

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Monday 30th January, 2017, 4pm in the Riverside Hall, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Weston; Cllr A. Mares.
County Cllr. Colthorpe; Cllr. Rawle (Dulverton Council); 1 member of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: District Cllr. Stanley.

2) 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.

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 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.**

Cllr. Rawle from Dulverton Town Council, had asked Somerset County Council to advise us and to help with signage HGV (see attached note). However they stated that the roads and signage were the province of Devon.

Sheila Howells drew Council's attention to the new chairs in the hall. Spring Fest; the Council have no role in this. Confirmed that there is some equipment for the Fest held in the pump house.

4) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Colthorpe has emailed a report. In addition to this report, please be aware that speed cameras are going to be installed at Haldon and Telegraph Hills. The Health & Well-being budget has been reduced by Government to the tune of £800,000; however the County has decided to put this money back to support this budget. The overall settlement for Devon has been reduced by £22.5 million, though this is still provisional. The Educational settlement is also causing problems with under-funding. Highways budget has been reduced, though there are other funds available for Highways depending on what needs to be done.

Cllr. Hicks has taken photos around the town of the poor state of the roads and sent them in to Highways. Lastly re-cycling is up, and please keep this up as the landfill tax is still going up year on year.

Cllr. Edwards asked regarding the possible increase in the precept covering social care.

Cllr. Colthorpe indicated that Devon are proposing increases of 3% in the next two years specifically for social care.

5) Chairman's Report (for information only) – read by the Chairman and attached to these minutes.

On the issue of Morebath Road perhaps the police could operate a speed camera; also parking on double yellow lines obstructing vision on the corner.

5a) Request from Dulverton –reference signage at Exe Bridges.

The presentation has been given regarding this signage. Council will write to Highways on this issue.

Cllr. Tanner suggested that all HGVs' should use proper satnavs' calibrated for lorries.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on the 4th and 19th January 2017.

These minutes having been previously circulated to all councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Cllr. Leach arrived at 4.45pm having had to repair a puncture.

7) Grant Applications received for Bampton Fair toll monies:- Cllr. Leach declared an interest in 7 (i) and 7 iv. £2504 is available from the tolls of the past two years.

- i. Community Hall towards replacement windows.
- ii. Riverside Hall towards roof repairs
- iii. Shillingford & Petton Village hall for £400 to replace electrical fittings and wiring. Proposed by Cllr. Baker, seconded by Cllr. Leach. All agreed by show of hands.
- iv. Bampton Twinning Association for 2017 exchange visit to Bampton costs.

Cllr. Tanner considered that the halls should be a priority and proposed the remainder of the Fair tolls be divided between the Community Hall and the Riverside Hall, each receiving £1,050.00, leaving £4 to be carried forward. Seconded by Cllr. Baker. All in favour by show of hands.

8) Bampton Toilets: Toilets update: Cllr. Edwards reported.

- i. Locks on the doors/repair to the parent & baby unit. Cllr. Edwards has written to Mid Devon District Council regarding the various issues with the doors and signage. Council as a whole feel that Bampton has been let down by Mid Devon District Council and the builders. Cllr. Edwards has received an email regarding a site visit. This will now be on the March agenda.
- ii. Valuation of the building for insurance purposes. Not yet received by the Clerk.
- iii. Electricity supply. No information received by the Clerk.
- iv. Sanitary waste disposal; finally arranged with the contract with PHS signed. Clerk to find out about a sharps unit.

9) Devon Air Ambulance – night landings at the recreation field to be authorised by Council, trustees of the Field. The football club have a building in the field with renewed masts and light fittings. The bulbs themselves have not yet been replaced. Cllr. Hicks will follow this up.

10) PLANNING:

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

Standing orders suspended.

There is an article in Signpost regarding the Local Plan.

Standing orders resumed.

- a) To action any planning applications that arrive after this agenda has been published
- b) 17/00025/FULL Erection of extension to agricultural storage building land 297916 121932, Wick Farm, Bampton (627.46 sq.m) No observations.
- c) 17/00026/FULL Erection of an agricultural storage building (835.85 sq.m) land at NGR 297871 121910 Wick Farm, Bampton. No observations.
All in favour by show of hands.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 16/01763/FULL Erection of roof area over existing open yard for cattle feeding etc. and small extension, Luttrell Farm, Bampton.
APPROVED
- b) 16/01695/HOUSE & LBC Replacement of existing shed, erection of pergola and timber store, relocation of driveway gate and tree management, 6 Briton St., Bampton.
APPROVED

11) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	MDDC Old Toilets/Store rates January	£33.00	DD
	MDDC Fair Rates January	£48.00	DD
	SW Water Store (Aug-Nov)	£158.32	DD

SW Water Toilets (Aug-Nov)	£89.38	DD
Riverside Hall hire 10 th January	£10.00	BACs
PFG Fabrication – fence repairs	£594.00	BACs
Clerk's Salary January	£416.00	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans	£310.00	BACs
C. Hicks Tribunal attendance expenses	£28.10	BACs

Income: Grant towards toilets Devon County Council £1,500

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account.

Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour by show of hands.

