

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19th 2015

Present.

Mr Carruthers, Mr Stones, Mrs Leckie, Mr Bruin, Mr Hughes, Mrs Hall,
Mr Jones.

Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

Mr Campbell (parishioner)

Before the meeting began councillors stood in silence to remember Donald Langdale, a former councillor, who had recently died.

89.1

Mr Carruthers took the chair and welcomed new and re-elected councillors. All signed the declarations of acceptance of office.

89.2 Election of chairman

Mr Carruthers was nominated by Mr Bruin and elected unanimously. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

89.3 Election of vice-chairman

Mr Jones was nominated by Mr Stones, seconded by Mrs Leckie and elected unanimously.

89.4 Apologies for absence.

Mr Slee (EDC) had several previous meetings.

89.5 Chairman's report.

Mr Carruthers gave a synopsis of the council's activities during the last year.

89.6 Financial report.

Having been circulated the financial report was taken as read, approved and signed. The internal audit had been successfully completed.

89.7 Annual statement of assurance for external audit.

The governance statement was discussed, completed, and signed.

End of the annual general meeting.

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MAY 19th 2015

90.1 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

90.2 Minutes of the meeting held on March 24th

Having been circulated the minutes were taken as read. They were approved as correct and signed as such by Mr Carruthers.

90.3 Public comments and concerns.

There were none.

90.4 EDC and CCC reports.

EDC councillor was not present.

CCC - Mr Hughes reported that some road work had been done in the parish. He was not sure whether anything had been done regarding the problem with flooding by the Knipe road cattle grid. There was nothing else to report that affected the parish.

90.5 Finance.

Bank balances at 30/4/15 Current account 8663.48

Business reserve 1001.09

Precept, 4500.00 and CHTR grant of 258.00 had been paid in.

Accounts to be paid;- Clerk's salary 1 st ¼	325.00
Petty cash	60.00
CALC sub.	130.00
Hall committee	24.20 (for UU meeting)
	539.20

Payment was approved and cheques signed by Mr Bruin and Mr Hughes.
b) Insurance.

A new quote had been received from Zurich and it was agreed that the insurer should be changed.

Aon premium 518.26

Zurich 327.17

A cheque was signed for the new premium.

c) Appointment of new internal auditor.

Mr Pitt had retired after many years and Mr David Cooke was willing to take over. It was agreed that Mr Cooke should be appointed.

90.6 Electronic delivery of agendas.

Most councillors said that they would like to have agendas delivered by e-mail and they would confirm this in writing. Other councillors would continue to receive summons by letter.

90.7 Updates.

a) Green Crook bridge.

The Clerk reported that CCC, having inspected the bridge, had decided that no remedial work was necessary. She had informed CCC that the problem was excessive sway when several people were on the bridge at the same time and the CCC Countryside Access officer had replied that they would look at the structure in the future and decide whether anything should be done about this.

b) Lowther bank.

Eden Rivers Trust and others were still in discussion about what to do about the dangerous state of the river bank and the area was still fenced off.

c) Dog fouling.

Discussed earlier at the APM.

d) Web-site.

It was agreed that nothing should be done about the web-site for the time being.

f) Newsletter.

The invoices requested from PCC had been received but there was no discussion.

g) PC representation on the Hall Committee.

As Mr Campbell was no longer a councillor it was agreed that he should be replaced as the PC's representative. Mr Bruin was appointed in his place.

90.8 New Transparency Code.

The Clerk explained that this was mainly concerned with financial reporting following the removal of external auditing in 2017

To comply with the new regulations documents such as agendas, minutes and financial reports need to be published via web-site or other electronic means. The Clerk would inform Mr Cant of the implications for the web-site.

Mr Hughes declared an interest as Mr Cant was known to him and signed the interests' book.

90.9 Planning

Permissions granted;- 7/2015/3162 Naddle West – roof alteration to sun room.

7/2015/3026 Land north of Toddle Cottage - pony shelter and hardstanding.

7/2015/3024 Vaugh Steel - rendering of farmhouse.

7/2015/3025 Vaugh Dteel - garden studio.

7/2015/3022 Low Rough Hill - reinstatement of roof.

90.10 Letter of support for RSPB ‘Discovering Haweswater’ project.

Lee Schofield, RSPB, had explained the project at the APM earlier in the evening and asked for a letter of support from the council. After some discussion it was agreed that a letter could not be sent as there was no consensus for support and several concerns over the possible effects on the parish caused by an increase in traffic. The Clerk would inform Mr Schofield.

90.11 Items for the next agenda.

Branches in a lay-by.

90.12 Dates of next meetings.

Tuesday July 21st

September 22nd

November 17th

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.