

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24th 2015

Present

Mr Carruthers (in the chair), Mr Stones, Mrs Hall, Mr Hughes, Mr Campbell.

Mr Neaves (Shap Library Group)

Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

88.1 Apologies for absence.

Mrs Wright - away from the parish.

Mrs Cooke (LDNPA)

Mr Slee (EDC) - family illness

Mr Bruin - family illness.

88.2 Declarations of interests.

None were made.

88.3 Minutes of the meeting held on January 20th

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

88.4 Public comments and concerns.

Mr Neaves spoke about the Shap Library enlargement and regeneration project. (Notes attached outlining the project)

The council were unanimous in support of the project.

Mr Neaves was thanked and he left the meeting.

88.5 EDC, CCC and LDNPA reports.

EDC councillor and LDNPA parishes' representative were not present.

CCC – Mr Hughes reported that some work had been done on local roads by Highways. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding work required on the Roughill road.

Mr Hughes said that he would contact Mr Slee regarding the provision of green waste skips.

88.6 Finance.

Bank balances at 27/2/15 Current account 4068.68

Business reserve 1001.01

Cheques issued at the last meeting had been cleared.

Cheque for Bampton Toddler group (Red Squirrels) not cleared by the time of statement.

Accounts outstanding;- Memorial Hall – meetings	45.80
PCC church clock	126.00 (VAT not claimable)
	171.80

It was pointed out that a payment for maintenance of the church clock had been made in July and this further request would be queried with the PCC. Payments were authorised and cheques signed by Mrs Hall and Mr Carruthers.

b) Request for council subsidy of the parish newsletter.

There was some discussion of a request received from the PCC for subsidy of the shortfall of 64.40.

Councillors agreed that a one-off payment of 64.40 should be made. Mr Hughes abstained from the vote as a member of the PCC.

The Clerk would ask for a detailed breakdown of income and expenditure.

The cheque was signed by Mrs Hall and Mr Carruthers.

88.7 Electronic delivery of agenda and summons to meetings.

Detailed discussion and decision was deferred until after the council elections.

88.8 Planning.

Permission granted; - 7/2015/3004 Old Forge, Bampton Grange. Change of use to domestic garden and car parking.

New applications;- 7/2015/3021 & 22 Low Rough Hill Farmhouse. Re-instatement of roof. No objections sent to LDNPA.

7/2015/3024 & 25 Vaugh Steel. Rendering of farmhouse and erection of garden studio.

7/2015/3026 Land north of Toddle Cottage. Double pony shelter on hardcore base and hardcore standing for off-road parking.

There were no objections to the plans.

88.9 Election timetable.

The Clerk outlined the timetable for the elections on May 7th and distributed nomination papers to councillors standing for re-election.

88.10 Updates.

a) Swing bridge.

It had been learnt that responsibility for maintenance of the bridge lay with Lowther rather than LDNPA. No work seemed to have been carried out following an inspection and recommendations made in 2013.

Mr Carruthers would contact Lowther and urge them to carry out the work as a matter of urgency.

It was suggested that the PC could apply for grant funding from the LDNPA Sustainability Fund to carry out the work itself but there was no discussion or decision taken.

Mr Hughes left the meeting.

A letter had been received from Bampton Sports Committee regarding the dangerous eroded state of the footpath near the bridge. Mr Carruthers said that discussions were taking place and he would pursue the matter with relevant people.

b) Footpath fence repair.

Mr Carruthers reported that the work had been done. No bill had been presented.

c) Web-site.

There was considerable discussion re the viability and usefulness of the web-site given that very few advertisers are interested in using it now that Facebook is the preferred method of communication. Councillors were doubtful that it represents value for money.

It was agreed that the web-site should continue but that the question of whether it should be retained would be re-visited in future.

d) Squirrel signs.

The signs had been paid for but there was no information about whether they had been put up by Mr Dickman.

e) Highways.

Repairs were mentioned earlier in the meeting. It was reported that there was still flooding by the cattle grid at Knipe Moor . Highways would be informed again.

88.11 Dog fouling.

A letter had been received about dog fouling on footpaths around the parish. Mr Carruthers had contacted EDC Environmental Health department and he outlined various strategies for dealing with the problem It was agreed that the names of all dog owners in the village should be collected and letters sent to them reminding them of their responsibilities. Fines can be imposed if fouling occurs within the 30mph areas of the village.

88.12 APM arrangements.

It was agreed, after some discussion, that the APM should be held at 6pm on Tuesday May 19th - the same day as the council AGM and ordinary meeting. There would not be a speaker. Coffee and biscuits would be served.

88.13 Items for next agenda.

Financial and Chairman's reports.
Electronic delivery of agendas.

88.14 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday May 19th.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.