

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19th 2016

Present

Mr Carruthers (in the chair), Mr Hughes, Mrs Buss, Mrs Leckie, Mr Stones
Mr Hodgson (parishioner)
Mr Turner
Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

Before the meeting began councillors stood in silence to respect the memory of Mrs Hall who died in December.

Mr Turner, a trustee of the Fieldbarn Trust gave a short presentation on its plans to prevent the dereliction of field barns by inserting residential pods into the buildings to enable them to be used for holiday lets. Barns in the Rosgill area could be the first to be adapted in Cumbria if planning permission is obtained. Mr Turner was seeking the approval of the council and support for any planning applications. He was thanked by Mr Carruthers and left the meeting.

94.1 Apologies for absence.

Mr MacInnes (LDNPA) - previous meeting
Mr Slee (EDC)
Mr Bruin

94.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

94.3 Minutes of the meeting held on November 17th 2015

Having been circulated they were taken as read. They were approved as a correct record with one alteration;-

93.3 A member of the public had raised concerns over parking at Croft End (not Mr Hughes, as stated).

The minutes were signed by Mr Carruthers.

94.4 Co-option

Mrs Vicky Haddock was co-opted unanimously in absentia in place of Mrs Hall.

94.5 Public comments and concerns.

Mr Hodgson was concerned about branches overhanging the road between Beckfoot and Bampton Hall. Mr Carruthers agreed to liaise with him over the removal of these. Mr Hodgson was also concerned over dogs being walked in fields where there were no public rights of way and gates being left open. The LDNPA would be asked to provide better signage for footpaths and the matter would be mentioned in the parish newsletter. Mr Carruthers would also investigate possible solutions to the problem.

94.6 EDC, CCC and LDNPA reports.

EDC and LDNPA were not represented.

CCC – Mr Hughes reported that some potholes had been patched but the continued bad weather had meant that work was delayed and ineffectual. A good repair had been made by Croft End but the road above Fieldgate had not yet been repaired although it had been reported to Highways. Highways are seriously overstretched and under budgeted. Mr Carruthers would speak to Mr Banks about the continuing road defects. CCC grants were available for anyone affected by flooding.

94.7 Finance Bank balances at 30/11/15 Current account 5912.61

Business reserve 1001.38

30/12/15 Current account 5587.61

All cheques issued at the last meeting had been cleared.

To be paid;- Clerk's salary (last ¼)	325.00.
First aid course	80.00
Petty cash	65.00
SLCC sub. (1/2)	38.00
	508.00

In current account following clearance;- 5079.61

Payments were approved and the cheques signed by Mr Hughes and Mr Stones.

b) The precept request for 4358.00 had been sent to EDC. The CTRS grant had been set at 142.00 so the total to be received would be 4500.00 as agreed.

94.8 Flooding

Mr Carruthers reported that Eden Rivers Trust had not been able to arrange any consultations on its plans to work on improvements to the Lowther which may have an impact on future flooding because of the bad weather. Meetings with the parish would be arranged in future.

It had been reported that there was more damage to the river bank by the swing bridge and that flood water had been closer to Croft End during the winter storms than ever before. The swing bridge was also in a more

dangerous state than it had been before. Mr Carruthers would speak to Mr Banks (CCC Highways) about this but it was difficult to determine who was responsible for maintenance of the bridge.

94.9 Parking area at Grange Bridge.

Mrs Buss and Mr Carruthers had completed an application for a grant from LDNPA Sustainability Fund to cover 58% of the cost to the council of the work to be done by Highways.

94.10 Updates.

a) Recycling

Nothing to report.

b) Notice boards.

Mr Carruthers would continue trying to contact Woodworks for a quote for replacement of the board at Bampton Grange and the joiner at Rosgill would also be approached.

c) Drains working group.

There had been little response to the request for volunteers made in the newsletter.

d) Jubilee tree plaque.

The Clerk would investigate sources of engraved plaques. It was suggested that any plaque should also commemorate Mrs Hall who was Chairman at the time of the Jubilee.

94.11 Memorial to Mrs Hall.

It was suggested as in the previous item and also that the council should liaise with the Bomby Green committee to decide on an appropriate memorial.

94.12 Planning.

7/2016/3001 High Knipe, permitted development, extension to existing agricultural building. (Information only)

7/2015/3153 Spruce Cottage, single storey side extension.

94.13 Councillors' concerns.

Mrs Buss raised the problem caused by a lack of grit bins especially at the Swindale road end and the damage being caused to the fells by large UU lorries turning off the road. Highways would be asked to provide more grit bins and Mr Carruthers would raise the matter of the lorries at the next Commoners' meeting.

Parking problems at Croft End had been raised by a parishioner again but it was agreed that there was sufficient provision for residents at most times except when there were many visitors such as at Bonfire Night.

Mrs Leckie was concerned about the numbers of sandbags still lying on the road which were leaking and possibly causing blockage of drains. People would be encouraged to return them to where they came from in the next newsletter article.

Phone box removal from service.

BT had listed three boxes in the parish for removal because of little usage and there had been a suggestion that defibrillators could be installed in them in connection with a heart charity. The defibrillators would need to be paid for by the parish. Mrs Buss would get more information from EDC and collate comments from councillors for the consultation deadline of February 1st.

94.14 Items for the next agenda.

Risk management assessment.

94.15 Dates for meetings.

Tuesdays March 22nd
 May 24th
 July 19th
 September 20th
 November 22nd

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.