insertion of rear dormer window to both properties. 1 & 2 Ham Court Cottages, Weald. *No objections although the Councilors present would like to note that they were concerned that the area of Ham Court did flood in 2007 and have slight reservations about the use of zinc as a walling product.*

13/399 Correspondence

- Bampton SPAJER's wrote to request the closure of roads in the centre of Bampton for the Shirt Race on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013. This was agreed and a letter will be sent to SPAJER's to advise of this.

13/400 Any other business to consider

- The Christmas Tree Light Switch-on cannot happen on 6<sup>th</sup> December as the Hall is booked. Clerk will check availability and try for 29<sup>th</sup> November or 7<sup>th</sup> December.

- The Annual Parish Meeting has been organised for 24<sup>th</sup> April. WOA will be asked if it can take place in The Gallery.
- Stagecoach Buses contract ends in June. A renewed contract will take effect for 1 year.
- A problem has arisen with the receiving of emails with Cllr P Smith. She has proposed that a change in servers may be needed. Costs will be requested for work. Cllr P Smith would like to make a separate link from The Beam. Council was asked to consider reimbursing the costs of phone calls.
- Cllr Rainey and Cllr Downing reported that their Parish Council email accounts were not working. Cllr P Smith reported that the website server was being changed and hopefully that would sort it out. Although consideration was being given to moving the Council website to another ISP the contract with 123connect needs to continue until a business plan is developed. Recent work on the website has involved a lot of 'phone calls and Cllr P Smith was informed that if excessive, the cost of these could be reimbursed by the Council.
- A map for the visitors to Bampton about Downton Abbey was proposed.
- The wall at the Cemetery hasn't been repaired from the damage inoccurred during building works at The Manor House. Clerk to write letter to remind of repairs.
- The paths at the Cemetery are also in need of shingling. Previously shingle extracted from the cemetery grounds was used to re-shingle the paths. Cllr Rainey to check whether this is still possible. This apparently used to be done from the dug graves.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.00pm

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10<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
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