

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary meeting of the council held on 10th April 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 J Downing, Cllr G Pursey, Cllr M Dowding, D. Cllr M Booty

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

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

PUBLIC; 0

13/401 Declarations of Interest

None given.

13/402 To sign minutes of last meeting

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

13/403– 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 15th April at 3pm. Cllr's J Allinson, D Turner, M Dowding, G Pursey to attend.

Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Tree – A tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth has been planted in the Cemetery by Carterton Lions. A photo will be organised for a Saturday am. Mr J Wildman will be emailed to request his involvement and a time and place will be agreed. Date will be emailed to all Cllr's for their attendance.

WOA – The agenda in March stated that a cheque was raised for WOA grant for 2012-2013 of £660.00. This wasn't presented to the Council and was signed out of council some days later. It has now been delivered to WOA. A second cheque will be presented at this meeting for the grant not paid in 2011-2012.

ROSPA – Cllr D Turner still has the original ROSPA inspection which was taken to photo copy. Clerk will ask for back.

ERP – Cllr's P Smith and R Wilkins will be sent the PDF version of the ERP.

Annual Parish Meeting - Has been arranged for 24th April in The Gallery, Bampton Town Hall. All letters have been sent out to attendees.

Downton Abbey Map – No feedback has been received from Mr. Shuckburgh.

Cemetery Wall – Clerk to send a letter to the occupiers of Bampton manor to request the repair of the Cemetery wall.

Willow Tree Centre – Cllr J Downing has made contact with The Willow Tree Centre.

13/404 County and District Councillors' Report

- 1) Graffiti has spread though Witney and it is thought will spread to other areas too. This is being monitored to seek who is doing.
- 2) LDF – This will go to cabinet in June and then to the public. Then will proceed to council in July and then to public enquiry.
- 3) South Ambulance Trust is not reported to be doing very well. Their response times need to improve.
- 4) Changes to Housing Benefit has reportedly affected 400 homes in West Ox area.

13/305 Finance and Accounts for Payment

Diocese of Oxford	£32.50	WODC rate - Cemetery	£103.95
WODC rates – T/H	£2587.20	WODC rates - TOSCC	£3696.00
Bampton VH	£20.00	SEB	£285.68
C Smith	£60.00	Mrs S Radband	£93.96
WOA Grant	£660.00		

13/406 Minute for movement of £10,927.00 from Trust to PC.

This was paid back to Bampton PC from Trust as an overpayment that had been picked up in the accounts.

13/407 Resignation of Cllr R Norman.

Sadly Clerk received the resignation of Cllr. R Norman by email. He will be sadly missed and he was thanked for all his hard work and commitment over the many years he has served. Cllr. J Allinson has asked if there is another member of BEWG who may wish to sit on the Parish Council.

13/408 Report from The Beam Meeting.

Mr J Wildman has taken over as editor of The Beam. He will produce a booklet of around 64 pages. A new editorial email address has been set up and it has its own website. Mr Wildman will have total control, but Mrs G Wilkins will continue to prepare the end of year accounts. The Parish Council has relinquished any control over The Beam – A statement will be printed in the next edition. *“A discussion was held regarding the incoming Beam Editor’s proposal that he take full control of the Beam and the associated website. It was agreed that all previous agreements between Bampton Parish Council and the Beam production team were made null and void and the following (which has already been agreed by the Editor) was approved.”*

13/409 Mercury Court Playing field Report.

There were a few points which came out of the ROSPA inspection. The wire fence was stated as high risk. This has been precepted for. There are some bolts on the bench which need to be cut back and bushes which have over grown. Lengths man will be asked to carry out works.

13/410 Planning applications

None to present.

13/411 Correspondence

- None to present.

13/412 Any other business to consider

- Cllr. G Pursey has spoken to Mr Scarrott Jr. with regard to the annual fair. Mr. Scarrott originally wanted to come in June again, but he will know come in August in line with the charter for the fair. It is proposed that it come on Monday 12th August for set up on Mon/Tues/Wed and then

open on Thurs/Fri and Saturday. Council would realistically like the fair to arrive on Tuesday to limit disruption. If parking of the vehicles is an issue then the Recreation Ground could be used. Cllr. Pursey will take this back to Mr Scarrott.

- Mr C Smith asked if he could cut the foliage back from his daughter's garden which grows out on the path by Mercury Court. Council has no objections to it being cut back to the boundary of the property.
- Cllr. G Pursey has taken the Charter to the framers. This will cost in the region of £50.00.
- Cllr. M Dowding sent an email asking for a rise in the allotment rents. This will be put on next month's agenda and prices will be compared to others locally by Cllr Dowding.
- Downton Abbey are to visit on 13, 14 & 15th May.

13/413 Resignation of Clerk

Cllr. J Allinson reported to the council that Clerk, Mrs S Radband had resigned from the position. Adverts will be drafted and put out. Closing date for applicants will be put at 15th April.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.30pm

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