12) Annual payment to Devon Assoc of Local Councils: Council to authorise this payment to be taken from the precept as in previous years. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Leach, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Internal Control Policy – reviewed for 2017 with some amendments. Council agreed this policy is fit for purpose. Emailed to all councillors prior to this meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks proposed, seconded by Cllr. C. Mares, all in favour by show of hands.

14) Riverside Hall storage of archive material for Council – Proposal from Cllr. Hicks for an annual payment to be made to the Riverside Hall, to be agreed; reviewed prior to budget setting on an annual basis. Cllr. Baker proposed £50 annual fee, seconded by Cllr. Tanner – all in favour by show of hands. This will be on the March payments list.

15) Bank Reconciliation and Statement: Not available until after the 1st of the month. However, the balances in the two bank accounts as of 23rd January 2017 are £44,374. Noted.

16) Bampton Website – Proposals submitted by Humphrey Berridge, May 2015 to be considered. Proposals circulated to councillors prior to this meeting.

At present all council documents go to the current webmaster, for the town website. Cllr. C. Mares asked how much it would cost to set up a Council website. One could be done for about £500.

Cllr. Edwards suggests Cllr. Mares and the Clerk get in touch with the webmaster for further discussions.

17) Bampton Fair Committee – to agree a replacement for Cllr. Tanner to this committee. Cllr. C. Mares proposed Cllr. A. Mares – all agreed by show of hands.

18) Devon Countryside Access Forum – looking for new members to this Forum. For information please visit www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf

19) Spring Fest – agreed date of 27th May for use of the recreation field. This date is not available at present as the Football Club have two scheduled matches. The Fest committee to deal with this matter.

20) Clerk's report for January

- i. Tree cutting at Bampton School, due to be carried out on Monday 13th February.
- ii. Annual returns submitted to the Charity Commission for both the Recreation Field and the Millennium Green, with Bampton Council as a body put down as the Trustees for both Charities.
- iii. Emailed Cllr. Hicks's reply to the comment on consultation for the War Memorial from Historic England.
- iv. Clerk has agreed to serve on the Bampton Fair Working Group Committee.

21) Annual Parish Meeting – Council to consider some dates for the APM – the law states it is held between the 1st March and the 1st June in any year. The proposed five year plan will be available for the APM. The date will be 26th April at 7pm - venue to be advised.

22) Letter of support – requested by the Riverside Hall for the second round of TAP funding, towards replacement curtains at the hall, thermal linings. Council will send a letter of support.
Standing orders suspended for parishioner to speak.
Standing orders resumed.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Cllr. Edwards attended a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss sources of funding.

Cllr. Leach, met the inspector from Wicksted to view the swings at the recreation ground. New, up to date, signage for the playgrouds is required. Cllr. Leach will source, agenda for March..

Cllr. Tanner obtained an estimate for repairs to the woodwork – required for Cllr. Leach.

Cllr. Tanner has £500 earmarked in his Rotary Club for a table with chairs around.

Meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Good News

Healthwatch monthly

Connect Me, Devon

Historic Towns

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT BELOW

Chairman's report for the BTC meeting of Monday 30th January 2017.

The Agenda for our meetings is legally in the hands of the Proper Officer, the clerk. However, in practice a mix of issues are discussed between the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and clerk at an Agenda meeting held about a week before the formal BTC meeting date and the clerk draws from these. In future I will mail that date to all Cllrs so that any Cllr having an issue that he/she feels necessary to be raised may add to the mix. There is no guarantee that it will immediately be included but any contribution that a Cllr would like to make is very welcome.

On January 9th on behalf of the Town Council I attended the Employment Tribunal Remedy Hearing, open to the public, concerning the previous clerk, Miss Jane Eyre. Judgement is expected to be published by early April.

Tomorrow, as Council's representative I will be attending the EA presentation at 12.30 regarding newly-proposed Flood Defence Plans for Bampton. There is an existing agreement between BTC and the Environment Agency made on 14th March 2014, signed by Cllrs Tanner and Stoner with regard to the operation of the Manor Mill Flood gate, pump and telemetry. The public are being invited from 3.30 to 6.30 pm. In the town there are posters advertising the event. I hope as many Cllrs as possible will be able to attend.

Following the Special meeting held on January 19th regarding the Fair I have to remind Cllrs that it is legally required to renew or undertake Chapter 8 training for anyone involved in the installation of road signage. At last years' Fair our nearest First Responders, Debra and Tom, were called in from Shillingford. Some years ago the Council funded the provision of a defibrillator but regrettably at present there is no established Responder system in Bampton itself. If anyone in Bampton is interested, please contact me and I will put them in touch with our Shillingford volunteers.

Dog fouling: I have had a good response from MDDC officers Christine Bennett and Gareth Evans regarding a formal complaint about persistent dog fouling in Frog Street. I hope that appropriate action will be forthcoming.

Waste collection and recycling: I have contacted MDDC officer Stuart Noyce to see if there is a way in which improved facilities could be made for residents in Station Road and people living in flats in the town all of whom have limited storage space.

Two complaints have been made regarding the danger to drivers of the Morebath Road junction. Ford Road will be closed in the week of 20th February.