

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary meeting of the council held on
14th May 2014 at 8.56pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Wilkins, in the Chair, Cllr P Smith, Cllr D Clarke, Cllr H Rainey, Cllr M Dowding, Cllr B Slater, Cllr R McBrien, Cllr S Betty, Cllr G Pursey, Cllr J Downing.
 APOLOGIES: Cllr J Allinson
 IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street, Clerk to the Parish Council.
 PUBLIC: 0

14/65 To approve the agenda
 The agenda was approved.

14/66 Declarations of interest
 Cllr Pursey declared a location interest in planning application no. 14/0551/P/FP

14/67 Confirmation of minutes
 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2014 were signed as a true record.

- 14/68 Matters arising
- Town Hall Siren** – Mr D Newland is in possession of the new siren. Clerk to write to thank him for funding it and to find out if he would like it reinstating at the Town Hall with a view to the Parish Council repairing it in the future, funds permitting. **ACTION CLERK**
 - West Oxfordshire Arts (WOA)** – The quote received for a new storage heater was rejected on the grounds it was too expensive. It was suggested a smaller supplementary heater could be used and a survey on the insulation of the building is to be requested. **ACTION SB On-going**
 - Sand Bunker** – West Oxfordshire District Council have confirmed they will fund the bunker. The Fire Service have found a suitable location and will advise WODC where this is.
 - Wooden sign at the entrance to Sandford's field** - It has come down due to weathering of the wood. Cllr Pursey to take the sign to Cllr Smith so she can get a quote for replacement metal sign. **ACTION PS On-going**
 - The cemetery map** Cllr Rainey to take old map to the County Archives along with the old minutes. **ACTION HR On-going**
 - Purchase of additional land for the cemetery** is priced at £12,000 per acre. Cllr Allinson to consult Ordinance Survey map to ascertain how much land we require. **ACTION JA 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**
 - Health and Safety inspection list** - Cllr Smith is awaiting quote for the listed items. **On-going**
 - Old School Community Centre** - A new fridge freezer is to be ordered this week. **ACTION PS**

Council Tax refund - We have received a partial refund on the council tax paid on the old Horsa building. Cllr Smith to investigate further.

ACTION PS
On-going

14/69 District & County Councillors' Reports

There were no reports this month.

14/70 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were signed:

Securipol	Annual retainer charge	£300
Cathy Street	Reimbursement for stamps	£25.44
Gordon Wheldon	Strimmer/Mower expenses	£7.35
ESPO	Cleaning products	£1.88
AON	Parish Council Insurance	£4904.90
DNN Ltd	Cemetery path	£4680
AK Timms	Safe box & sanding paper	£27.09
Southern Electric	Town Hall	£289.89
Chris Smith	Services for April 2014	£1536
TTF	Old School Community Centre key cut	£1.19
West Oxon DC	Installation of dog bins	£468.91

14/71 Planning applications

14/0551/P/FP	Alterations to dormer window on west elevation. Coopers Lodge, Aston Road, Bampton. A proposal was made to object. This was defeated 7 votes to 2.
	Colvile Close disabled parking bay request. NO OBJECTIONS
14/0574/P/FP	Removal of side extension and erection of two storey rear and single storey kitchen extension. Sandfords, Church View, Bampton. NO OBJECTIONS
14/0617/P/FP	Erection of two storey rear extension. 3 Mercury Court, Bampton. NO OBJECTIONS

14/72 Mercury Court Playing field Report

Re-raking of bark is needed in some areas and the Lengthsman has been instructed. The play bark is looking sparse in some areas so this will be reviewed once it has been re-raked.

It has been reported that there has been fly tipping of a football table on the grass verge outside the play park. Clerk to report this to West Oxfordshire District Council.

ACTION CLERK

14/73 Grass Verge maintenance

Verge maintenance is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council. They delegate this to West Oxfordshire District Council, and also to Bampton Parish Council who maintain certain verges within Bampton. There is a cut frequency of approximately 6 times per season, however next year this will be reduced by 50%. **This item is for information only in response to queries from Bampton residents.**

14/74 Publications on Parish Council and Bampton Beam websites and facebook page
Clarification on what is published on the Parish Council website was requested. The website www.bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk was taken on by the Parish Council as a community website therefore **it was resolved** to only include items specifically relating to Bampton. These items are not to be linked to any items included on the Bampton Beam website and facebook page, as the content of these is not under the control of the Parish Council.

14/75 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. **It was resolved** that Cllr Allinson would investigate the quotes further before a decision is made. **ACTION JA**

14/76 Correspondence
There was none received.

14/77 Exclusion of the Public
Recommendation: That, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business.
Vote: all in favour.

14/78 Staffing Reports
A report was heard and it was agreed that we would pursue the recommendations.

14/79 Any other matters for consideration
Defibrillator - A4 sheets advertising the defibrillator are to be located on noticeboards within the village. **ACTION SB**
Allotments - It was reported that 2 plots are being neglected. Letters to be sent following further investigation from Cllrs Smith and Dowding. **ACTION PS**

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....