

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 23rd 2013

Present

Mrs Hall (in the chair), Mr Carruthers, Mr Bruin, Mr Campbell, Mrs Wright, Mr Stones

Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

2 parishioners.

77.1 Apologies for absence

Mr Hughes was on holiday.

Mrs Cooke (LDNPA parishes rep.) was away.

Mr Slee (EDC councillor) was indisposed.

77.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

77.3 Minutes of meetings held on May 21st

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

77.4 Co-options.

Mrs Wright and Mr Stones were co-opted unanimously to fill the two vacancies on the council. They took their seats and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

77.5 Public comments and concerns.

Mr Carruthers wished the council to thank Tom Lowther for his support with grants while he was CC councillor. He also asked what would be done with the wine that was left over from the 2012 APM. It was agreed that he should sort it out with the Hall Committee and Mrs White.

Mrs Jones had pointed out to the council that she had been the PC representative on the Hall Committee and that a new representative would be required. Mr Campbell volunteered and his offer was accepted.

The problem of overflow cars from Knipe Hall events being parked on Knipe Moor was raised as complaints had been received. These concerns would be passed on to the Commoners, Lowther and Mr Hindley

77.6 Reports from EDC and CCC councillors.

Neither councillor was present.

Mr Slee had told the Clerk that he had nothing to report.

Mr Hughes (CCC) sent a written report re road closure at the end of the month.

77.7 Finance.

Bank balances at 30/6/13 C/acc 6250.38

Bus/res 1000.17

To be paid;- A Hoyle (waste skip hire) 240.00 (VAT 40.00)
PCC (clock service) 126.00 (VAT not reclaimable as the work was not ordered by the PC)

The first cheque was signed by Mr Bruin and Mr Carruthers, the second by Mrs Hall and Mr Bruin after the meeting after it had been clarified to whom it should be payable.

b) Correspondence re finance.

i) Mrs White gave more details of the work to be done on Bomby Green with the help of a grant. It was decided that a grant of 150.00 would be given, to be reviewed again at a later meeting.

The cheque was signed by Mr Bruin and Mr Carruthers.

ii) CCC Defibrillator appeal.

It was decided not to send a grant.

77.8 Report from meeting to discuss affordable/community housing.

Mrs Hall reported that 3 councillors, Mrs Garside and Mr Lloyd had been present. It had been decided that as well as input from both PC and Bampton Trust there was a need for involvement of younger people and possible people were being sought. A further meeting would be held in the near future. This was a very long term project.

77.9 Green waste skip.

There was considerable discussion. The skip from EDC had come but had been filled very quickly and would not be returning for a month. There was a suggestion that Mr Hoyle should be asked to bring a skip to supplement the EDC one but it was felt that this might jeopardise the EDC service. The Clerk was asked to write to EDC requesting a shorter time interval between skip visits and asking whether it would be possible to have a private service as well.

77.10 Review of Parish Plan.

Green waste skip – being addressed.

Affordable housing – discussion begun.

Road repairs – being done (the worst places)

Broadband provision – ongoing.

Signage – not seen to be a problem at present.

Bulbs/wildflower planting – to be considered but probably not practicable or necessary.

Litter – not too much of a problem but the promised new bins had not yet been installed. The Clerk would contact EDC.

The Jubilee tree and other trees had been planted.

Off road parking – not much of a problem.

77.11 Village diary.

Mrs Hall reported that a diary had been put in the Post Office for people organising events to use to avoid clashing dates. She would put a notice in the newsletter informing parishioners that it was there.

77.12 Stile at Cedar House and track down to the ford at Grange Bridge.

Items raised by parishioners as matters of concern.

Mrs Hall made it clear that although the stile in question had been discussed at length in the past it was not a council concern and that people who were concerned should communicate directly with the owner. There was some discussion about whether people who have interest in matters for discussion at PC meetings – planning applications for instance – should be informed beforehand so they can attend the relevant meeting and give their own point of view. Opinion was divided.

The clearing of the track concerned would be included in the next Boon Night work on Bomby Green.

77.13 Planning.

New application;- 7/2013/3051 Mardale Inn, alteration of window into a door.

Permission granted to fell a tree at Bridge Garage.

77.14 Village web-site, new arrangements.

As there had not been any success in finding someone to administer the site without payment Mr Cant had been asked to do it in a paid capacity. He asked for 200.00 a year but this should be covered by the income from advertisements. He would be invited to the next meeting to clarify exactly what he would be doing as it was said that someone else would be handling the advertisements. Mr Carruthers would find out from Mr Aylmer exactly what he had told Mr Cant about the running of the site. It was agreed that minutes and agendas of PC meetings should be put on the site.

77.15 Items for the next agenda.

Web-site

Affordable housing

77.16 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday September 17th.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.