

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th June 2017, 7pm in the Community Hall, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. R. Baker; Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. Tanner; Cllr. Leach; County Cllr. Colthorpe; District Cllr. Moore; Penny Clapham (Clerk) 13 members of the public. (at the start of the meeting, further members of the public arrived at assorted times during the early part of the meeting).

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. Cllr. Tanner, a pecuniary interest in agenda item 13b.

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.**

Representatives from the Football Club requesting an adjournment until the next meeting. (Agenda 11 v) Sue Moffat regarding the car park.

Mrs. Bolham regarding the car parking; the proposed charges are remarkably good value. The Council should be applauded for considering a method of raising revenue.

Brian Stone – one of the residents who does not have a private parking space. Perhaps residents who have to use the car park should have a fixed fee permit. Annie Lamont agreed. Mrs. Spencer Bennett also agreed.

Mr. Hole representing the Library Centre – considers visitors to Bampton may be put off if they have to pay a parking charge. However, considers that the car park is being misused at times.

A message from Katrina Munroe on behalf of the Bampton Business Group was read out.

Charlie Beedon asked how the meter, if installed, would be policed. Also considered an additional number of cars would use the side roads. This may also impact on weddings and funerals held at the Church.

Mr. Giddings – concerned that if fees are introduced and Bampton becomes commercialised, would this adversely impact on a town like Bampton.

Mr. Burt – a number of ticket machines are stolen every year. This could prove expensive.

Sue Moffat asked if there would be an increase in income if a machine was installed – to be considered.

A parishioner commented on agenda item 10. Further commented on the pressures that increased housing is putting on the current infrastructure including the car park.

Chris Adams – possible planning applications and S106; could there be money available for our area.

County Cllr. Colthorpe – answered this question.

Mrs. Beedon – Bampton has a certain charm, a certain quaintness – feels a meter would take this away.

Annie Lamont – bollards in Silver St., Could Council put this to the school to design bollards and then get them painted up. (Bollards are normally a Highways responsibility).

Mr. Eric Woodbine – Riverside Hall. There are plans to keep the current hall going pro tem whilst the possibility of a replacement hall is considered.

Herbie Clerverly reported the down pipe beside the disabled toilet is not functioning properly and allows the toilets to flood. Agenda for July.

4) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Colthorpe – preparations for elections have taken much time in recent weeks. Updated Council on meetings and who is chairing them since the County election. North Devon link road, drainage

maintenance works taking place during July. Devon County Council are committed to increasing the resilience grant for those affected by flooding.

District Cllr. Moore – no date yet for the inspector to look at the Local Plan. Expecting a decision on the Blundells road junction. Extension to the gym facilities at the leisure centre. Three Rivers Development is a company being set up by Mid Devon Council. The cost of planning applications could be increased by as much as 20%.

Brook Street has been surveyed and could be resurfaced. Concerned about the slip on Ashleigh Park – owner has been contacted and this is being progressed. Highways are also concerned.

TAP funding report to be circulated to councils shortly.

5) Chairman's Report (for information only) – Chairman read her report to Council and parishioners. The report is attached to these minutes.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2017.

Resolved to accept the minutes. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Baker and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Fair – Clerk to update Council on the Working Group meeting held 4.30pm 7th June.

Arrangements are progressing well for this year's Fair. Exmoor Rotary have now distributed all their share of last year's tolls.

8) Toilets -

- i. Update to be received on the snagging issues. N. Sanderson, head of Housing and Property Services, Mid Devon Council is progressing the snagging issues as of 30th May. Cllr. Hicks received a message from N. Sanderson; he has asked Bob Lucas to advise when this has been done.
- ii. Reply received from legal department at Mid Devon Council regarding the freehold transfer. Noted.

9) VAT – Clerk to report on VAT information received at finance training day. Result of request made to Steve Parkinson, VAT specialist as to whether the Fair is considered to be a business activity and should Council register for VAT as a business. A definitive answer is yet to be received.

Cllr. Hicks proposed a meeting of the finance committee to further discuss the VAT issues. Seconded by Cllr. Mares. All in favour. Date to be agreed.

10) Special Motion: Standing Order 7a – submitted by email from Cllrs. Edwards and Gregory.

Council to resolve that the decision taken at the Council meeting of 10th May 2017, agenda item 24 involving the purchase of a parking meter, shall be reversed on the grounds that Council needs to consider new information regarding the implications of VAT rules and regulations which apply to a business.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour by show of hands.

