

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7pm in the LARCS building, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Edwards; (Vice-chairman); Cllr. Leach; Cllr. Weston; County Cllr. Colthorpe; Mr. & Mrs. Croker; 7 members of the public; District Cllr. Stanley; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. Tanner; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

Presentation of a cheque from the Oliver Croker Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Croker towards the landing lights installed in the Recreation Field, to enable the Devon Air Ambulance to night land when required. Cheque presented and photographs taken. Council thanked the Croker Family.

- 1) **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. Baker. Cllr. Gregory. Cllr. Hicks. Accepted.
- 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.**

Sheila Howells – application on the agenda from the small grant fund for the Riverside Hall. Commented on the Frogs End planning application. Considers the changes made to the plans would make the access worse. Considers the original planning application on the barn should be enforced.

Derek Webster – commenting on Frogs End; to be considered by Council under agenda item 10c.

Janet Bright – enquiring where the snow warden was last week during the snowfall. Bampton relies on volunteers and the snow made travelling impossible. Cllr. Tanner asks if it would be possible to have more salt/grit bins available. Derek Webster will compile a list of the bins and where they are sited.

Herbie Cleverly – Toilets are still being vandalised, and the locks broken. The pipes are not lagged.

Kelvin Short – Old Tiverton Rd. The bank belonging to the proposed development at Ashleigh Park has suffered a major land slip, which has pushed the safety barriers into the road. Photos were circulated. This has been reported to the Planning Dept. of Mid Devon Council. Cllr. Colthorpe will take this up with Highways, as this is now a road hazard. Also commented on the proposed development at Ashleigh Park to which he is objecting.

Angela Short informed Council with photographic evidence of the 2 benches by the war memorial in very poor condition. Clerk to check who may own these benches and bring to the April meeting.

4) **Chairman's Report** (for information only) – previously circulated and attached to these minutes. Cllr. Edwards informed Council, that during the snow, the pharmacist stayed in Bampton for several days and made deliveries of medicines to people who could not get to him. Council will write to thank him.

5) **County & District Councillor reports:-**

County Cllr. Colthorpe – Devon County putting up their share of the council tax by 4.99%. Amongst other responsibilities, Devon County also has the responsibility for 0-19 year olds for their public health. Cllr. Colthorpe does have some money in her locality budget, as well as some monies for capital projects. Suggestions of roads please that would benefit from pothole money. Station Road; Green Lane; junction of South Molton Rd & West St.; Windwhistle Lane.

District Cllr. Stanley – Mid Devon share of council tax going up by 4.99%. Updated Council on the consultations currently in place. Drainage works in Bampton due to start next week.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2018.

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

7) Toilets – Council to resolve to agree a replacement supplier for sanitary and nappy waste disposal. Cllr. Tanner proposed SW Hygiene, seconded by Cllr. A. Mares, all agreed by show of hands. Clerk informed Council that she is still trying to get the credit note from the previous supplier PHS converted to a bank credit.

8) Bampton United Charities – to appoint/re-appoint two trustees to this Charity acting on behalf of the Council, namely Mrs. Edworthy and Mrs. Thomas. To agree that this Charity may continue to show Bampton Town Council as supporters in their publicity. Proposed agreement by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Tanner, all in favour by show of hands.

9) Open Spaces Committee – to consider amendments to the Terms of Reference of this committee. These amendments having been previously circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting were agreed with no further changes. Proposed by Cllr. Leach, seconded by Cllr. Edwards – all agreed by show of hands.

Clerk informed the Open Spaces Committee, that there was £2,000 in the budget for repairs and maintenance that this committee may use without further recourse to Council, from 1st April 2018.

10) PLANNING:

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

- a) 18/00219/LBC Listed building consent for the replacement of 1 window, Castle House, Bampton.
No comment.
- b) 18/00256/OUT Intention to fell 1 cherry tree within conservation area, Castle House, Bampton.
No comment.
- c) 17/01875/OUT Outline hybrid application for the erection of a dwelling and alteration to vehicular access; and change of use of agricultural barn to ancillary residential building, Frogs End, Frog St., Bampton. (Revised and additional drawings)

Bampton Town Council asks that The Planning Authority does not approve this application on the following grounds: Council objections as follows:-

- 1) It is outside the village envelope. Approval of this site would set a dangerous precedent and could lead to further proposals for infill development along Frog Street, most particularly between the application site and the nearby listed building.
- 2) The application site is within a flood plain and there are already problems with flooding and run off along Frog Street which would be exacerbated by this development.
- 3) Frog Street is a narrow highway, where there are often conflicts between traffic and pedestrians. It is thus unsuitable for further development with a consequent increase in traffic movements.

- 4) In respect of the existing barn, Bampton Town Council draws the attention of the Planning Authority to a clause in its planning approval that states that it must be demolished if it is no longer required for agricultural purposes. Council further request the implementation of the original planning requirement to have the barn demolished.
- 5) Council note the requirement of Highways, that if the development is approved, they require the removal of hedges on both sides of the road. Council consider this removal would be detrimental to the environmental amenity of this single-track rural lane.

