

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held at the Gallery on Monday 27th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Allinson (in the chair), R Wilkins, P Smith, S Taylor, R McBrien, D Hussell, H Rainey, N Thorpe, G Wiseman, L Walker.
Apologies: Cllr D Clarke

- **Chair-person Report given by Cllr Jacky Allinson**

Well the parish council year began in May 2014 with an 'almost' or 'near miss' election. There are 11 seats on Bampton Parish Council and only 9 nominations for election were received by the closing date so all those who stood were automatically elected to the council. The council were sad that a long standing council member, Marion Dowding decided not to apply for re-election and we hope that she is able to fill her spare time now, especially as she was made an MBE in the 2014 New Year's Honours list. Additionally Gareth Pursey and Ben Slater did not stand for re-election. Gareth had masterminded the very successful 2013 Christmas Market amongst his other PC responsibilities and we were very pleased when he offered to continue with this after leaving the council so he organised the 2014 market as well. We hope this is a tradition that he will continue for many years. Ben Slater had been a fairly new recruit to the council following co-option in October 2013, but found he was unable to devote the time he felt the PC needed due to his work commitments. We were pleased to welcome Dave Hussell onto the parish council as a new member in May 2014 and subsequently sought to fill vacancies with co-options throughout the following months. Due to a house move from Bampton and an increased work load we lost 2 more councillors around Christmas time with the resignation of Sarah Betty and Joanna Downing. We successfully filled one of our vacancies before Christmas with the co-option of Liam Walker, and in February and March our remaining 2 vacancies by the co-option of Nick Thorpe and Guy Wiseman. It is good to have a full council again as each member of the council is assigned a specific area of responsibility which will be repeated at the May parish council meeting in 2 weeks' time. The council had found that Councillors having specific areas of responsibility works well as it allows small projects to be carried out and also allows that particular councillor to be more knowledgeable and confident when talking to members of the public.

This brings me on to the areas that the PC is directly responsible for in the village. This is the cemetery, the allotments, the War Memorial, Mercury Close Playground and the Town Hall. We have a lease and therefore the responsibility currently for TOSCC. Additionally as all councillors are trustees of the recreation ground charity we also own and maintain the Recreation Ground, Sandford Field and the Pembroke Place play park. This is not quite an exhaustive list yet, but does sound quite tiring! Responsibility for general street cleansing and litter falls to the district council but in order to ensure we get the service we need directly in the village the council has for many years employed a lengthsman to help to keep the village clean and tidy. Last year our longstanding lengthsman was unable to continue working for the council due to his health and since Christmas we have had a new LENGTHSPERSON, Louise, who some may have seen around the village. We are pleased that Louise has made an instant difference and we hope that her enthusiasm will continue to the benefit of all of us.

The council are statutory consultees on all planning applications in Bampton and therefore make comment on all development within the parish. The majority of applications are for relatively modest alterations and extensions to dwellings. Last years AGM saw us report on the busiest year for planning that the PC had seen in nearly 30 years. This year has been a little quieter. The planning application for 160 houses in New Road was approved although there is currently a planning appeal relating to certain conditions placed on the approval for that site. The planning appeal against the refusal to allow 127 or 116 houses to be built on land off the Aston Road was started at the end of October and adjourned until last week. The appeal resumed last Tuesday only to be adjourned once again at the request of the appellant who is unable to produce a satisfactory flood risk assessment to the appeal. The appeal will commence for the third time in November

and the PC will continue to support the endeavours of the Society for the Protection of Bampton in resisting this application. The West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 and CIL draft charging schedule is currently undergoing a 6 week consultation period ending on the 8th May and the PC will be sending comments regarding this plan to WODC next week. We encourage all residents to look on their web-site to review this and to make any comments that you think are relevant.

The past year has seen the PC reviewing and updating its emergency plan including carrying out an emergency exercise last September. Updated and abridged versions will be sent out to all householders over this coming summer.