11) Open spaces Committee Reports

- i. Car Park – parking meter and signs to be further discussed. Agenda for July. Removal of the bin used by The Swan, currently installed in the car park. The bin has become an issue because of fly tipping. Cllr. Baker feels the bin should be in the car park area somewhere and a fee for this facility has been offered. Cllr. Tanner agrees and suggests that a recess could be made into the bank the actual size of the bin to keep things tidy. Cllr. Edwards agrees with this scenario, and considers that the bin should remain within the car park area. Resolved: further discussions to take place with the licensee of the Swan. To be actioned by Cllr. Baker. Prop by Cllr. Edwards seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour.

- Play area – Cllr. Tanner to report when this work is to be commenced. Starting in June. Cllr. Leach has the signs and will fix them to the fence.
- ii. Gate replacement and fencing, estimates to be received for the Motte & Bailey area. None received as yet.
 - iii. The waste weed and brambles being disposed of; has now been completed. Noted.
 - iv. Recreation Field and Bampton AFC – any further information to progress at this moment in time. Agenda July.
 - v. Millennium Green and the Lime Kilns: damage to the stonework; Cllr. Hicks to update Council on action to date regarding this and possible future vandalism of the Kilns. Devon County Council monument report received. The building is ‘of interest’, not listed. Estimate of £136 to repair the wall, with stronger mortar.
Resolved: to agree these repairs, proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Baker – all in favour.

12) Replacement hall for Bampton – to consider pre-enquiries. To consider the establishment of a working party to progress initial ideas. Cllr. Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Players.

Cllr. Hicks proposed support for this initiative to consider pre-enquiries.

Standing orders suspended for Mr. Woodbine to speak. There are two sorts of schemes to support the Riverside Hall (RH) pro tem.

Standing orders resumed.

Cllr. Baker agrees that a new hall is needed. Cllr. Edwards updated Council that the RH could not be replaced on its current site due to flooding issues. Alternative sites have been considered in the past.

Standing orders suspended for Mr. Woodbine.

Considers that now is the time to make a final decision as to whether to go for a new hall or repair RH.

Standing orders resumed.

Further discussion took place between councillors.

Standing orders suspended.

Mr. Woodbine stressed that he is doing this as a resident, and not as a committee member of RH..

Standing orders resumed.

Resolved: Cllr. Hicks proposal of support seconded by Cllr. Tanner. All in favour.

13) 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) 17/00834/HOUSE Erection of ground floor and first floor extensions, 31A Barnhay, Bampton
Cllr. Tanner left the meeting room.
No observations to make.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 17/00635/CAT Crown reduce 1 maple, and 1 holly within conservation area, 10 S.Molton Rd.
GRANTED.
- b) 17/0476/HOUSE Erection of extensions to include raising of roof height, and erection of replacement garage and store, Sycamores, S. Molton Rd.
GRANTED
- c) 17/05671/FULL Conversion of barn and associated buildings to dwelling and alteration to access, Higher Arthurs Hayne, Bampton.
GRANTED
- d) 17/00447/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension, 2 Bouchier Close, Bampton.
GRANTED

- e) Advert for display of poster frames, board panels, window graphics, Costcutter
GRANTED

14) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Ken White Signs for the Play Area	£120.00	BACs
	Lee Accounting internal audit fee	£240.00	BACs
	Clerk's salary May	£435.00	BACs
	Clerks & Councils Direct Sub	£12.00	Paid Cq
	J. Caunter toilet cleaning	£310.00	BACs
	MJF Contractors grass cuts	£713.00	BACs
	C. Hicks – toilet rolls & printer ink	£42.46	BACs
	IBIS annual computer health check	£35.00	BACs
	Bampton Scout Group (Fair)	£30.00	Cq119
Income:	VAT refund received	£1,135.77	
	April car parking	£275.98	
	Toilets income	£113.50	

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

Council to resolve to accept the receipts and payments account.

Resolved: proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour.

15) Governance Statement and Unaudited Accounts – published on the website for the statutory period for inspection, 5th June to 14th July 2017 inclusive. Noted.

16) Station Road Industrial Estate – Abandoned cars: This matter has been brought to Council's attention by a parishioner – to be discussed. This is private land. Agenda for July.