- d) 18/00240/HOUSE Erection of sun room and installation of dormer window on south elevation, Barricane Stables, Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.

No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 17/01935/OUT Outline for the erection of single storey dwelling, detached garage, The Vicarage, Barnhay, Bampton.
GRANTED
- b) 18/00015/FULL Change of use from commercial property to physiotherapy clinic, Rupert White Interiors
GRANTED
- c) 18/00011/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q, land and building at NGR 295699, Bampton
NOT PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT.

11) Council to respond to the Proposed Stopping Up Order, Ashleigh Park: this after meeting Mr. Garside, agent, at Ashleigh Park, Tuesday 27th February 2018.

Town Clerk, Chairman Cllr. Hicks and Vice-Chairman Cllr. Edwards met with Mr. Garside on 27th February, the issue being the loss of grass verge and lack of sight lines if the proposed garages were built right up to the highway. The land is owned by the applicant. Mr. Garside produced plans to show the sight line would not be impacted on by the garages. If this is the case, then Council's objection would be difficult to sustain.

Cllr. Edwards proposed the objections to the Stopping Up Order be withdrawn, seconded by Cllr. Leach. All in favour, by show of hands.

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Employment February	£520.48	BACs
	Subscription for UK Craft Fairs	£39.00	BACs
	LARCS room hire March	£20.00	BACs
	C. Hicks toilet rolls	£50.33	BACs
	C. Hicks office expenses	£50.00	BACs
	C. Hicks replacement locks toilets	£15.00	BACs
	C. Fagg P3 annual footpath expenses	£48.72	BACs
	Clerks & Councils Direct sub.	£12.00	BACs
	J. Caunter toilet cleans	£280.00	BACs
	SW Water Toilets	£181.50	DD
	SW Water Old Store water only	£29.25	DD

Income: Car park £184.90.

Cllr. Tanner commented that car owners are not contributing through the honesty box.

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: circulated to councillors at the meeting.

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

13) Small Grants Fund – to consider the application received from, the Riverside Hall to this fund.

Cllr Tanner proposed a grant of £500, seconded by Cllr. Leach. Amendment proposed by Cllr. A. Mares for a grant of £1000. This substantive motion was taken first; all in favour by show of hands. This grant completes the budget for this financial year.

14) TAP Fund Request – Council have received a request from the Mid Devon Messenger to support their application for monies from the TAP Fund. The Messenger is a talking paper and is a charity. Council agreed to support this request.

15) Community Flood Resilience – there are grants available for this work. Council resolved to apply for a grant. Proposed by Cllr. Weston, seconded by Cllr. Edwards. All in favour. Clerk to progress the application with assistance from Derek Webster.

16) Bampton Fair 2018 – Application forms for the street stall holders have been emailed x 72. The balance are post forms. Monies in will not be banked until 1st April so that this shows in the correct year of the accounts, other than those who are paying by bank transfer. Noted. Clerk updated Council on the meeting held earlier in the afternoon – proposals are going ahead for an evening celebration on Fair Day.

17) Clerk's Report

- i. A Fair grant report back form has been created and sent to the 4 recipients of the 2017 Fair grants. The Netball Club have already sent their form in complete with a photo of their new kit and a thank you.
- ii. Clerk has set up an EDF Energy account for the Pumphouse on line in order to submit accurate meter readings. The recent meter read kindly supplied by the Chairman has been posted up – an amended account has been received of £5.91. The monthly DD is to be increased in March from £8 to £14 as prices have increased. To be noted.
- iii. GDPR – Clerk is attending training on this subject on the 13th March and will report to Council at the April meeting.

PART II

18) Council to resolve to exclude the public and press from the meeting to discuss quotes received for grass cutting. Resolved to exclude the public.

19) Grass Cutting Quotations – to be discussed and agreed.

Cllr. A. Mares proposed the quotation received from Oliver Vernon, seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

Cllr. Weston proposed Countrywide - no seconder.

Council resolved to accept the quote from Oliver Vernon – all in favour, by show of hands.

20) Town Maintenance Quotations – none received.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.00pm in the LARCS building.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is on Wednesday 25th April in the Community Hall, Bampton 7.15pm

Meeting closed at 8.23pm

Email circulations during the past month

Connectme Devon	DALC News	Devon Communities Together
Connectme Devon – flood resilience news		DALC – GDPR updates
Mid Devon DC consultation on schedule of amendments		
Came & Co. Insurers – weather warnings.		Town & Parish Newsletter
ICO Newsletter	Traffic Sensitive Street Review documents	

Chairman's report for the Bampton Town Council meeting of 7th March 2018

During February the Chairman met with several contractors with regard to appointing a new grass cutting company.

On 27th February, the Chairman, Cllr. Edwards and the Clerk met at Ashleigh Park with Mr. Keith Garside agent for the developer Mr. Michael Clark to discuss planning concerns.

Council would like ideas from councillors and the public for events to commemorate the end of the First World War. Please get in touch with clerk@bamptontowncouncil.gov.uk or any councillor.