

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs D Clarke (in the chair), G Attar, A Ogg, G Sone, A Cutler.
 IN ATTENDANCE: C Street (Clerk), District Cllr A Wray.

23/2025	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> The following apologies were accepted: Cllrs J Allinson, S McLaren, R Smith, P Foster, District Cllr A Smith, County Cllr T Fenton.		
24/2025	<u>Variation of order of business:</u> None		
25/2025	<u>Declarations of interest:</u> None		
26/2025	<u>County and District Councillors' reports & questions:</u> <u>County Council:</u> No report given. <u>District Council:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government reorganisation to move towards merging districts and county into a unitary authority. • Elections in May are going ahead for a county councillor. Boundaries have been changed slightly. • Budget was agreed today and will go to council on 26th Feb. Budget is looking secure for 25-26. 4% increase on (District Council portion of) council tax which equates to £5 on a Band D property. • £3 million has been allocated to emergency housing; £2.6 million for replacement of waste collection vehicles. • Thames Water – Charlie Maynard MP (representing the TW customers) has made case at high court objecting to TW finances requesting due consideration for a more balanced approach. • Local Surgery at Bampton Library on 18th February 6.30-7.30pm. • Survey form has been circulated regarding difficulty accessing GP & dentistry services. It was noted that there was no option to add comments and the yes/no questions are leading. • 12th March WODC executive meeting in the village hall at 2pm. Public are welcome. Afterwards there is discussion on planning. • Hoping for 20th March evening surgery with MP Charlie Maynard (either in Vesey Rooms or Village Hall depending on numbers expected). • Update requested on recruitment of a planning enforcement officer. 		
27/2025	<u>Confirmation of minutes:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th January 2025 were signed as a true record.		
28/2025	<u>Actions Update:</u> See appended list for outstanding actions from previous meeting/s.		
29/2025	<u>Public participation:</u> None		
30/2025	<u>Planning applications:</u>		
	24/03173/HHD	Erection of a single storey rear extension at Pipplepen Farmhouse Weald. NO OBJECTION.	
31/2025	<u>Finance and Accounts for Payments:</u> The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget:		
	Wiring Solutions	Cherry picker hire and labour to put up/remove Christmas lights	£1008
	Jacky Allinson	Meeting refreshments & NY meal drinks	£8.95 + £201.60
	Community First Oxon	Annual Membership	£70
	Signway Supplies	Smiley Face VAS sign	£5605.50
	123Connect	Minibuilder CMS for website	£140.16

George Murray	Various repairs at TOSCC	£186
Wiring Solutions	Emergency lights replacement at TOSCC	£1,066.80

The following payments for the Recreation Ground Development were approved:

RPS Consulting	Historic Environmental Records, mileage and report	£2884.80
ASA Landscape Architects	Project co-ordination and administration, managing of quotes liaison with consultants as agreed.	£6,690
Gleeds	Quantity Surveying Services - January 2025	£2,880

The following pre-paid debit card transactions were approved:

Amazon	Clock, batteries and cobweb duster	£15.98, £8.99, £4.99
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The following direct debits and standing orders were noted:

CASTLE WATER 18.66 ; CASTLE WATER 25.60 ; EDF Energy 1,787.48 ; HMRC 1,548.88 ; LLOYDS BANK CORPOR 309.66 ; OCC AP 750.00 ; VODAFONE LTD 51.14 & 42.08 ; YU Energy 253.23 ; West Oxon DC rates 308.00 & 96.00 & West Oxon DC 62.00

32/2025	<u>Allotments</u> : 2 plots are still available.
33/2025	<u>Town Hall</u> : Nothing to report.
34/2025	<u>The Old School Community Centre</u> : Nothing to report.
35/2025	<u>Cemetery</u> : Confirmation that Chris Smith will continue to open cemetery gates and put the bins out.
36/2025	<u>Highways, Trees, Footpaths and Floods</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smiley Face Sign as has been installed on Aston Road. Trees: The coppicing of the Western line of wild plum trees and some work on 4 Lime Trees in the Cemetery and the removal of a few dead or dying trees in the Pieces Path/Chetwynd Mead area will be carried out W/C 17th February. Footpaths: The “temporary” red safety barrier next to the ditch between Ampney Orchard and Chetwynd Mead is still in place after several years. It was reported on FixmyStreet. Ted Fenton is investigating. Sand bunker – request for lighting on next agenda.
37/2025	<u>Mercury Play Park</u> : Monthly inspection was reviewed. Cllr Sone to liaise with Lengthsman re. any upkeep/repairs needed. It was noted that the sign says nearest phone is in Market Square. Cllr Sone to investigate/update.
38/2025	<u>Lengthsman update</u> : It was noted that a resident is still dumping green waste on footpath No. 1.
39/2025	<u>Committee meeting updates</u> : None
40/2025	<u>Correspondence</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for a memorial plaque by a resident: it was suggested that a memorial stone at the cemetery may be a suitable option.
41/2025	<u>Essential village matters (received after agenda was set)</u> : None

42/2025	<p><u>Recreation Ground Development Project update:</u> EARLY WORKS: Following the completion of the foundation design for the containers the costs for the overall installation have been updated and there is a shortfall of £2,455.90 which has been requested via another S106 application. It was AGREED to give approval for container ground works to go ahead asap weather permitting and approve quote for 1000mm deep foundation hardstanding for storage containers.</p> <p>The gates are also delivered and awaiting installation.</p> <p>SKATEPARK: Two quotes have been obtained to deliver this as a standalone Design and Build project. Request for S106 monies which must be submitted by 19th March 2025. The removal of a tree within Skate Park area was AGREED.</p> <p>MUGA AND PADEL COURT: All required surveys of existing are completed. The draft reports are completed for the clearance of planning conditions for the drainage design, outdoor lighting and archaeology method statement. The target date for completion of tender documents is 5 March 2025.</p> <p>GRANT AND LOAN APPLICATIONS are in progress and are awaiting updated plan and costings.</p> <p>Possible building start date of 1st September.</p>
43/2025	<p><u>Councillor areas of responsibility:</u> Cllr Sone has agreed to take on responsibility for the play parks.</p>
44/2025	<p><u>Standing Orders:</u> The latest model standing orders were adopted.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting is Wednesday 12th March 2024.

Signed..... Dated.....

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S:

Arts Committee S106 money has been approved for Tree of Life and Sculpture in front of town hall. £552 still available to be applied for before the end of this month.	AC
Taylor Wimpey re. village entrance planters. ON GOING.	SM
Online cemetery map to be checked. ON GOING as is weather dependant.	JA Clerk
Electric charging points enquiries. ON GOING <i>Update: TOSCC, land by fire station and market square would be viable options for Micro-hub areas; funding unlikely to be allocated to faster speed chargers; OCC are tendering out for companies to implement kerbside drainage channels under paths to houses - public need to register if interested; agreed to publicise this on social media.</i>	GA
FB post re town twinning. ON GOING	JA
Shingle to be laid on footpaths now. ON GOING	Lengthsman
Contact management company at Cala Homes to install noticeboard	PF
Abandoned vehicle on Bridge Street. Vehicle still there. ON GOING	GA

Grass Cutting tender. Invitations to Tender for Vegetation Control Contract are being sent out next week.	DC/Clerk
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NEW ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING:

Add Highways walk around update to next agenda	Clerk
Update sign at play park re. info on nearest phone	GS