

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary meeting of the council held on 11th November 2015
at 8.15pm in the Town Hall

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

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

213/2015 Apologies for absence
None given

214/2015 Variation of order of business

- Public comments to be brought forward to the beginning of the meeting after the District and County Councillor reports.
- Resignation and co-option to be moved to before the declaration of interests.

215/2015 Resignation
The resignation of Councillor Dave Hussell was noted.

216/2015 Co-option
Steve McLaren was co-opted as a new councillor.

216/2015 Declarations of interest
None given.

217/2015 District & County Councillors' Reports
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC):

- Update on the bus subsidy cuts
- Willow Tree Children's Centre closure update.
- Radcot bridge closure for 3 weeks.

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)

- A grant of £20,625 has been given towards the roof of the old grammar school.
- A grant of £16,875 has been given towards replacing play equipment at Pembroke Place Playpark.

218/2015 Public participation
Mr Grinsell clarified what the 'Street Wardens' voluntarily do in the village, following articles published in the Bampton Beam and asked for a public apology from the parish council for their comments.
Cllr Allinson reiterated that the Parish Council does not authorise, request or pay them or for any of their actions, and that they are an independent, voluntary group of residents.
It was agreed to formulate a response to Mr Grinsell at the next parish council meeting.

219/2015 Confirmation of minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2015 were signed as a true record.

220/2015 Actions update

See attached list.

221/2015 Notices of planning decisions

15/03108/HHD	Remove existing garage. Erect single and two storey side extensions. 12 Glebelands, Bampton. APPROVED
15/03228/FUL	Erection of replacement dwelling Bournmead, Clanfield Road, Weald. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
11/1212/P/FP	Erection of two storey dwelling to form holiday let. Weald Manor Farm Weald Bampton APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
15/02720/FUL	Erection of single 'self-build' 3 bedroom dwelling Land South Of Bampton Cemetery, Landells APPROVED
15/03287/HHD	Two storey side extension Cheryl Morley Taylors Cottage , Landells. APPROVED

222/2015 Planning applications

15/03504/HHD	Erection of single storey and two storey extensions. 29 Mercury Close Bampton NO OBJECTIONS
15/03505/RES	Construction of 160 dwellings with associated works and landscaping. Removal of condition 3 (phasing of development) and condition 13 (biodiversity) of planning permission. Land North Of New Road Bampton Cllr McBrien to respond on behalf of the parish council.
15/03900/HHD	Alterations and extensions, erection of carport and creation of new access. Weald Manor Farm Weald Street Weald NO OBJECTIONS
To receive update on appeal for Aston Road development	No conclusion was reached during the appeal and it will take the inspector up to 3 months to come to a decision.

223/2015 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Goodwood Tree Care	Mercury Court, cemetery and footpaths trees	£3913.20
ACS Bower	Cemetery parking area improvements	£2292.00
Diana Alcock	Plants for market square	£62
Wileman & Sons	Window cleaning	£60
Chris Smith	October mowing & cemetery upkeep	£1814
Margaret Johnsons	Stationery and printer ink	£62.86
NALC	Coursework submission for Certificate in Local Council Admin	£80
Cathy Street	Reimbursement of stamps (£27) and payroll software licence (£158.40) <i>This was signed after the meeting as the wrong invoice was printed out in error.</i>	£185.40
Society for the protection of Bampton	Grant for solicitor fees for the appeal by Gladmans to build 127 houses off Aston Road	£1500
Guy Lennon (Xtra Hands)	Gardening	£60
Post Office	Cleaning supplies	£14.89
Royal British Legion	Donation for poppy appeal wreath	£50

224/2015 Grants

The decision to grant the Society for the Protection of Bampton £1500 towards solicitor fees for the appeal by Gladmans to build 127 houses was ratified by full council.

225/2015 Mercury Court Playing field Report

The monthly playground checklist was sent out to all councillors before the meeting. There were no resolutions made.

226/2015 Old School Community Centre (TOSCC) report

A building update report was sent out to all councillors before the meeting. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Pyrotec to service the fire alarm.

227/2015 Cemetery report

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Chris Smith for cutting the hedge.

228/2015 Allotment report

It was RESOLVED to increase allotment rents by 10% next year (1st October 2016).

229/2015 Report on village matters (received after agenda was set)

- A letter was received from Mr Harris asking if the parish council would consider taking responsibility for the footpaths across the triangle of land outside the church. It was RESOLVED that the Lengthsman would be instructed to clear the leaves, the clerk has already written to the County Council Footpaths officer and has chased a reply, it was suggested we ask if the church would take on the grass cutting.

- Our funding request from SSE for equipment for the Emergency Response Plan was turned down.
- Cllr McLaren to take over responsibility for Highways from Cllr Hussell.

It was RESOLVED to suspend standing orders in order to complete all business on the agenda.

230/2015 Correspondence

None received before the agenda was set, other than emails dealt with in between meetings.

231/2015 Financial regulations

Changes to the financial regulations to include the facility for online banking were proposed by the Finance and General Purpose Committee and it was RESOLVED to accept these by full council.

232/2015 Sewage issues

An update was given on a meeting with Thames Water regarding the sewage issues in Bampton.

233/2015 Grant request

It was RESOLVED to give a grant of £100 to West Oxon Citizen Advice Bureau from the 'good causes' money given to the parish council by the Community Shop.

234/2015 Quote for Town Hall emergency lighting contract.

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Pyrotec to service the emergency lights.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 10.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

ACTION LIST

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	NAME	BY DATE
Town Hall	Get quotes to insulate the roof & to install Post Office WC.	LW	Before winter
Draw up plan of newer part of cemetery	Meeting has been arranged with clerk to review this.	JA	On going

Purchase of additional land for the cemetery	Cllr Rainey to chase quote for price per acre of land. Despite following up this is still outstanding. Chase again.	HR	Dec meeting
Weightlifters signed rental agreement for TOSCC	To be reviewed in March 2016 due to changes in staff.		March 2016
Carillion	Contract was signed by Cllr Allinson. Clerk to send.	Clerk	asap
Grass Cutting Contract	The current grass cutting contract still has a year to run, so this will be reviewed next year in line with county council cuts which we are subsidising and which is reflected in our budget.		2016
Church Close	Chase Tim Shickle of OCC re. raising the tree canopy. Despite following up this is still outstanding. Chase again.	Clerk	On going
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.	Clerk	On going
Drop box Cloud storage	Purchase 1 terrabyte of storage	DC	On going
Cemetery tap	Check what is wrong and if it is just the tap itself then arrange to get it repaired.	JA	Nov
Xmas market	Buy new lights. Clerk to contact G Pursey to find out what we need. Cllr Allinson to purchase.	Clerk/JA	Before Dec
Parked cars opposite fire station blocking path	Contact PCSO Davies & OCC footpaths officer	DC	Nov
Land North Of New Road	Cllr McBrien to respond on behalf of the parish council.	RM	By 12 th Nov
Pyrotec quotes for TOSCC and Town Hall	Accept quotes	NT	Dec
Cemetery hedge	Accept quote	HR	Dec
Allotment rent increase	Put notice on allotment noticeboard	Clerk/PS /DC	Dec
Triangle of land outside the church.	Instruct Lengthsman to clear the leaves Chase a reply from County Council Footpaths Ask if the church would take on the grass cutting	RW Clerk RW	Dec