

**Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, 7pm in the Community Hall, Bampton.**

**Present:** Cllr. Hicks (chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Leach; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. Weston; 13 members of the public, (5 of them young people).

Judy Thomas updated Council on the new youth group that will be started after Xmas in the LARCS building. The youth group will start on the first Thursday in January and will be run weekly. A film competition for young people has been held and the winners of this competition are present; the 3 minute film will be shown on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Certificates were presented by Chairman Cllr. Hicks, and a cheque was presented to the winners by Exmoor Rotary.

**1) Co-option for a councillor to fill remaining vacancy.**

Fraser Cropper (unfortunately not at the meeting) and Jeff Gregory.

The CV from Fraser Cropper was read by the Clerk. Jeff Gregory attended the meeting and answered questions from the Councillors.

Votes for Fraser Cropper – 1

Votes for Jeff Gregory -6. Mr. Gregory was duly elected to the position of councillor and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**2) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** District Cllr. Moore; County Cllr. Colthorpe; Cllr. Tanner.

**3) Declarations Of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required 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. None declared.

**4) 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 County Councillor, District Councillor and Community Police Officer. **The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order c,d,e, page 3 refers.**

Herbie Cleverly – a sign is needed saying ‘no dogs’ in the toilets.

**5) County & District Councillor reports:-** none received

**6) Chairman’s Report** (for information only) –

Cllr. Hicks will be attending the care in the community seminar on the 14<sup>th</sup> November to see what this would mean for Bampton.

Auction for the Tivvy Bumpers is going to take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> November; the reserve price is £150. The GWR one may be more costly.

Standing orders suspended for Mr. Webster to speak about the Tivvy Bumpers.

Standing orders resumed.

Reminder of the Remembrance Service at the Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**7) Toilets –**

a) update on snagging issues. Remaining signs to be installed by Mid Devon Council.

b) Quotes received for the provision of sanitary bins and disposal of waste.

All 3 quotes received were read to Council. The cheapest, PHS was proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Weston. All in favour by show of hands. Clerk to action.

**8) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October, having been circulated to all councillors by email were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

District Cllr. Stanley arrived at 7.30pm.

**16) Flood contingencies – update on the barrier situation for Ashleigh Park.**

Standing orders suspended for Derek Webster to update Council. The Environment Agency came up with solutions after a meeting and a walk round the town but have not come up with any answers. Debris and growth will be cleared at the Exeter Inn. No recent major noted. Flash flooding at Ashleigh Park is an issue. The solution to this has not yet been implemented. Devon County Council will not release their report – not for public viewing! For the last few years 80-100 sandbags have been used at Ashleigh Park; this is no longer sustainable. Barriers could solve the problem – approx. £3,000 for 15 metres of barrier. These barriers clip together and can be moved to anywhere in the town, being quite light and responsive to handle. Devon Communities Together have some money for flood purposes and Mr. Webster has applied to this fund for £2,000. Cllr. Stanley has been asked to chase up the report at Devon County Council. Mid Devon Council has reserves for flood issues. Pressure is to be kept onto the Environment Agency to resolve these issues.

Council need a time frame and Cllr. Stanley will progress this.

Mr. Webster considers these barriers are still worth pursuing provided the grant is forthcoming.

Standing orders resumed.

District Cllr. Stanley was invited to give his report.

Cllr. Stanley suggests the account for Freeman and French should now be settled. Social housing: there will no longer be a right to buy from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The medium term financial forecast indicates Mid Devon Council have to find even more savings; £940,000 over the next few years. The Premier Inn proposal is going forward. Chairman thanked Cllr. Stanley

**9) Bampton Fair –** Brief resume of the 2016 Fair. Cllr. Hicks paid tribute to Pete Bage who died just before the fair. Thanked all the councillors who took part and of course the volunteers; 91 people were involved. There will be a celebration and thank you party for those who can come, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the LARCS building. An informal meeting of all councillors has been called, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at the Willows, Frog St., 7pm for a debrief. A very successful fair with a lovely atmosphere.

