

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 6th September, 2017, 7pm in the LARCS building, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. Weston. Penny Clapham (clerk), 4 members of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Leach. Cllr. Gregory. District Cllr. Moore. Cllr. Tanner; Cllr. Baker; County Cllr. Colthorpe.

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.**

Herbie Cleverly reported that at the disabled end of the toilets, a small drain when blocked causes water to go into the toilet. Water is also getting in under the floor. A bigger grating would solve this problem. Cllr. Weston and Cllr. A. Mares will look at this situation and report back at the next meeting. Cllr. Edwards suggests that Council consider entering into a maintenance agreement with Mid Devon Council. Agenda for October.

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

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August 2017.

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

7) Christmas in Bampton – Lucy Bull to update Council.

Standing orders suspended.

Suggest that the main Christmas tree is put onto the stage. Crowd management to be arranged. Suggest Silver St is decorated with small trees as well as Brook St. Michael Browning who organises the mini trees is happy to continue to arrange this. Electricity for the stage – would be very useful to have an external electric point there for the future. Carol singing can be arranged along with decorations with the school. Thursday 30th November is the suggested date 6pm. Would be good to produce some hymn sheets for the night. This would be Silver St. end of the town and would not include any shopping evening.

Agenda this for October for further discussion. Lucy Bull will provide the clerk with how many holders are required for the mini Xmas trees. Small plastic trees could be considered instead of real ones.

Standing orders resumed.

8) Bampton Fair – to receive update from the Clerk/acting Tolly.

The Clerk gave a verbal report – 60 stalls booked and paid for with more requesting to come.

Attendance at the Safety Advisory Group requested to accompany Alan Woolley. Cllr. A. Mares and Cllr. Weston, will attend.

9) Open Spaces Committee report –

- i. To agree the proposed agreement between the Swan and Bampton Town Council for the siting of 1 industrial rubbish bin in the car park. Circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. Council resolved to approve the agreement, proposed by Cllr. A. Mares, seconded by Cllr. C. Mares, all in favour by show of hands.
- ii. Clarification of the placing of the Jean Pope seat to be agreed.

Cllr. Stanley arrived at 7.34pm

Cllr. C. Mares proposed a wood seat be purchased with a plaque. Seconded by Cllr. Edwards. All agreed. Clerk to price benches for October agenda. No agreement reached as to where to site the bench.

- iii. Hollett Garden- the rights of way letter has been sent to the owner of No. 1 Magnolia Villas. Copy of letter received from the owner to be circulated to councillors.

- iv. Football Club agreement – to be finalised.

Standing order suspended to discuss the clump of nettles in the middle of the recreation field. Standing orders resumed.

Postponed to October and for the rent to be reviewed as a separate item.

- v. To discuss having a health check on Bampton's trees.

The trees at the recreation field have been surveyed by Mr. A. Lane. Clerk to check this survey. Dartmoor Tree Surgeons and Wee Tree Nurseries, Wellington, 01823-666611 will be asked to quote.

10) Five Year Plan – to receive an update from Cllr. Edwards.

Not much to report so far. A meeting will be arranged, leading to an open day to discuss what parishioners would like. Set a budget of £100 to cover the cost of leaflets, refreshments, hall hire, later in the autumn.

11) TAP Funding support request: to agree to support a request for TAP funding for the Riverside Hall.

Council resolved to support this application, proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. A. Mares.

Cllr. Stanley reported that the planning for 40 houses/flats behind the town hall, Tiverton, is to go in shortly. The large quantity of soil at Ashleigh Park – planning can do nothing about it, but one of the planning conditions is that the soil has to be removed by November. Drainage; measured and priced but no start date as yet.

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) 17/01392/FULL Construction of replacement vehicular entrance and access track, Petton Farm, Shillingford.
No comment.
- c) 17/01419/CAT Notification of intention to dismantle and fell 1 ash tree within the conservation area, 3 Ashleigh Park, Bampton.
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 17/00929/HOUSE erection of replacement conservatory with garden room, 22 Bouchier Close

GRANTED

- b) Fell 1 cherry tree within a conservation area, The Castle, Castle St.

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- c) 17/01091/FULL removal of conditions 6 & 7 restricting use of garages to the occupants of the 2 dwellings, 1 West St., and Lords Meadow Cottage.

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- d) 17/0929/HOUSE Erection of replacement conservatory with garden room, 22 Bouchier Close

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13) FINANCE:

Expenditure:

	Somerwill (already paid)	£78.00	
	Clerks salary August	£435.00	BACs
	EDF Energy Pump House	£12.10	BACs
	J. Caunter toilet cleans August	£310.00	BACs
	MJF Contractors August	£589.00	BACs
	C. Hicks – glue	£6.98	BACs
	Bampton in Bloom grant	£1,000	BACs
	Land Registry	£30.00	Cq 120
	Road closures for Fair x 2	£150.00	BACs
Amended invoice	SW Locums Ltd – Fair assistance	£105.00	BACs
	C. Prescott repairs at M. Green	£136.00	BACs
	SW Water Toilets	£129.31	DD

Income:

Toilets £176.00

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

NOTE Included in the banking is a total of £3,222 received from stall holders attending Bampton Fair.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account, including the amended invoice for SW Locums Ltd. Cllr. Hicks proposed, Cllr. C. Mares seconded. All agreed by show of hands.

