

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held in the Community Hall, Station Road, Bampton on Wednesday 22nd April, 2015 at 7pm.

Present Cllr. Pope (chairman), Cllr. Tanner, Cllr. Baker, Cllr. Stoner, Cllr. Weston, Penny Clapham, (clerk)
22 members of the public.:

- 1) **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** District Cllr. Stanbury and District Cllr. Colthorpe, Cllr. North.
- 2) **Declarations Of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Mid Devon District Council within 28 days of the change. Cllr. Stoner agenda item 14. Cllr. Pope and Cllr. Tanner agenda item 7.
- 3) **Public Discussion** – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting. Representations can be made from our Community Police Officer. **The total period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes.**

Mrs. Howells regarding a planning application land to north of Bouchier Close not on this agenda.
38 people have objected on the Mid Devon District Council planning site so far.

Les Hartley regarding the same planning application. Cllr. Stoner suggested the district councillors could call this application in. Cllr. Pope will call a special planning meeting for this application.

Fran Bridger has organised a booklet to raise funds to repair the war memorial. Are the Council going to honour their agreement to match pounds' raised by pound? £360 raised so far and a cheque has been given to Council. Council will honour this arrangement.

Mrs. Fagg informed Council that she is writing in support of policy 13 in the Mid Devon District Council local plan review.

Bampton P3 a request to form a sub-committee for P3 along the same lines as that formed for the Motte and Bailey.

A request for a management plan for the millennium green.

Charlie Beedon notified Council that there is spoil drifting towards the flood plain. Cllr. Tanner has spoken to the district council and an enforcement officer will be sent to check the situation. There is also a large tree across the river. The Environmental Agency is keeping watch on the situation.

Complaints have been received regarding the state and lack of cleanliness of the toilets. Photos were shown to Council.

A lot of rubbish has been collected off the football field.

Comment was made regarding cracked paving..

4) Chairman's report - for information only

Cllr. Pope announced a locum clerk/RFO Mrs. Penny Clapham to assist with council business. The current clerk has been dismissed.

Cllr. Pope (chairman) formally apologised on behalf of the Council to:-

Mr. Hugh Saxby for the incorrect libel over the presence of asbestos on a planning application submitted to the district council last autumn.

Mr. Jack Ward; your work for the Council was much appreciated.

Mr. Brian Smith for the turmoil whilst he was chair of this Council.

Katrina Munroe, Mike Browning and Ken Mills for the apparent lack of support for the Heritage Centre, when Council was behind you. You have done Bampton proud with the success of the Centre.

Janet Crabtree for the failure of the 2 letters sent to the previous clerk, intimating that Council were not in a position to make a donation, when in fact Council backed the project.

Cllr. Tanner also commented on these situations to the members of the public and thanked everyone for being patient.

5) **County & District Councillor's reports** - for information only. Not available.

6) **Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March having been previously circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) **Bampton Library Action Group** - to receive an update from Cllr. Tanner.

Cllr. Tanner read the report, circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Council supports the Library and Resource Centres Supporters Group.

8) **Re-painting of war memorial** - to receive an update. Deferred to the May agenda.

PLANNING:

9) **Planning Applications** - Mid Devon District Council has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following planning applications:

a) 15/00462/FUL Proposed erection of first floor extension, Crossways Cottage, Bampton.
Deferred to planning meeting.

b) 15/00549/LBC Listed building consent for variation of drawings 13/00144/LBC,
The Coach House, White Horse Mews, Bampton. Cllr. Tanner declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.
No objection.

10) **Planning Decisions:** none received.

Planning meeting arranged for 6pm 30th April in the Riverside Hall + a part 2 if needed.

11) FINANCE:

Expenditure:

Clerks telephone bill £26.13 DD
Mid Devon DC Bridge Terrace £29.20 DD
Mid Devon DC Tolls of Fairs £48.00 DD
Viridor for skip £1000.56 DD
Mid Devon DC Clerk's salary + expenses £519.96
South West Councils annual subscription £450.00
Devon Assoc. of Local Councils subscription £564.38
Hire Riverside Hall x 12 + 3 £210.00
SW Water services Station Rd. £31.99
Cllr. Pope printer ink £25.49
M.Morgan toilet cleaning £300.00
MJF Contractors grass cutting £306.00
Nigel Payne, Bridge Terrace Toilets roof repairs £140.00
Caxtons printing and stationery £124.65

Income:

Car park £95.00
Mid Devon District Council 1st half precept £18,442.00
Car park £373.00
Devon County Council P3 £100.00

Credit accounts HSBC £65,688.36

Scottish Widows £36,710.40

Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Tanner, seconded by Cllr. Pope. All agreed by show of hands.

Council thanked Cllr. Baker for all his hard work as Responsible Financial Officer over the last couple of years.

Cllr. Pope has arranged for all bank statements to be sent to her pro tem.

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: not available at present.

PAYE contract with Mid Devon District terminated from 22nd April, 2015.

12) To agree the transfer of the Council's post and telephone line - to a new address

For £1.99 per month extra, all calls will be transferred to Cllr. Pope

£90.00 for re-direction of post for three months to Cllr. Pope.

All agreed by show of hands.

13) To award the grass cut contract for the year 2015-16 -for Millennium Green

Quotation received from MJF Contractors was agreed for rest of this season. Proposed by Cllr. Tanner, seconded by Cllr. Baker. All agreed by show of hands.

14) To agree the wording to the title of the hall and car park and for same to be vested in the Official Custodian of Land for Charities - Cllr. Stoner.

The Riverside Hall Committee of Management voted to request the town council to initiate the process of the title of the hall and car park be vested in the Official Custodian of Land for Charities, as soon as possible, explained by Cllr. Stoner.

Cllr. Stoner proposed this be accepted; Cllr. Baker seconded. All agreed by show of hands.

15) To adopt the Code of Conduct - as circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Adoption proposed by Cllr. Tanner, seconded by Cllr. Pope. All agreed by show of hands and Cllr. Pope signed the document.

16) Quote received from Visionict regarding website, email address, and off site saving of data - circulated to all councillors for their perusal prior to this meeting. Moved to May agenda.

17) Bampton Spring Fest - request the use of the recreation ground on 30th May 2015.

Council is in favour of the use of the recreation ground for the day and to remove the 'no dogs' sign for the day of the Fest so that a dog show can be held. All in favour by show of hands.

18) Motte & Bailey - to agree to change the format from sub-committee to working party.

In abeyance until after the election. Moved to May agenda.

19) Council Insurance/Asset Register - to discuss if documents available. No documents available.

20) To agree appointment of Locum Clerk in limited capacity - to oversee meetings, update strategic documents, deal with emails, assist with end of year accounts and audit. Paid by hourly rate + mileage. All agreed this appointment by show of hands.

MEETINGS ATTENDED: None.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Position.....

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May, 2015 at the Riverside Hall.