David Hawkins continues to act as champion for Bampton Parish Council on the Local Flood Working Group. Minutes of the meetings are put up on the PC notice board and I think we may hear an update from David later, but we do wish to thank him for his hard and continued work with this committee.

We will also hear from Blest with an update on Bampton Library, but suffice it to say that the council is very pleased that the group have worked so hard to secure the future of the library in Bampton for the immediate future and the council will continue to support them as much as possible to maintain this facility for the village.

TOSCC continues to be used by the Weightlifting Club, Windrush Boxing Club and the Bush Club as well as various other groups such as Yoga and Pilates. It is a very good facility in the village, although any wider use is restricted by limitations placed on parking by Oxfordshire County Council. It is however quite an intense building in terms of its upkeep, maintenance and day to day running needs, so thanks must particularly go to both councillor Smith and to our Clerk Mrs Street, for the time they spend in this building.

I attend the local Neighbourhood Action Group meetings on behalf of Bampton PC. NAG as it is affectionately known is a forum for interaction between the police, WODC ASB team and other local parishes and town councils in the immediate area. We discuss policing, speeding, youth activity and such like and I am able to feed issues relating to Bampton into this forum. Additionally I have regular contact with our PCSO Colin Davis, who unfortunately is unable to be here this evening, but who has sent a report that I will read out later. The PC is happy to take forward any particular areas specific to policing into this forum should you want to contact us with information.

I also attend the RAF Brize Norton local government working group meetings at the base. All PCs in this area and outside West Oxfordshire immediately affected by the airfield can go to this meeting, and it is usually well attended. This is not just a forum for the RAF to listen to complaints about noise from overflying, but it is a partnership aimed at trying to work together as neighbours to try to lessen impacts where possible from the workings of the base and also to explain to communities and disseminate information from the RAF. The base has a web-site that is accessible and has improved considerably through feedback through the working party. So For example, planned flying exercises are logged onto the site. I can for example tell you that the c130 Hercules are programmed for training sorties between 9 and 12 lunchtime this coming Friday and that the A400 M will be flying training exercises between 13.00 and 17.00 on the 5th and 6th May. Whilst any operational base of the size of B/N is subject to ever changing factors, the hierarchy are trying to consult and inform as much as they are able to.

The last main point I would like to bring to your attention is the ever increasing amount of work that is now filtering down to the PC to fund from higher authorities due to lack of funds on their part. Simple highway repairs and maintenance are perhaps the top of the list that fall in this category but they are not exclusive. For example, very simple requests for a triangular road warning sign, such as one indicating a slippery road surface are now almost always met with the response that there is no funding at County Council for this but if we want to provide the money from PC funds, then they will carry out the work for us. PC funds are not

only restricted by the size of the village, but we are being asked to fund work that is outside our area of responsibility and that we do not therefore precept for when we set our parish rate. The PC will always work to try to secure funds and works needed within any sphere relating to Bampton, but we are frequently the people taking the brunt of people's dissatisfaction when in fact we have no control over the outcome. This can be frustrating for parishioners and councillors alike and may appear to make the parish council ineffectual. We do try hard to get a positive outcome with everything we do, we unfortunately cannot control this outcome in all areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors for the hard work they do all year round. I would like to thank our Clerk, Cathy Street for all the hardwork she has done over the last year. Cathy has undertaken some very specialised Clerks training on behalf of the PC, which is still ongoing, training she is doing in her own time, so that takes additional dedication and for that I particularly thank her.