Quote from GL Jones Playgrounds Design for parts to repair the swings in the recreation field for £574.57 + VAT. Approved by Council to go ahead with the maintenance of these swings as a safety issue. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks, delegating authority to the Open Spaces Committee, who will action the quote.

14) Defibrillator – Cllr Gregory to report. To agree probable costs for installation. To arrange suitable training. Cllr. Edwards updated in the absence of Cllr. Gregory, from his report. Additional costs Council should be mindful of – ongoing annual costs of £265.00.

Training within the community varies from £85 to £100 per session. Council will approach Cllr. Gregory to organise this training. Cllr. A. Mares and Cllr. C. Mares will liase with Cllr. Gregory. Cllr. Hicks informed Council that the Pharmacy is happy to have the defibrillator situated outside his shop with the electric connected to his business. Replacement pads would cost £154 (current ones are out of date), to order through Cllr. Gregory. Council resolved to buy the replacement pads through Cllr. Gregory, proposed by Cllr. C. Mares, seconded by Cllr. Edwards. Cllr. Edwards will meet with the electrical installers to view the site prior to installation quotes being received.

15) Old Lock-up – to discuss the state of this building.

Cllr. Hicks considers that the building should be surveyed to ascertain its possible lifespan. A possible budget consideration for 2018.

16) Domain name for Bampton Town Council – this is currently bamptontowncouncil.gov.uk. It will not be possible to continue to use the .gov.uk unless linked to a town council website with .gov within its name. The current email address for the clerk/council will be discontinued shortly.

Option 1 to have a small website specifically for the council as www.bamptontowncouncil.gov.uk

Option 2 to create a new email address specifically for the clerk/council without .gov.uk

Council to decide which option is preferred. Immediate action is required.

Closed. Cllr. Gregory has emailed a report to all councillors, and has this in hand.

17) Clerk's Report

- i. Mid Devon Council has the toilets valued at £52,000. This is the value added to Council's asset register, and on the insurance.
- ii. Devon Air Ambulance and the lights on the recreation field. A grant application is being sought from the Libor Fund through DAAT. Discussions as to the cheque presentation with the Oliver Croker Fund are ongoing. The £200 received from Morebath PC towards the installation of the lights has now been banked.
- iii. Devon Assoc. of Local Councils annual report received prior to the AGM and conference on 10th October. Attendance costs £25 + VAT. Clerk to book Cllr. Edwards to this conference. All in favour by show of hands.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Councillors Reports – none.

Items for Information

Cllr. A. Mares is unable to be the snow warden.

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th October at 7.00pm in the LARCS building.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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

Email circulations during the past month

Community News from Devon	Latest news from the ICO
W.Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan for information	
Stogumber Neighbourhood plan for further information	
Devon Funding News updates	Citizens Advice News
Connectme Devon news	DALC news updates

Chairman's report for Bampton Town Council's meeting of 6th September 2017.

It is good to be able to report achievements:

LARCS held its 1st birthday party last week with a report from the Chairman of Trustees Les Hartley. Increased use of this valuable hub is to be encouraged and extra people with an hour to spare each week would enable that to happen. Please get in touch with LARCS Mick New on 01398 332251 or phone 01398 332466 if you want to book an event or think you can help.

After over 30 years Brook Street is currently under a make-over! As BTC has consistently said to the Devon Highways department the road may now be classed in the B category but since the A361 bypass was built 20 or so years ago that has not diminished Brook Street's use as a main thoroughfare. I would like to thank Cllr Polly Colthorpe for pushing our case and DCC officer Steve Leigh for organising the resurfacing at the least disruptive time for Bampton. We are also grateful to those who park in Brook Street for their forbearance.

On 8th August, Derek Webster, Cllr Paul Edwards and Charlie Beedon laboured to cut down an enormous amount of Himalayan Balsam growing freely in the bridge area of the river. The roots of this plant were so fibrous they could not be removed. Cllr Bill Weston arrived to help remove the debris but it was so considerable it was decided to allow the winter flows gradually to remove it. Meanwhile I am sending photos to the EA officers to alert them to the two islands which are now existing at the bridge and which are supported by deep rooted growth and which are diverting the flow.

Thanks to Mr Steve Atwell at Western Power the main street Fair banner is due to go up on Tuesday 12th September It should be removed on 30th October or the following week.