

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HLE ON
MAY 20th 2014

Present.

Mrs Hall, Mrs Wright, Mr Carruthers, Mr Stones, Mr Campbell, Mr Hughes, Mr Bruin
Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)
1 parishioner.

Mrs Hall took the chair.

82.1 Election of chairman.

Mr Carruthers was nominated by Mrs Hall, seconded by Mr Bruin and was elected unanimously, unopposed.

Mr Carruthers signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair. He thanked Mrs Hall for her years of work as chairman.

82.2 Election of Vice-chairman.

Mr Campbell was nominated by Mr Stones, seconded by Mr Bruin and elected unanimously, unopposed.

82.3 Apologies for absence.

None had been received.

82.4 Chairman's report.

The report prepared by Mr Carruthers was given and approved.
(Attached)

82.5 Financial report.

Having been circulated the report prepared by the Clerk was taken as read and approved. The audit return was signed by Mr Carruthers.

82.6 Statement of assurance for external audit.

The statement was approved apart from item 5 relating to risk assessment. The last risk assessment was carried out in 2011. The Clerk would attach an explanation to the audit return stating that the necessary assessment would be carried out at the next council meeting. The statement was signed by Mr Carruthers and the Clerk.

End of the Annual General meeting.

Ordinary meeting of the council May 20th 2014.

83.1 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

83.2 minutes of the meeting held on March 18th.

Having been circulated the minutes were taken as read. Mr Hughes asked for two alterations to be made;-

81.5 EDC report;- ‘a minimum of 603 lights’ added.

81.11 The road will not be physically blocked -‘after the work’ added.

The minutes were altered accordingly, approved and signed as a correct record by Mr Carruthers.

83.3 Public comments and concerns.

A question was asked regarding the survey of the condition of the road across Knipe Moor. Mr Hughes said that it would be looked at but that it was not included in the work schedule for re-surfacing in the current year. It might, however, be patched.

83.4 Reports from EDC, CCC and LDNPA

Mr Slee, EDC councillor, was not present but Mr Hughes reported that a new footway lighting officer had been appointed and site visits would begin to be made. There was no time scale for consultation or decisions on what lights should be retained.

CCC. Mr Hughes said that Highways were working on the Hullockhowe road.

83.5 Finance.

a) Bank balances at 30/4/14. Current account 8120.54

Business reserve 1000.55

Paid in since the beginning of the financial year:- Precept 4657.00

CTRS grant 343.00

Paid out:- Green skip hire

228.00

b) Outstanding accounts:- Clerk’s salary 312.50

Aon insurance 518.26

Petty cash 65.00

CALC sub. 126.00

Memorial hall 55.20

1076.96

In the current account following clearance:- 7043.58

Payments were approved and the cheques signed by Mrs Hall and Mr Hughes.

83.6 Public transport.

Mr Hughes reported in the absence of Mr Cooke. He said that CCC were being very secretive over the matter. On service 111 (Bampton-Penrith) Alba, the current service provider, was showing an interest in continuing the service without the subsidy and Fellrunner was also expressing an interest but could not run the service on Tuesdays. Thursday was a possibility.

Mr Hughes answered questions.

83.7 Signage at Naddle Gate.

CCC Highways had proposed to remove the old road sign at Naddle Gate and erect a new one along with new road markings. The History Society had expressed an interest in having the old finger post and were concerned that the triangle of land at the junction might be removed. This appeared not to be the case and councillors had no objections to the proposed changes. The Clerk would ask Highways for the old finger post, on behalf of BDLHS.

83.8 Updates.

a) Millennium footpath repairs.

It was reported that the Park Ranger had visited the village recently and was shown the defects in the footpath. He accepted responsibility for the path and said that the necessary remedial work would be done eventually. After some discussion about an earlier repair being done it was suggested, and agreed, that a contractor should be asked to do the work instead. Mr Carruthers would approach Mr Milne who was already contracted to cut the hedge along the path.

b) Green waste skip.

The private skip was now full and still awaiting removal. Mr Carruthers would contact the provider and ask for it to be removed as soon as possible as waste was fermenting and causing leakage of liquid.

c) Use of the Parish diary.

A reminder had been put in the village newsletter that hall bookings should be made with Mrs Carruthers before events were noted in the diary.

d) Planning permissions granted.

7/2014/3006 Gill Head, replacement cattle shed.

7/2014/3014 The Stable, shed.

83.9 Web-site advertisements.

It was agreed that it was the responsibility of all councillors to encourage local businesses to use the web-site for their advertisements. Mr Carruthers would speak to Mr Cant about taking charge of the ads. There

would be a flat rate of 40.00 per year for all advertisements whoever they were from.

83.10 Councillors' concerns.

Mrs Wright reported that the 'No Camping overnight' sign at Chapel Bridge had gone and that people had been camping there again. The Clerk would contact the Lowther agent and ask for an urgent replacement.

Car parking on Knipe Moor in connection with events at Knipe Hall was still causing some difficulties. It was agreed that probably nothing could be done as there had been no response to letters to Mr Hindley, the Commoners or Lowther.

Mr Carruthers reported that he had been approached by a parishioner who was concerned over the safety of Haweswater reservoir and had asked how often it was inspected. It was suggested that UU should be invited to a meeting to discuss this and related matters and councillors agreed that it would be useful. Mr Campbell would contact UU regarding a presentation or a tour of the reservoir/dam and would then inform the Clerk what had been agreed.

83.11 Items for the next agenda.

Risk management assessment.

Update on broadband provision.

Possible Parish Plan projects.

Funding for the football team.

83.12 Next meeting.

Tuesday July 22nd.

Mr Hughes apologised in advance for absence from the meeting.

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