- **Recreation Ground Trust report given by Cllr Jacky Allinson**

This charity was set up to look after the recreational well-being of the inhabitants of Bampton. It owns and maintains the Recreation Ground and pavilion in Buckland Road, Sandford Field and Pembroke Place playpark. The play park has suffered as is not unusual from bouts of vandalism over the last year and had to be shut for a short time last summer for safety reasons as a result of this. Regular safety inspections are carried out here and issues addressed as soon as is humanly possible. The trustees are aware that most of the equipment is now 23 years old this summer and we hope to start a planned and phased update of play equipment later this year or early next year, providing funds will allow this. Sandford Field is much used by dog walkers and is the home as you all know of the Donkey Derby. It also seems to be home to a large family of moles who regularly tease us with their molehills. On the whole other than mowing, minor arboricultural works and some occasional repair to gates/styles, life goes on here largely unaltered. We are very lucky to have Glenn Wright as our Recreation Ground Manager in Buckland Road. Together with the councillor/s responsible for this facility, he ensures the smooth day to day running of this on behalf of the trustees. He takes bookings, organises servicing and some repair work and liaises on larger projects with councillors. The major project for the forthcoming year here is to the car park which is soon to be repaired and resurfaced with granite chippings. Richard McBrien chairs a working group between the regular sports users of the Rec Ground and the Trustees to try to ensure that we listen to their needs as users and respond positively, funds permitting and we feel this has and continues to work well for all parties.

- **District Council report given by District Councillor Mark Booty**

The Council has now submitted its Local plan to the inspector. . The headline numbers on houses are that we are proposing to build an average 525 Houses each year, between now and 2031, and we have identified a number of sites around Witney and elsewhere. The issues are that no site is ideal. Unless the inspector finds the plan immediately unsound, there will be a Public enquiry sometime later in the year. Developers will argue our numbers are too low, and we need more sites. The inspector will eventually decide. There is some very good stuff in the local plan regarding infrastructure, Self-build schemes and low cost housing. Inevitably the public focus has been on Housing development.

I Recently looked back to the budget the year I joined the Cabinet (2007), in that budget we planned to use some £935,000 of General Fund balances to balance the budget , this year we have returned money to the fund balance of £250,000

The reforms to the Local Government Finance system giving the Council more control over its destiny have seen some positive impacts. Our business rates income is up; our New Homes Bonus is up and our income streams are looking rosier than they have been in years. Of course Revenue Support Grant continues to reduce as Government strives to bring down the huge national borrowing deficit.

Over the last four years in West Oxfordshire we have frozen Council Tax for residents when inflation has been running at levels of up to 3% although this has recently fallen significantly. This has made a real difference to households as wage rates have been slow to grow meaning continued pressure on real incomes. In this budget we have frozen Council Tax once again for a fifth consecutive year.

- **Bampton Community Shop report given by Martin Barrett**

Most of you will know that this year has seen some significant changes in our Community shop. We closed the shop for three weeks to carry out some reorganization, refurbishment, redecoration and other maintenance work and so on which, of course, meant there was no income for the period. However, the new layout and display stands enabled us to increase the range of many low cost items we could offer for sale.

In addition to no revenue coming for the three weeks we were closed, the cost of all the work carried out amounted to something in the order of £3,000 including some legal fees. I am particularly pleased to be able to tell you that very soon after reopening, we attracted many new customers and not only that, but donations of second hand items started to come into the shop whereas before they were taken into similar shops in Witney.

Fortunately our strategy has been successful. Not only have we recovered all the costs I mentioned but we are now running at approximately 20% increase in our turnover.

At the end of last month we made our yearly donations to various "good causes" within the village. The donations include those to small clubs and charities, sporting organizations, Bampton Primary School, Bampton Methodist Church, a donation of £2,000 for the continuing flood defence improvements to our village and a donation of £2,780 to the Parish Council for their use in supporting other good causes that did not received direct support from the Community Shop.

All in all, we gifted £18,000 (just beating last year's figure). This was a tremendous success when you consider that the shop was closed for three week. If we look back over the last ten years, the total of funds given to Bampton organizations is over £125,000.

We have received a huge number of comments, letters and messages about how much better the shop is following the changes. All this has been possible thanks to the hard work and good management of Patrick and his team of volunteers who have kindly given their time to the cause. I extend my thanks to each and every one of them for the time and effort they have given.

