

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary meeting of the council held on 9th April 2014 at 8.30pm in the Town Hall

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

14/45 To approve the agenda

The agenda was approved.

14/46 Declarations of interest

There were none made

14/47 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 were signed as a true record.

14/48 Matters arising

- **Town Hall Siren** – Following a letter to Mr Radband, we have been advised that the siren is with Mr D Newland. Cllr Rainey to investigate further. **On going**
- **Upkeep of notice boards** – Lengthsman has been instructed to clean and renovate. Cllr Wilkins to get progress report from lengthsman. **Ongoing.**
- **West Oxfordshire Arts (WOA)** – Cllr Pursey is awaiting quote from electrician to look at heaters. **On going.**
- **Sand Bunker** – West Oxfordshire District Council have confirmed they will fund the bunker. The Fire Service are to find a suitable location. **On going**
- **Wooden sign at the entrance to Sandford's field** - It has come down due to weathering of the wood. Cllr Pursey to get quotes for replacement. **On going.**
- **The cemetery map** Cllr Rainey to take old map to the County Archives along with the old minutes. This has been delayed while the old minute books are organised. **On going.**
- **Placement of memorial bench.** An alternative location of Sandfords fields was proposed and its exact placement was approved outside of the meeting by Cllr McBrien.
- **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. **On going.**

14/49 District & County Councillors' Reports

No report was given.

14/50 Finance and Accounts for Payment

- The following cheques were signed:

ESPO	Cleaning products	£10
Diocese of Oxford	Allotment rent half year ending 25/03/14	£32.50

Information Commissioner	Data protection registration	£35
Securipol	Alarm upgrades & monitoring	£584.81
E Wileman	Window cleaning	£60
Monard Electrical	Repair works at Old School Comm. Ctre.	£556.20
Chris Smith	Cemetery upkeep	£60
West Oxon DC	Town Hall rates	£2637.60
West Oxon DC	Old School Community Centre rates	£3768
George Henry Relay	Auto door repair at Old School Community Ctre	£438.34
OALC	Chairmanship Training Course	£78
Vodafone	Delivery of mobile phone	£4.94
West Oxon District Council	Rates for cemetery	£105.98

14/51 Financial Update

- Following a repeal of s.150 of the Local Government Act 1972, Parish Councils are now able to make online payments. The Parish Council must first formally put in place effective systems and arrangements compliant with the proper practices before it seeks to abandon the two signature rule.
- NALC have drawn up a Draft new Financial Regulations model and it was **resolved** to hold a Finance and General Purpose meeting after the final version of this document has been released.
- It was resolved carry out an interim budget review in September. F&GP **On going**

14/52 Planning applications

14/0384/P/FP	Construction of swimming pool and erection of pool house and wall. Cobb House, Church Close. NO OBJECTION, but due to the location we would like to see an archaeological survey done at the time of excavation.
14/0360/P/FP	Demolition of existing garage and construction of studio and store. 2 Eton Villas, Broad Street. OBJECTION due to the loss of parking, detrimental effect on neighbours' properties and over development of site.
14/0359/P/FP	Conversion of existing stable block to create self-contained holiday let. Calais Oak Farm, Aston Road, Bampton. NO OBJECTION.

14/53 Cemetery report

- The new path is being laid. **On going**
- Cllr Allinson to draw up a grid map of the burial plots in the more recent section of the cemetery **On going**

14/54 Mercury Court Playing field Report

Cllr Downing to ask Chris Smith to re rake the bark.

On going

14/55 The Old School Community Centre report

- Clerk to ask Carillion if any of the recent repairs to the boiler are due to a fault at the time of installation. On going
- Cllr Smith to get a quote for the items noted on the Health and Safety inspection list. On going
- A new fridge freezer is to be purchased On going
- The ramp at the entrance to the weightlifters room is warped and needs repairing. On going
- The gutters need clearing. On going
- We have received a partial refund on the council tax paid on the old Horsa building. Cllr Smith to investigate further. On going

14/56 Ride of Respect Update

We have not heard from Carterton TC or the British Legion central branch, but the local branch has permission to take a collection. They will also ask people to put out flags etc. and Cllr Clarke will organise liaison on this. On going

14/57 Royal British Legion commemoration of the start of WWI update

The Royal British Legion will be lighting a candle and holding a small service at the War memorial on 4th August.

14/58 Emergency Response Plan volunteers update

We currently have 8 or 9 people registered as volunteers. Cllr Clarke to put another insert into the next Bampton Beam asking for more volunteers. On going

14/59 IT and email update

- All councillors present at this meeting have confirmed that emails are now working properly following changes made to the server by our email provider.
- There is now an increased storage capacity for emails.

14/60 Installation of Post Office WC

One quote has been received. Cllr Betty to get another quote. On going

14/61 Correspondence

- a. AGGROW letter re. consultation was read out for information only
- b. Carterton Area Leisure Map letter was read out for information only

14/62 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.

Standing orders were suspended to complete business on item 20 of the agenda.

14/63 Staffing Reports

A report was heard and it was agreed that we would pursue the recommendations. On going

14/64 Any other matters for consideration

- The Morris Dancers would like to thank the Parish Council for their help in arranging the placement of a memorial bench for Francis and Roy Shergold.
- A direct debit was signed for payment of the Old School Community Centre broadband.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 10.27pm.

Signed.....

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