

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 9th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Allinson (Chair), R Smith, D Clarke, S Taylor, H Rainey, P Smith, R McBrien, S Homer, S McLaren, P Foster.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street (Clerk), County & District Councillor Ted Fenton

163/2020 Apologies for absence: None.

164/2020 Variation of order of business: None.

165/2020 Declarations of interest:

166/2020 District & County Councillors' Reports:

COUNTY COUNCIL: Covid in West Oxfordshire; 20mph countywide in built up areas aim was passed; priority fund ends on 31st January.

DISTRICT COUNCIL: Testing centre at Woodford Way carpark is opening; vaccinations are underway at the Churchill Hospital; certain recycling 'bring sites' to be closed due to misuse – blue lidded bins will take anything that would have been taken to a 'bring site'; bins for Oakwood gate are still outstanding.

167/2020 Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 were signed as a true record.

168/2020 Actions update: See attached list.

169/2020 Public participation: None.

170/2020 Planning applications: It was noted that the council was apparently no longer receiving Planning Decisions. Clerk to investigate.

20/02873/HHD Deadline 10/12	Erection of two storey rear extension. 18 Woodley Drive Bampton. No objections.
20/03289/S73	Removal of condition 5 of planning permission W1043/72 to remove agricultural tie. Morar Weald Street Weald. No objections.
20/03100/HHD	Erection of two storey front extension. 15 Chetwynd Mead. No objections.
20/03386/LBC	Internal works to the roof space to include the addition of sheeps wool insulation. Lesta House High Street. No objections.

171/2020 Precept request: The precept request for 2021-22 was unanimously agreed as £141,000. It was also resolved to draw down £15,000 from reserves. It was noted that there is no District Council precept grant this year. Clerk to send in precept request to District Council.

172/2020 **Finance and Accounts for Payment:**

- The following payments were approved in accordance with the budget:

Rec ground	Part of grant for 2020-21	£20,000
Wiring solutions	TOSCC electrical installation condition report	£735
The Wychwood Gardener	Town hall gardening	£114
AK Timms	Bark for Mercury play park	£390.24
AK Timms	Bark for Mercury play park	£260.16
AK Timms	Torch for lengthsman	£26.69
Gutter clear	TOSCC gutters	£240
Louise Williams	Reimbursement for lengthsman's expenses – fuel	£17.96 PAID
Chris Smith	November work	£1861
Cathy Street	Postage for Acer switch return	£3.10
Ann Setch	Town Hall hoover reimbursement	£21.99
Moore	External end of year audit	£540
Stuart Ransom	Xmas trees for 2019 & 2020	£340
Gareth Pursey	Christmas tree light installation	£1141
Hartwell Electrical	Light electrics on Town Hall	£215.32

- The following Pre-paid debit card transactions were approved:

CCTC	Xmas lights	£1252.77
B&Q	Paint for Rec Ground – (need to reimburse)	£64

173/2020 **Allotment report:** A report was sent out prior to the meeting and no resolutions were made.

174/2020 **Town Hall report:** A report was sent before the meeting and the following resolutions were made:

- Waiting for final planning approval for WC in Post Office due to questions from conservation officer.
- The Postmaster wants to renew the Post Office lease for 7 years (costs approx. £550 + VAT agreed).

175/2020 **Old School Community Centre report:** A report was sent prior to the meeting and no resolutions were made.

176/2020 **Cemetery report:** A report was sent out prior to the meeting and the following resolutions were made:

- There are 96 names for the tree planting memorial. Cllr Rainey is getting quotes for a plaque.
- The quote from Thames Water for connecting the water mains is far too high at £10,000 + VAT. Cllr Allinson is looking into other options.
- Side gate needs replacing.

177/2020 **Highways, footpaths and tree report:** A report was sent out prior to the meeting and the following resolutions were made:

- Suggestion of asking for volunteers for Community Speed Watch independent group, NB. this will not be organised by the parish council.
- Our current tree contractor has been too busy to attend to our tree survey. We are looking at other contractors.
- Access to the bridge between Ampney Orchard and Chetwynd Mead is unsatisfactory. Councillor McLaren to investigate
- 31 Calais Dene still has not removed the path or the laurels on public land. Cllr Allinson to send a follow on letter informing them that we will remove the laurels and will be consulting a solicitor regarding the removal of the path.

178/2020 **Mercury Play Park:** There was no report this month. Xmas cover to be decided.

- 179/2020 Lengthsman report: The following resolutions were made:
- Purchase 5 x 'Bampton Parish Council' work shirts for the lengthsman.
 - A secure shed is needed for tools. Cllr P Smith to ask Alan Bower to quote for repairs to spare cemetery shed.
 - Lengthman's phone needs upgrading – agreed to look into this.
- 180/2020 Correspondence:
- "Walking Home for Christmas" charity walk £50 cheque donation agreed.
 - Resident from Buckland Marsh enquiring whether Taylor Wimpey has instructed their lorries to use the route along Buckland Road which is in breach of weight limit. We support him taking this further with the county council.
- 181/2020 Report on village matters (received after agenda was set): None
- 182/2020 Donation to Volunteer Link Up: £100 was agreed.
- 183/2020 Resignation of Cllr Douglas Bamber: A vacancy on the parish council has been advertised.
- 184/2020 Electric vehicle charging: A request for charging electric vehicles with no private driveways has been passed onto County Highways.
- 185/2020 HR committee update: It was agreed to make changes to the standing orders to include changes to the HR committee scope and budget. Clerk to agenda for January. Cllr Clarke is now a member of the HR committee.
- 186/2020 RAF liaison meeting: An update was given regarding flying over the church.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.25pm.

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

ACTIONS

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN/UPDATE	NAME	BY DATE
S 106 funding	Find out where this has been spent.	SH	On going
Tourism management	Agreed to investigate producing a list of protocols outlining expected tourist behaviour to give out to tourists.	RM	On going
Trees on Pieces path/cemetery	Tree contractor has not yet started the tree work needed on the Pieces path. Saplings can be kept until March without planting but need upkeep. Will be divided between cemetery and Pieces path. Cllr McLaren to get quote from other contractors.	SM	On going
Taylor Wimpey	Charity contribution	HR PS	On going
Barrel for market sq	Place order	SM	Dec
Defibrillator	Find alternative cabinet supplier. British Heart Foundation were taking them on but are not doing this during covid. Agreed to approach charity shop for funding. PC will fund this until the charity shop can be approached.	DC, PF	On going
Laptop	Get quote	IT Committee	Dec
Precept	Send in request to WODC	Clerk	Jan
31 Calais Dene	Ask C Smith to remove Laurels; write to solicitor re path	DC, JA	Dec
Lengthsman	Order shirts; quote for shed; mobile phone upgrade	PS; DC	Jan
Councillor vacancy	Advertise on social media	DC	Dec
Standing orders	Amend with HR changes	Clerk	Jan meeting
Planning permission	Check with WODC planning re notification	Clerk	Jan