Thanks also go to all those members of the public, both locally and from areas outside of Bampton who donated goods in the first place to make the entire operation a success.

The shop goes from strength to strength and I look forward to receiving new requests for grants at the end of this year, the closing date being 31st December 2015 for disbursement in March 2016.

- **Bampton Library Report given by Jane Wallis**

The new annual charge of £8,800 to retain Bampton Library commenced this month, but as the Partnership Agreement that we have entered into with Oxfordshire County Council commits us to pay this money six months in advance this means we have already made two half-yearly payments to Oxfordshire County Council on behalf of the village.

We have worked hard during the last financial year to raise funds for this charge, the highlight being the Grand Charity Auction organised by Jenny Chaundy which raised over £18,000. With this and other fund raisers such as the 'Garage Sale', the 'Grand Library Raffle', 'Midsummer Book Sale' and the 'Library 100 Club' alongside the latest donation of £5000 of Downton Abbey money from the Parish Council and £200 from Lizanne Murray, we are pleased to have fully met the financial target for the 5 year partnership with the County Council.

This means we have fully met the obligations that we entered into, and we do not want to take responsibility for the next five year term that would commence in 2020. Although we are not sure that the County Council would be in a position to agree to another term as only last week the County Council's Medium Term

Financial Plan for 2014-2018 involved cuts to the library budget of £250,00; although this time it is the Book Fund and staffing that are affected and not front-line services.

Although we have completed our task we are continuing to raise funds for the present. We took this decision as if the financial climate does improve and the County Council is willing to allow another 5 year term we do not want those that follow us to have to take on this responsibility without some money in the bank; especially as there will be more to raise each year with the very welcome Downton Abbey money having come to an end.

However, we have broadened our remit by placing a greater emphasis on increasing general awareness of what the Library Service has to offer the village and also placing the Library in the wider community within Bampton. So we partnered Bampton Classical Opera on the 'Murder Mystery' evenings earlier this month and our major event this year will be the 'Blest Fest' weekend that will take place on the 20th and 21st June, where we will be sharing the proceeds from various parts of this with St Mary's Church Organ Fund, and Bampton Community Archive. We feel these partnerships are important especially as the Church is the only venue that is large enough for large community events and the Community Archive Committee are working flat out to raise money to reinstate the staircase and make essential repairs to the Old Grammar School, the home of the Library. The 'Blestfest' event will also showcase other community groups such as Zimbabwe, West Ox Arts and we hope others too. We will also divide the proceeds of this year's Grand Raffle with the Community Archive.

We are also very grateful for the grant of £300 from the Bampton Community Shop that allowed us to purchase two gazebos that will be used at the Blest Fest weekend and for other future events.

During this year we widened our support to Bampton Library in a very practical way by paying £1,500 to replace the old kitchen, although the cost would have been considerably more without the sponsorship that we received, thanks to Jenny Chaundy. We took this decision as the old kitchen did not meet Health and Safety requirements and we felt we could not ignore this as we were staging talks and events where the kitchen was required to provide refreshments.

Due to pressure of work on the Aston Road (Gladman) appeal Lesley Campbell has left our committee but she continues to work with us as a volunteer. We would like to place on record the very large contribution she has made to the Library Support Group over the past 5 years.

- **Bampton Exhibition Foundation report given by David Pullman**

The lease of the building by Oxfordshire County Council for use as our library has been renewed, after negotiations lasting over one year.

The lease is for 10 years, with rent reviews and a break clause every three years. There is provision for the Bampton Archive Group to apply for a lease of the upper floor.

Bursaries given to seven recipients during the year, amounted to £2600.

We have yet to find a home for the 2002 Anniversary bench, which is in the grammar school courtyard, but is not sat on by anyone. It has been restored, and it is a shame it is not used. WODC gave a bench to all parishes, and those at Aston and Yelford are in everyday use. If this sounds familiar, it is because we said the same last year.

- **Bampton Welfare Trust report given by David Pullman**

The Welfare Trust has continued its activities as usual during 2014.

The Trustees gave £3850 to local schools, playgroups, and other organisations which benefit the people of the ancient parish of Bampton (which includes Lew and Aston)

The welfare officer recommended payments of £4377, which included assistance with fuel bills for 24, and help for others in unexpected need throughout the year.

The Trustees welcomed Mr Richard Wilkins as a parish council representative, in place of Mrs Joanna Downing.

The Welfare Trust are always ready to consider applications for assistance, so please write or speak to our Welfare Officer, Janet Newman, or to Dr Perry or David Pullman.

- **Bampton Primary School report given by head teacher Carol Philips**

This academic year started with the introduction of hot school meals. Our small kitchen was refurbished by Oxfordshire County Council using some of the government allocation of funds for this nationwide project. The majority of our children eligible for the Universal Free School Meals scheme (children in Reception through to Year 2) are eating hot school meals which have been cooked on site with fresh, local produce, at lunch time. We have also seen a good percentage of Key Stage 2 children having hot meals especially on a Wednesday (roast dinner) and Friday (fish and chips). When the news has been full of stories about the difficulties some schools have had in implementing this government initiative, we are very grateful for how smoothly things have gone at Bampton!

Since my last report we have received our Ofsted visit and I am sure many of you will be aware that we have been officially judged as a "Good" school. The key areas of improvement since our last Ofsted two years ago were: Teaching and Learning, Progress, Attainment and Governance. It is encouraging to have the hard work and commitment of staff, pupils, parents and governors acknowledged. We are all keen now to build on these strengths and continue to develop the educational provision for our children so that it is "Outstanding".

Within about two weeks of our visit from the Ofsted inspector we had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. The report takes account of the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Bampton CE Primary School as a Church of England School. The outcome of this visit was that we were judged to be a "Good" school. The report also stated; "The close links with the church and the community are mutually beneficial and ensure that the school is seen as central to the village life."

On that note I would like to say how thankful we are for the support, both financial and practical, from the community in Bampton. The Community Shop kindly donated £930 which is being spent on IT equipment. The Welfare Trust donated the sum of £500 which was spent on maths resources and have also helped several of our families with the cost of the year six residential trip. Following a successful visit by our year 6 class the West Ox Art Gallery are currently liaising with staff at school to plan some enriching learning opportunities for the children during our school annual Arts Fortnight. Several classes have had engaging and inspiring visits to Ham Court and, although Clare Rednall no longer works at the school, she continues to create a strong link between the school and the Bampton library. The children and staff continue to value their links with Rosebank Care Home and The Bush Club. This year again we have had a programme of events when classes visit either to lead a service, or share work and sing for the residents. This year has seen the school continue to develop and strengthen their links with St. Mary's church. The SIAMS report stated, "There are strong links with the local church and children worship there at least six times a year." The children have visited the church for key Christian celebrations and festivals and our youngest children were again invited to the special Blessed Bees Nativity session. The church community are also preparing to work with us in providing an Experience Pentecost event which we are hoping will be as successful as the Experience Easter event which was organised last year.

This year we are creating links with two schools, one in Hertfordshire and one in Zambia, with a view to developing the children's national and global awareness. Mrs Meller, our RE and PHSE lead teacher has sent a package of children's work off to Zambia as an introduction to Bampton CE Primary School, it's staff and it's pupils. We are eagerly awaiting a return package! Our first shared venture with Bournehall Primary School, in Hertfordshire, was a Weather Watch Week. The children from each school were able to use their skills to record and report on the weather and then share this with pupils in a parallel class. As this relationship grows we hope that the children from each school will learn about, and develop an understanding of, each other's communities.

