

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on 2nd August 2017, 7pm in the Community Hall, Bampton

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. Leach; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. Weston; County Cllr. Colthorpe; District Cllr. Moore; Penny Clapham (Clerk). 2 members of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Edwards. Cllr. C. Mares. Cllr. Tanner

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. Hicks agenda item 11.

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.**

Mr. Cleverly – produced a piece of pipework that had been kicked out of the disabled toilet. Repaired. No further damage has been done.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) - read to Council by the Chairman and attached to these minutes.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

Cllr. Moore – Premier Inn project seems to be advancing. Property Development Co. which has to be an arms-length type of organisation, created by Mid Devon Council, progressing. Culm Valley Village (garden village) 2.5k homes, with no detailed plans as yet. Improvements at the leisure centre and parking there, are being progressed.

Flooding update – no additional information available as of today. The Briton Street (flood) design has been approved and hopefully will be started this autumn.

Cllr. Gregory asked if there was any change to the possible planning at junction 27. The Inspector is looking at this late in September, as a review.

Cllr. Colthorpe **was** thanked for her emailed report to Council circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. A361. Concerns regarding monies awarded to Devon by Government for improvements at the Bolham Junction end of the A361. Council were informed that the Barnstaple end A361 road improvements are to go ahead with significant investment already in place.

Chairman mentioned a drain near to the White Horse on the corner of Fore St. which has sunk Cllr. Colthorpe will progress this with Highways.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2017. Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Fair – ongoing – no further information to impart at this time. Noted.

8) Toilets - Deed of transfer received from Mid Devon District Council. There is a fee of £1 to pay for the toilets. However, and email from the District Solicitor states that no actual money need change hands.

Registration now has to be made to the Land Registry. Council to decide whether to use solicitors for this action. Council resolved for the Clerk to proceed with the registration, without using solicitors. All in favour by show of hands. 21

9) EDF Energy and the Pump House – to discuss the report prepared by the Clerk and circulated to all councillors on 10th July by email. To decide whether to continue with an energy supplier or to install a solar powered light with batteries. Cllr. Gregory does not consider the solar panel would work efficiently for the camera. Council will remain with an energy supplier. All in favour by show of hands.

10) Open Spaces Committee –

i. Update on actions from previous meeting and report submitted to Council on 5th July.

Cllr. Leach updated Council on his report. Chairman thanked Cllr. Leach and the Open Spaces Committee for all their work.

ii. Dog poop signs purchased by the Clerk – Mark Sealey is installing 5 signs around the car park area, and 2 in the recreation field.

iii. Agree invoice for £60 to be raised for the Swan as rental for the siting of rubbish bin in the car park. Cllr. Gregory suggests an agreement regarding the siting of this one bin. Clerk to progress and bring to the September meeting for approval.

iv. To receive estimates for the siting of the matting under the swings in the recreation field. Already covered in the Open Spaces report.

v. Seats for Riverside Walk and memorial seat for Jean Pope – to be actioned. Cllr. Hicks has asked for 4 estimates to do the siting. One has replied and a price will be following. Cllr. Hicks proposed installation of the seats at the walk go ahead, seconded by Cllr. Baker. All in favour by show of hands, provided the sum is within Financial Regulations guidelines. Council are very grateful to the Riverside Hall Committee for allowing the 2 seats to be placed on their freehold so long as there are no costs to them for upkeep. Placing of the Jean Pope seat will need to be clarified. September agenda

vi. License to have access through Hollett Garden for the occupant of No 1 Magnolia Villas – for discussion. Currently there is no automatic right of access through the garden. Clerk to write to the owners to let them know the current situation.

11) Recreation Field – report regarding a suggested consultation exercise circulated to councillors on 19th July – to be discussed. Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Mares seconded, all in favour of the Clerk facilitating a meeting with the community.

12) 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) 17/01093/CAT notification of intention to fell 1 cherry tree within conservation area, The Castle, Castle St., Bampton.

Comment – not felled, trimmed. c) 17/01256/FULL Erection of replacement dwelling with associated garage, Cats Castle, Shillingford.