**10) PLANNING:**

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

- a) To action any planning applications that arrive after this agenda has been published
- b) 16/01433/FULL Change of use of first floor flat to retail/coffee shop, Flat 1 Brook Street, Bampton  
No objection
- c) 16/01359/FULL Conversion of barn and associated buildings to dwelling and alteration to vehicular and pedestrian access, Land & Buildings at NGR 295971 123112 (Higher Arthurs Hayne) Bampton.  
No objection
- d) 16/01592/FULL Erection of agricultural building for livestock housing/handling, Beacon View, Stoodleigh.  
On hold
- e) 16/01685/HOUSE & 16/01696/LBC The erection of pergola and timber store, relocation of driveway gate, replace render and various external and internal renovation works, 6 Briton St., Bampton  
On hold

**Planning Decisions:**

- a) 16/01184/LBC Internal and external alterations including relocation of the kitchen at 10 Briton Street, Bampton.  
GRANTED
- b) 16/01378/FULL Variation of condition (c) of planning permission 84/00694/FULL to allow the use of holiday cottage by immediate family and carers in addition to the holiday occupation, South Hayne Farm Cottage, Shillingford, Tiverton.  
APPROVED

## 11) FINANCE:

<b>Expenditure:</b>	C. Hicks misc. supplies (Fair)	£180.61	BACs
	Exmoor Luxury Loos (Fair)	£608.40	BACs
	Exmoor Luxury Loos – summer hire	£720.00	BACs
	Clerk's salary October	£416.00	BACs
	DALC P. Edwards to conference	£20.00	BACs
	MJF Contractors	£361.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans October	£500.00	BACs
	Contact Radio (Fair)	£120.00	BACs
	Grant Thornton	£360.00	BACs
	Ken White Signs (Fair)	£144.00	BACs
	Mid Devon DC brown bin annual charge	£48.00	BACs
	Riverside Hall (Fair)	£20.00	BACs
	Community Hall room hire	£14.00	BACs
	Freeman & French balance of account	£20,552.40	BACs
<b>Income:</b>	Bampton Scout Group	£65.00	
	Second half precept and support grant	£20,157.61	
	Toilets income	£97.55	
	BT Wayleave	£24.50	
	Toilets income to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	£34.00	
	Car park monies Sept & Oct	£702.00	

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. All agreed by show of hands.

**12) Bank Reconciliation and Statement:** Reconciliation and bank statement circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Noted.

**13) Audit Report from Grant Thornton** – Notice of inspection of final accounts posted to website 7<sup>th</sup> October. Other matters read and actions noted. To budget meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## 14) Maintenance Issues,

**a) Motte, Bailey, Recreation Field** – paper received from Ken Mills for discussion. A proper meeting needs to take place of the Open Spaces Committee. Estimates of costs will be required, preferably before the budget meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Add dog mess to this list.

**b) Trees at the School** Millennium Green group have an inspection on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Like to involve a tree surgeon to take a look. Clerk to email school that this is being done.

**c) Grass verge cutting for 2017/18.** Contracted to MJF Contractors for the next two years. Taunton/Tiverton road untidy by the entrance signs to Bampton. Cllr. Hicks and Cllr. Baker will action. Cllr. Edwards will look at the overgrowth at Hollett Garden and Ashley Park.

**15) HR Committee** – Cllr. Gregory appointed to the vacancy on this committee.

## 17) Highways –

- a) re-surfacing of roads. The surface in Brook Street is in an extremely poor condition. A letter will be sent to Highways requesting the re-surfacing of this road as a priority. Where West St meets the S. Molton road is also beyond potholing. Clerk to action. Double yellow lines outside Blackberry's, Newton Square are hardly visible and need re-painting. 'No waiting' should also be written in the road and enforcement officers attending Bampton occasionally would be helpful. South Molton descent road needs 'slow' written in the road.
- b) road warden scheme. Information to be circulated to all councillors.

### **EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

Cllr. Edwards attended the DALC conference and attended the devolution session. Clerk also attended this conference and attended the employment session.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

### **Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Bampton  
There is a Part II meeting for councillors only at 7pm.

### **Email circulations during the past month**

DALC News

Village Green

Dementia Guide for Councils

Council Matters information

NHS Consultations

P3 Walk & Talk Events