The School Council plays an active part in the school and is pivotal in gathering and sharing the views and ideas of the rest of the pupils in the school. Other positions of responsibility held by children in the school include our Playtime Leaders who support children at playtime by overseeing and instigating games and support midday supervisors by helping put all the play equipment away. This year we have also introduced the position of Library Monitor. The children in these roles are passionate about books and reading. They have received training from Mrs Clare Rednall on how to organise the library and how to monitor the borrowing and returning of books. This group of four children have decided to run a Reading Rocket group which runs on Monday lunchtimes and involves sharing books with other children.

FOBS (Friends of Bampton School) play a crucial part in the life of the school. Without their fundraising many things would not be possible. For example FOBS donate approximately £700 a year which goes towards maintenance and running costs of the school swimming pool. They have also paid for additional resources for the children and recently paid just nearly £500 for a day of amazing maths workshops for children across the school. The school budget sadly does not run to be able to afford everything we would like for our children and therefore the importance of fundraising cannot be emphasised enough. There are few committee members left and the much of the fundraising work falls to them. We desperately need to generate an interest from our new families if this valuable support has a chance of continuing. I would like to thank all those who support FOBS events through the year.

(Both the Ofsted and the SIAMS report are available on our school website if anyone is interested I reading the full reports)

- **Flood Working Group report given by David Hawkins**

Now 8 yrs since worst flood in Bampton for at least 50 yrs. Several other scares since the July 07 torrent of nearly 6 inches of rain in about 10 hrs flooding 157 dwellings. Several prevention measures have helped to protect vulnerable properties.

In last 12 months, we have kept pressure on Environment Agency to carry out regular maintenance on watercourses to move flood water away from Bampton and onwards to the Thames. We have also used welcome funding from the Community shop to enhance Highmoor meadow as a most useful attenuation area. The aim is to hold flood water flowing from BZN in the field rather than hitting Bampton quickly after heavy rainfall.

The successful proposal to build 160 houses on New Rd offers up several flood prevention measures that we would have liked to have had built but were unaffordable over the last 8 yrs. It is essential that we get the developers to get these measures in place at an early stage of their programme so that we get considerable "betterment" ie less chance of flooding than at present.

Finally, we hope that the new Government will liaise quickly with the ABI to implement the proposed "Flood Re" plan for affordable house insurance for most if not all of vulnerable properties. It seems to be a very sensible idea which needs urgent attention. Please see me afterwards if you would like details.

- **Thames Valley Police report given by PCSO Richard Barnes**

There has been a total of 32 crimes recorded in Bampton from 1/4/14 until 23/4/15 the significant break down being as follows. There are others recorded but are not of use for the Council to know of.

6 are recorded as Burglaries but to non-dwellings (ie sheds/garages)
9 Thefts were recorded 3 being catalytic convertors
7 criminal damage offences were recorded
2 dog related offences
1 Arson
5 Drug Possessions
2 Public order offences

The remaining offences were recorded by police but were either domestic related or there was evidence to suggest no crime had actually occurred. All of the above offences were attended by the Neighbourhood team and our shift colleagues from Witney. Many of the offences were undetected through lack of evidence, and others are ongoing enquiries along with other departments. Crime has come down in Bampton however the percentage cannot be calculated due to the way some crime is recorded in line with guidelines.

There were a total of 13 phone calls relating to specific Anti-Social behaviour, some calls were recorded as this but it was established that there was no anti-social element. On all occasions I or the team attended and located the youths and adults present and either seized alcohol from them or dealt with any offences and returned them home. ASB in total is again down. We are fully aware of the concerns over speeding and have conducted monthly checks within the village with our speed indicating device the results of which have been passed to the council and roads policing and 8 speeding operations were completed with positive enforcement results. Dog related issues are currently being investigated alongside WODC and along with other Neighbourhood priorities we are patrolling the village at least once a day on foot, pedal cycle and during the evenings/nights in plain and marked vehicles. Parking issues are currently being enforced and the school are being worked with consistently.

