

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20th 2015

Present

Mr Carruthers (in the chair), Mr Bruin, Mr Campbell, Mr Hughes.
Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)
Mr Aitken (member of the public)

87.1 Apologies for absence.

Mr Stones – unwell
Mrs Wright – away from the parish.
Mrs Hall - unwell
Mr Hughes apologised for late arrival because of an earlier meeting.

87.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

87.3 Minutes of the meeting held on November 18th 2014.u

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

87.4 Public comments and concerns.

Mr Aitken spoke about his plans to apply for planning permission for a house on his land at Gatefoot. It was agreed that this would be discussed formally by the council when the plans had been received from LDNPA. Mr Aitken was thanked by Mr Carruthers and he left the meeting.

87.5 CCC report.

EDC councillor, Mr Slee, and LDNPA parishes' rep. Mrs Cooke, were not present.
Mr Hughes, CCC councillor, reported that bus subsidies would not be replaced but that Highways work would not be cut. Highways had been contacted about road problems in the parish. Mr Carruthers mentioned the flooding at the cattle grid on Knipe Moor and other areas that required attention. These concerns would be passed on to Highways.

87.6 Finance.

Bank balances at 28/11/14. Current account 5747.58
Reserve account 1000.88

Cheques issued at the last meeting had been cleared.

Cheques issued since last meeting;- Traybake Ltd (UU meeting) 36.90
A Milne (grass contract) 1180.00

In c/acc following clearance 4530.68

To be paid;-	Clerk's salary (last ¼)	312.50
	SLCC sub. (1/2)	38.50
		351.00

Following clearance;- 4179.68

Payments were authorised and cheques signed by Mr Bruin and Mr Hughes.

b) Precept for 2015/16

After some discussion it was agreed that the precept should be set at 4,500.00 The CTRS grant would be 258.00. Council tax liability would be 28.00 for a Band D property.

87.7 Grass cutting contract.

Quotations had been received from Mr Potter - 1450.00
and Mr Milne - 1200.00

The contract would run from January 2015 to January 2018.

It was agreed that the contract should be awarded to Mr Milne for a further three years.

87.8 Parish Plan projects.

There was some discussion of parking areas and it was decided that the matter should be put on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting for discussion by parishioners.

The dangerous condition of the swing bridge was brought up and the Clerk was asked to contact the LDNPA Ranger to find out whether safety checks could be carried out and warning signs erected to discourage too many people from using the bridge at the same time.

87.9 War memorial

There was no enthusiasm for the erection of a new war memorial so the idea was dropped.

87.10 Updates.

a) Millennium footpath fence.

Mr Carruthers had spoken to Mr Morton about the repair of a broken rail and had had a quotation of less than 100.00. It was agreed that Mr Morton should be asked to go ahead with the work. The gate at the Memorial Hall end of the path is also in need of repair but this is not urgent.

b) River bank.

Mr Carruthers reported that the dangerous section had been fenced off by LDNPA and the path is safe to use.

c) High speed broadband.

Work should begin later this year.

d) Web-site advertisements.

Mrs Wright had reported that only two advertisers had paid. Mr Carruthers would check with Mr Cant whether those who had not paid were still on the web-site.

There was discussion regarding the web-site and the newsletter and a suggestion that the newsletter should be put on-line in conjunction with the web-site. The relationship between the newsletter and the council should be fully reviewed another year.

e) Squirrel signs.

No reply had been received from Mr Dickman in relation to ordering signs.

87.11 Planning.

Permission granted;- 7/2014/3119 High Woodfoot - barn conversion for holiday let accommodation.

7/2014/3141 1 The Mews, Bampton - extension and oil tank.

7/2014/3151 & 3152 Thornthwaite Hall - storm porch.

7/2014/3029 1 & 2 Bampton Grange - double glazed window units.

b) New applications

7/2014/3169 Shap Beck Quarry - drilling of exploratory boreholes for limestone extraction.

There were no objections.

7/2014/3162 - Naddlegate West - alteration to previous permission for sunroom roof.

There were no objections.

87.12 Councillors' concerns.

Concerns had been raised again over the state of the roadside near Grange Bridge where many cars are parked. This would be discussed further at the future meeting.

The poor state of the road between Bampton and Burnbanks was brought up – blocked gullies, flooding and ice were all causing problems. The Clerk would contact Highways. She would also report that the road up to

Hullockhowe was in need of attention. Mr Campbell would give more detailed information to Highways.

87.13 Items for the next agenda.

Electronic delivery of agendas.

APM date and arrangements.

87.14 Date for next meeting.

Tuesday March 24th.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm