

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary meeting of the council held on 9th December 2015
at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J Allinson, in the Chair, R Wilkins, D Clarke, N Thorpe, R McBrien, H Rainey,
P Smith, S Taylor & S McLaren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Street, Clerk to the Parish Council, County Cllr J Mills

235/2015 Apologies for absence
District Cllrs M Barrett & T Fenton

236/2015 Variation of order of business
None.

237/2015 Declarations of interest
None given.

238/2015 District & County Councillors' Reports
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC):

- Mark Grey, the chair of the county education scrutiny committee, has been invited to the next parish council meeting to give an update on the Willow Tree children's' centre.
- The household waste recycling centres decision still needs ratification at full council.
- There is to be a spending review.

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)

- The Local Plan enquiry has taken place.
- A digital nomination scheme for housing allocations has been launched to replace the paper system.
- There is a new planning design guide.
- There was a meeting with the police commissioner regarding rural areas.

239/2015 Confirmation of minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2015 were signed as a true record.

240/2015 Actions update
See attached list.

241/2015 Notices of planning decisions

15/03504/HHD	Erection of single storey and two storey extensions. 29 Mercury Close, Bampton. APPROVED
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242/2015 Planning applications

15/04106/FUL	Erection of holiday boarding cattery consisting of 8 pens/units with separate office and wc. 4 The Houses Aston Road Bampton NO OBJECTIONS
15/04152/FUL	Construction of new dwelling with attached car port. Weald Manor Farm, Weald Street, Weald.

	The Parish Council found it difficult to come to a decision about this application because there is an outstanding application for 6 dwellings on the adjacent land (15/02150/FUL). If planning permission is granted for these 6 dwellings then we would like to OBJECT to this application on the grounds of over development of the site. We understood that the purpose of Weald Manor Farm was to house the farm manager and don't see the need for another dwelling specifically for a farm manager, however if the application is passed, we therefore request that an agricultural tie be put on the property.
5/04177/LBC	Internal and external alterations to erect rear conservatory. Formation of vehicular access and replacement front entrance gates. New front door. Dove House Bridge Street. No comment as is listed building consent only.
15/03941/HHD	Erection of rear conservatory and formation of vehicular access. Dove House Bridge Street. We would like to OBJECT to the off road parking at the front of the property. To allow this would spoil the street scene and more importantly would cause a hazard to passing traffic when parking or leaving the site. The A4095 is a busy commuter route and is already made narrow at this point by the allowing the parking cars on the road opposite this property. The garden is wedge shaped and to successfully park a car would in our opinion necessitate reversing in against the traffic flow. There would only be space for one car. We have NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPAL to the erection of a conservatory on the rear of the property, however we would not like to see the loss of the parking spaces to the rear as parking is already limited here due to development.

243/2015 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Chris Collett	Allotment hedge cutting	£375
Smiths Bletchington	Shingle for war memorial	£87.41
Pyrotec	Fire alarm & emergency lights maintenance contract at Old School Community Centre (£360) and Town Hall (£120) + maintenance (£78)	£558
Recreation Ground Trust	Grant from Parish Council	£20,000
West Oxon Citizen Advice Bureau	Grant	£100
Margaret L Johnson	Stationery & printer ink	£42.03
Chris Smith	Mowing for November	£1685
Xtra Hands (Guy Lennon)	Gardening at town hall and TOSCC	£48
Jacky Allinson	Xmas tree lights	£199

244/2015 Mercury Court Playing field Report

The monthly playground checklist was sent out to all councillors before the meeting. There were no resolutions made.

245/2015 Old School Community Centre (TOSCC) report

A building update report was sent out to all councillors before the meeting.

A further survey has been completed on the floor under the cracked vinyl. It seems that the cracking is due to concrete and wood expanding and contracting at different rates. If we were to expose the pipes under the flooring then the infill could only be replaced with the same material, with potentially the same result. Future access to the pipes needs to be maintained. The advice from Property Care is now that we watch for any further change in the floor but do not go ahead with any works at this stage. It was RESOLVED to take this advice.

246/2015 Cemetery report

15 more 'reserved' stones have been placed, and more have been ordered.

247/2015 Allotment report

Plots are being allocated to new tenants.

248/2015 Report on village matters (received after agenda was set)

- The Community Shop is closing in mid-January due to circumstances beyond their control.
- Cllr Smith gave an update on the Waste and recycling collections workshop.
- Cllr McLaren gave an update on the Newbridge meeting.
- It was agreed to invite the chief fire officer to the Annual Parish Meeting to give an update.
- The verge opposite Bampton Manor on Landells has been destroyed by lorries. Cllr McLaren to report this to fix my street.

249/2015 Correspondence

Bampton Opera	Request for grant of £500. <i>This was agreed.</i>
St Mary's Church	Request for grant of £800. <i>This was agreed.</i>
Letter from tourist	Complaint about pubs & WCs. <i>For information only as a response was sent prior to the meeting.</i>
Letter re. the Queen's 90 th Birthday celebrations	Requesting that parishes encourage and support celebrations in June 2016. Dee to advertise this on website and Bampton Beam. <i>It was suggested we ask David Hawkins if he would like to be involved as he organised the silver jubilee celebrations.</i>
WOA	Request for grant of £650. <i>This was agreed.</i>
Request for bench in cemetery	The decision was delegated the Cllrs responsible for the cemetery.

250/2015 Public questions from 11th November parish council meeting.

It was RESOLVED for Cllrs Allinson and Wilkins to draft a letter of response to Mr Grinsell.

251/2015 TOSCC caretaker's mobile phone

As we no longer need the caretaker's mobile phone it was agreed for the clerk and Cllr Thorpe to decide whether to cancel the phone contract.

252/2015 To consider request to purchase additional 50 years exclusive rights of burial.

It was agreed that plots could be reserved for longer than the usual 50 years, but for no more than 100 years. Cllr Rainey to formulate a response.

253/2015 To agree proposal from the Finance & General Purpose committee for the 2016-17 precept request.

It was RESOLVED to request a sum of £102,242 as the precept for 2016-17 year.

254/2015 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

With no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 9.54pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

ACTION LIST

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	NAME	BY DATE
Town Hall	Get quotes to insulate the roof & to install Post Office WC.	LW	Before winter
Draw up plan of newer part of cemetery	Cllr Allinson to draw up the section of the plan that was agreed with the clerk.	JA	On going
Purchase of additional land for the cemetery	Cllr Rainey to chase quote for price per acre of land. Despite following up this is still outstanding. Chase again.	HR	On going
Weightlifters signed rental agreement for TOSCC	The agreement has not been signed yet and is to be reviewed in March 2016 due to changes in staff.		March 2016
Church Close	Chase Tim Shickle of OCC re. raising the tree canopy. Despite following up this is still outstanding. Chase again.	Clerk	On going
Market Square bench	Call received from OCC via fix my street said they would not repair this. Clerk to ask Gareth Pursey for quote/advice. Clerk to follow up.	Clerk	On going
Drop box Cloud storage	Purchase 1 terrabyte of storage	DC	On going
Cemetery tap	Cllr Rainey to ask Chris Smith to replace tap head.	HR	Jan
Triangle of land outside the church.	Ask Cllr Mills to look into reply from County Council Footpaths	Clerk	Jan
Landells grass verge	Report lorry damage to fix my street	SM	Jan
Queen's 90 th Birthday celebrations	Ask David Hawkins to get involved & advertise on website and Beam	DC	Jan
Letter to Mr Grinsell	Draft letter	JA, RW	Jan
Mobile phone	Cancel contract with Vodafone	Clerk/ NT	Jan
Bench request in cemetery	Cllrs Allinson and Rainey to decide	JA, HR	Jan
Exclusive rights of burial additional 50 years	Cllr Rainey to formulate response explaining the situation	HR	Jan
Precept request	Clerk to send in precept request form to WODC	Clerk	Jan