- **Bampton Youth Football Club report given by Andrew Walton**

Introduction

There are 10 youth teams covering U7 to U15 age groups and they play in the Witney and District Youth Football League (WDYFL) www.wdyfl.org. One team plays in the Oxford Mail Youth Football League (OMYFL) www.oyfl.org.uk.

All teams train at least one evening a week at the Town Ground under floodlights and play either Saturday mornings (U7 to U11) or Sunday afternoons (U12 to U15).

The club focus for youth football is striking the balance between player development and team success in an enjoyable & safe environment. The club use training methods that allow players to make their own decisions - we are not looking at the result of the next match, but instead we want the players to reach their full potential through Long Term Player Development (LTPD). Bampton football club also support the FA's Respect program and all Managers, Parents & players promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Coaches

Every team has an FA qualified coach with minimum qualification of FA Level 1, and some coaches have attained Level 2 and the Youth Module certificates. All managers and assistants are fully CRC checked and will always welcome to new players.

There are at least 2 coaches per team although some teams have three.

Teams

The 10 teams play the majority of their matches at the recreation group. U7s and U8s use a 5 aside mini pitch while U9s and U10s use a larger 7 aside mini pitch. The U11s and U12s use an intermediate

9 aside pitch and U13s, U14s, and U15s use the 11 aside pitches.

There are around 160 youngsters playing football with a significant number living in Bampton and others from the surrounding villages.

Recreation Ground

The recreation ground is the home venue for Bampton youth teams and U7 to U11 matches are played on Saturday mornings and U15 to U12 matches playing on Sunday afternoon although one team plays on a Sunday morning.

On a Saturday there can be as many as three teams playing and there can be the same number on a Sunday as well. The recreation car park is full most home games.

U6 teams

The club has been inundated with requests to play at Bampton Youth from 5 year olds and there are around 20 youngsters in the U6 squad who train on Saturday morning at the Town Ground. They do not play league matches due to age break but take part in friendly events.

Committee

The youth football club committee has a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Club Secretary, Child Welfare Officer, Registration Officer, Treasurer, Youth Development Officer and Committee Officer.

FA Charter Standard

The club is currently in the final stage of application for the FA Charter Standard. It will be completed once all relevant Managers have attended Safeguarding Children and Emergency Aid courses being held at the football club in May.

Presentation Day

The club's annual presentation day is held at the recreation ground at the end of May every year and is not only attended by all Bampton teams but also a number of guest teams from around the county. The event is very popular with families and draws up to 500 people in one day.

Meetings

The Committee meet every other month and the club AGM is held at the end of June.

Managers also meet every other month.

Minutes are published for all meetings and circulated within the club.

- **Community Led Plan report given by Douglas Clare**

The collation of the Bampton Community Led Plan (CLP) residents' survey questionnaires, which were submitted to our CLP Committee, has been completed and they accurately reflect Bampton residents' wishes for the maintenance and the improvement of our town. A good consistency of responses from the various areas in Bampton was received, which has served to validate the survey results.

We received a total of 1252 completed adults questionnaires and a further 129 young peoples' questionnaire responses from 543 households in the town, which has given us the level of representation we sought.

We are now compiling various tables and graphs to clearly show the resulting data in the plan. Meanwhile we have been asking the various public bodies, involved in maintaining and improving Bampton, for their comments and have already received some useful responses.

The Plan will be made available on your PC website, in the library and for purchase at £1:50 at the end of May 2015.

Funding of £500 was finally agreed with the Bampton Community Shop after a year spent seeking support from all the local government offices. The cheque for £500 was finally handed over in March this year, all expenditure has been billed and there will be an unspent balance returned.

All the preparation, collation and writing of the BCLPlan has been shared by the Clares and the Newmans representing the BCLP Committee, with Questionnaire delivery and collection support from 30 local Volunteers representing the streets and areas of the town.