

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22ND
2015

Present

Mr Carruthers (in the chair), Mrs Leckie, Mrs Hall, Mr Bruin, Mr Stones,
Mr Hughes.
Mr Slee (EDC)
Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

92.1 Apologies for absence.

None were received but Mr Hughes apologised for late arrival.

92.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were received.

92.3 Minutes of the meeting held on July 21st

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

92.4 Public participation.

No members of the public were present.

92.5 EDC and CCC reports.

EDC - Mr Slee reported that a community advisory group had been established to consider discretionary services and the possible devolution of some of them to parishes – footway lighting, public seats etc. There would be capital and maintenance support available for footway lighting projects. The final report on footway lighting would be out soon. There was some discussion regarding the removal of the plastics recycling cage from the parish and Mr Slee said that he would look into the situation.

CCC – Mr Hughes reported that the Keep Left sign at the Burnbanks road end had been removed following a lack of support from local residents who answered a questionnaire on its retention. The Kendal Calling event had not had any effect on the village. There was some disagreement with Mr Slee over which authority was responsible for recycling provision

92.6 Finance.

Bank balances at 28/8/15	Current account	7282.61
	Business reserve	1001.25

Cheques issued at the last meeting had been cleared.

Paid since the last meeting, and cleared;- Chris Cant (website) 200.00

No outstanding accounts to be paid.

b) External audit report.

The auditors noted that there was a 1.00 fault in the addition and that the minutes that had been sent had not been paginated and signed. This was because the copy sent had been a computer print off rather than a photocopy of the original, signed, minutes.

The audit was otherwise successfully completed.

92.7 Highways.

Grange Bridge – potholes had been temporarily filled. Mr Carruthers had been told by Mr Banks, CCC Highways, that the area could be properly levelled and tarred if the PC made a financial contribution of 1500.00.

There was some discussion and concerns over possible opposition to this work as happened several years ago when it was first suggested. The Clerk would ask in the newsletter for comments on the scheme to be given to Mr Carruthers by October 10th so that Highways could be asked to go ahead before winter or told that it could not be done.

Hedge trimming and verge maintenance – letters had been received from Miss Bowman regarding overgrown hedges along the Rosgill road that were obstructing vision for drivers. The Clerk had informed Highways and asked for overgrown saplings etc to be removed. As hedge trimming is done by farmers/ landowners Mr Carruthers would talk to those concerned. Mr Milne would cut back the hedge adjacent to the Millennium Footpath shortly to improve visibility when coming out of the hall.

There was nothing to report following a meeting at Shap between Shap PC and UU regarding damage to bridges caused by lorries going to Swindale for the work there.

92.8 Recycling.

There was considerable concern expressed over the sudden removal of the plastics recycling cage from Bampton. Mr Slee explained the background to the situation and said that he would investigate why the skip had been taken away.

Fly tipping was still a problem at the bring site.

Mr Slee was thanked and left the meeting.

92.9 Planning

Permission granted;- 7/2015/3067 Littlewater Farm, sheep housing.

Change of use approval – Beckfoot House, back to domestic use.

Amendments to plans already submitted;- 7/2015/3087 Carhullan, workshop and studio.

7/2015/3118 Town End Farm – addition of two velux roof lights and pvc windows in place of wood.

92.10 Updates.

a) Notice boards.

Mr Carruthers had inspected the boards in the cemetery and by the lych gate at the church. He would contact Woodworks and get a quote for a new one by the church as that one was in poor condition.

b) Web-site usage figures had been received from Mr Cant.

c) Dog fouling.

Flyers had been circulated via the PO in copies of The Herald and it was thought there had been a slight improvement. They would be circulated again later in the year.

92.11 Councillors' concerns.

Eden Rivers Trust;- Mr Carruthers reported that work would be done to stabilise the river bank where it was badly eroded as a temporary measure before a larger scheme for the river was begun. Consultations would be carried out with the PC and parishioners shortly.

Mr Carruthers learnt at the Shap meeting with UU that Mr Phillips, UU, would be talking to Shap PC regarding the future of the concrete road after the conclusion of the work in Swindale.

Concern was expressed over the light at Gatefoot which was no longer working. As this is a light on an electrical column it was agreed that it would be unlikely to be repaired.

Hedge near Thornthwaite Hall. Mr Carruthers had found out from PFK that the area concerned belongs to Mr Orford. He had been contacted and some work had been done to improve the situation.

92.12 Next agenda

½ yearly financial report.

Budget and precept.

Plaque for the Jubilee tree.

Co-option

92.13 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday November 17th.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm