

BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 6pm AT THE RIVERSIDE HALL, BAMPTON ON THE 24TH APRIL, 2012

Present: Cllrs. Les Hartley (Chairman), Jo Frost, Kate Millen, David Simper, Steve Russell, John Wescott
Town Clerk, Ann Guilfoyle District and County Councillor Polly Colthorpe PCSO Mel Smith.

Apologies: Cllr. Lucie Moore District Cllr. Ray Stanley

Item 1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th March, 2011 were presented and signed

Item 2. Cllr. Hartley introduced the Councillors. He announced the retirement of Cllr. Celia Hicks and the consequent election which has been requested by at least ten Bampton residents. He commented that the last parish election in 2009 cost Bampton Town Council £1,700. Cllr. Hartley announced a Public Meeting to take place on 10th May in the Community Hall at 6pm to discuss the consultation about traffic issues.

The Chairman reported on the following achievements in the past year:-

- 1.Children's Playground financed by S.106 funds and donations from a Locality Grant, via Cllr. Polly Colthorpe , Bampton Open Day committee and Bampton Town Council.
- 2.Pump House at Millennium Green in the process of refurbishment
- 3.Lock-up at Riverside Terrace, repairs to make safe before further work is carried out
- 4.The Stage – basic safety repairs and further work planned
- 5.Purchase of machines, for gritting roads and pavements in bad weather

Plans for Current Year

- 1.Lock up storage facility for gritting machines and sandbags
- 2.The Stage –working with the Heritage Centre, to make better use of the space.
- 3.Refurbishment of the Public Toilets in Station Road

Cllr. Hartley proposed a public vote of thanks to Celia Hicks on her retirement for the amount of hard work she has done for Bampton and its residents during her time as a councillor.

Item 3 The Clerk gave details of receipts and payments of the Council shown in the draft Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2012, together with a breakdown of the larger sums expended. Once finalised and approved these Accounts will be available on the Noticeboard and Website and on application to the Clerk.

Details of the Bampton Fair Tolls were given and the Clerk congratulated the new Tolly, Sherie Webber on her first year in the role. Cheques were distributed to the applicants and the grants will be listed on the Noticeboard and on the Bampton website.

Item 4 County and District Councillor Polly Colthorpe spoke about the changes in night street lighting and the Waste Plan Consultation document exhibition. She also urged residents to register their need for a better Broadband service.

Item 5. Alan Woolley, chairman of the Bampton Parish Plan Steering Group spoke about the need for the Parish Plan, particularly with the advent of decentralisation and localisation. He confirmed that there had been an above average return of the recently delivered questionnaires and urged the audience to remember that it is their views that count.

Questions were invited. Information was requested about the Community Infrastructure Levy, which was supplied as far as she was able, by Cllr. Colthorpe. New housing was discussed, particularly in respect of the requirement to provide industrial units. Humphrey Berridge complimented the Clerk on the public availability of BTC documents and encouraged the audience to make use of the Bampton Website for current and past information

Cllr. Hartley thanked the audience for coming to the Meeting and urged them to take advantage of the information displayed about the room by local groups, clubs and societies.

Chairman

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