17) Five Year Plan – Cllr. Edwards to report on progress to date. No update at present. More ideas from the community and councillors would be appreciated.

18) S106/Public Open Space Funding: deferred from May. Council to resolve to agree a reply to Mid Devon Council. Cllr. Hicks updated Council on the projects that could be considered. Action for July.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... Date.....
Position.....

Email circulations during the past month

Citizens Advice newsletter	Devon Funding News
DALC with training dates.	Love Devon
CPRE competition	Plant a tree charter
Town & Parish newsletter	Mid Devon litter buster news
Devon Funding News	DALC updates
ICO News reference to GDPR	

Chairman's report for the BTC meeting of 7th June 2017

Firstly, **Thank you** to Ken Mills and his volunteer team for their work in burning all the brushwood debris from the previous Motte clearance programme. The gods were smiling on the weather situation unlike a few days later (Friday 26th May) when an amazing electrical storm and torrential rain gave the Flood team volunteers unexpected drainage clearance work to do. We are indebted to Derek Webster for on-going work on Bouchier and part of Frog Street, Kelvin Holdom for sorting Ashleigh Park and Old Tiverton Road issues, Charlie Beedon for Brook Street and Alistair Peebles for keeping the pumps running at Millhead. Alistair has written to DCC Highways regarding the continued need for improved drainage in Briton Street to cope with the run-off from the Old Tiverton Road.

Charlie Beedon had already rodded the leat connections in Brook Street earlier in the month and has now written to the Officers at the EA to alert them of the flash storm incident, enquiring on the progress of plans to further Bampton flood defences. We are indebted to these good people. Thank you.

We must also thank our Bampton in Bloom Team for giving so much time to making the town attractive for us and for any visitors.

Ashleigh Park. Cllr Andrew Moore has alerted Chief Planning Officer Lucy Hodgeson to the situation at the Ashleigh Park development site. I have reported that the attempt to stabilise land slip with grass turfs has not yet been achieved. Also, like many, I query why it's necessary to leave a mountain of spoil on the building site. It is causing much anxiety. I trust the newly appointed Enforcement Officers will be effective.

Highways have issued notice of Road Closure for JULY 8th-11th 0800 to 1800 for the Tiverton Road access to the town. The road will be closed at The Exeter Inn and The Quarryman's so that traffic will have to use the A 396 Dulverton Road/ B 3227 S. Molton Road both to enter AND leave Bampton. I am in touch with the engineering company which is arranging the work for BT. Through them Highways has also been alerted to the fact that any HGV entering the town will have to turn around in order to leave. Bearing in mind on-line delivery needs, visitors and that Sat Navs bring huge lorries through to N. Devon, a site visit to check that the proposed arterial road closures are appropriate is planned for Monday 12th June which I hope to attend.

Cllr Tanner and I have reported to Highways a further trip hazard near Mary Lane / 22 Brook St where there is underlying exposed brickwork around a sewer cover.

We have been promised work to resurface Brook Street and repair pavements this financial year!

Rubbish bins. I have forwarded to you all recent photographs of the ghastly state of over-filled and smelly litter bins around the town (Wednesday 31st May). People who have no gardens plus visitors passing through obviously use the nearest bin to dispose of waste. Cllrs will remember MDDC officer Gareth Evans kindly meeting with me some time ago to discuss the towns need for more bins. Will Cllrs support this issue being an agenda item for July? Will parishioners let me know their views?

Recreation Ground QE 2 Field status. Francis Stoner tells me that in his time as a Councillor he has obtained QE 2 status for the Recreation Field through the Fields in Trust. He knows of the whereabouts of two plaques which were awarded in 2012. One was destined for the walling at the entrance to the field and the other was for the Football club if they want to display it in their changing room.

Defibrillator. Wiviliscombe and other villages have installed a defibrillator with easy access for any emergency need usually positioned within the centre of the village at for example a Hall, though Wiviliscombe has one on the pharmacy wall. As our two halls are at opposite ends of the town I have spoken to Neil Ansell and he is very willing to have a defibrillator sited on the side wall of his pharmacy overlooking the paved area of The Laundry. This site is central for the town and available therefore to be located if there was any need. This would be especially important on Fair Day when we have so many visitors. Funding could be from voluntary efforts. Perhaps Cllrs and parishioners would let me know how they view this idea.

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