No objection

Planning Decisions:

a. 17/00834/HOUSE Erection of ground floor and first floor extensions, 31A Barnhay, Bampton

GRANTED

b. 17/00525/ARM Approval of reserved matters, land and buildings, Ashleigh Park

GRANTED

13) FINANCE:

Expenditure: UK Safety Store (Clerk's purchase) poop signs £49.56 BACs

Clerk's salary July £435.00 BACs

Wooden Workshop balance outstanding £2,742.42 BACs

J. Caunter toilet cleans July £310.00 BACs

C. Hicks – toilet rolls £33.55 BACs

MJF Contractors £808.00 BACs

Community Hall hire £14.00 BACs

Old store rates £31.00 DD

Fair rates £52.00 DD

SW Water Toilets £165.92 DD

Income: Car parks June £439.34

Fair stall holder receipts £336.00

i. SW Water and the old store/toilets. In credit for £32.21 and it looks as if the sewerage charge has been removed at last. Noted. Monitor the use of the water.

ii. Bank reconciliation and statement circulated to councillors at the meeting for any comment or questions.
None.

iii. Clerk requests Council to pay for her attendance to the Devon Assoc. of Local Councils AGM and conference 10th October, plus any councillors who wish to attend. £25 per head. Agreed.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Baker, seconded by Cllr Mares, all in favour by show of hands.

14) Environment Agency and the River Bathern – clearing of debris. In Chairman's report.

15) Play Inspection Company – report received and circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Noted.

16) Tree Charter – the signature book is being held at LARCS. Noted.

17) Council Meetings – to consider changing the venue to the LARCS building from September.

Cllr. Gregory expressed concerns that the venue may be too small. Council will hold the September meeting there and then decide whether to continue.

18) Defibrillator – installation of defibrillator to be actioned. Cllr. Hicks will progress. September meeting for the adoption of the defibrillator and the associated costs. Cllr. Gregory to come back with the costs.

19) Clerk's Report:

i. Morebath PC happy to leave their cheque with Bampton for the time being whilst the Oliver Croker Fund is contacted regarding the air ambulance lighting on the recreation field. Clerk to progress.

ii. Invoice raised and emailed to the treasurer of the Scouts for the annual rental of the field.

iii. The request for the S106/POS funding to be listed has been sent in to Mid Devon Council and acknowledged.

20) Councillors Reports (for information only)

Cllr. Leach – old lights in football field and other items that could be removed.

Cllr. Gregory – football club agreement. Clerk to re-send the proposed agreement to councillors.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

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

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 6th September 2017, at 7.00pm in the LARCS building

Email circulations during the past month

July Healthwatch DATA Protection GDPR information

ICO Newsletter Citizens Advice News

DALC July news More DALC News

Town & Parish Newsletter from Mid Devon Council

Chairman's report for the Bampton Town Council meeting of 2nd August 2017

- On 25th July, the EA was alerted yet again to the deteriorating state of the river bed at the Bathern Bridge. Silt build up has led to not only the considerable weed growth but invasion of Himalayan Balsam. A warning about this plant approaching Bampton was minuted in September 2008. I had an immediate reply from Ian Hooper, the officer dealing with long term plans to reduce the town's flood risk. He has forwarded the information to DCC Environmental Management team. I await hearing from them.
Meanwhile a Flood Group working party to reduce the Balsam growth has now been arranged for next Tuesday, 8th August weather and river conditions permitting. We meet at 9am at the slipway. Named volunteers are covered for Public Liability for this work.
- The issue of abandoned cars in Station Road car park is being dealt with. Drivers are reminded that cars left there **must** be taxed and MOT'd.
- We must thank Janice Caunter and Herbie Cleverly for their voluntary work in weeding the children's playground and for the extra display of flowers in many hidden corners of Bampton.
- The British Legion is looking for a replacement organiser for this years' commemoration Poppy Appeal. There is no reason for this not to be a job-share. Will anyone interested in helping in any way please get in touch with me as soon as possible at 332101 or by email celiahicks@bamptontowncouncil.gov.uk.
- Looking ahead, our Christmas Fair which was the brain-child of Katrina Munro-King now needs a new organiser as Katrina is stepping down. This event is always fun for all the family and involves the children at our school. Will anyone who feels that they would like to see this tradition continue as successfully as it has done please get in touch with our clerk to keep us all in the loop. clerk@bamptontowncouncil.gov.uk
- Finally, I would like to offer congratulations to the volunteer LARCS management for putting together a most attractive holiday activity programme for the children. I do hope many parents are taking up the opportunities on offer.