

## **Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7pm in the LARCS Building.**

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Leach; County Cllr. Colthorpe; District Cllr. Moore; Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. A. Mares.

- 1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. Baker. Cllr. Tanner. Cllr. C. Mares. Cllr. Weston.
- 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.** No members of the public were present.
- 4) Chairman’s Report** (for information only) – read by the Chairman and attached to these minutes.
- 5) County & District Councillor reports:-**  
County Cllr. Colthorpe – County Council tax rise in total is 4.99%. There is to be an additional £6.5 million in the Highways budget.  
Some additional government money available for potholes yet to come. Also mentioned, care plans for children, invasive non-native plant species, and the suffrage flag coming to the Town Hall 6<sup>th</sup> April.  
  
District Cllr. Moore – Highways have £18.2 million for J28 + Tiverton road extension. This is match funding with the developers. Master Plan being considered and a consultation will be out soon. Mentioned ‘Involve’ as trustees are to be welcomed. Encouragement of the integration of health services with a possible consultation.  
Checking dates for the mound enforcement at Ashleigh Park. This takes effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> April unless an appeal is made. Once in effect there is two months for the mound to be removed.  
The Ashleigh Park slope has been discussed between partners and a report is being crafted by Planning.
- 6) Minutes –** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 having been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 7) GDPR –** Clerk updated Council on these regulations, having attended a training seminar on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Necessary changes are being put into effect.

## **8) PLANNING:**

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

- a) 18/00262/FULL Erection of a single storey rear extension, The Exeter Inn, Bampton.  
No Objection
- b) 18/00117/FULL Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 12/01183/FULL for the eastern part of the site to restrict the number of consecutive nights that a caravan can be used by the same person to 21 nights, and to state that the caravan site cannot be a persons sole or main place of residence.  
The Caravan Club, Lakeside Caravan Park, Exebridge  
No Objection

### Planning Decisions:

- a) 17/02062/HOUSE Retention of balcony area above existing extension and repositioning of external staircase.

GRANTED with conditions.

- b) 17/01875/OUT Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and alteration to vehicular access; change of use of agricultural barn to ancillary residential dwelling. Frog Street, Bampton.

REFUSED

- c) 16/00047/FULL Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/00437/FULL to allow the substitution of previously approved plans, Scotts Business Park, Bampton

APPROVED

- d) 18/00256/CAT Intention to fell 1 cherry tree within conservation area, Castle House, Bampton.

NO OBJECTION

- e) 17/01543/FULL Erection of two prefabricated holiday units, Land at NGR 295379 121464 (New Park)

APPROVED

### 9) FINANCE:

#### Expenditure:

Employment March	£520.48	BACs
PAYE Q4	£297.80	BACs
J.Caunter toilet cleans	£310.00	BACs
Edge It Systems Accounts package	£324.00	BACs
Edge It Systems setup fee	£84.00	BACs
Contribution to Clerk's studies	£500.00	BACs
Flood Control boxwall units	£763.20	BACs
C. Hicks photo copies dog signs	£12.00	BACs
Clerk's Expenses Q4 (3 months)	£386.79	BACs
LARCS room hire	£20.00	BACs
D. Webster Flood items from grant	£348.31	BACS

#### Income:

Parish paths annual grant	£100.00
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Bank Reconciliation and Statement: Reconciliation and bank statement circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

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

**10) Grant** – Council applied for and have received a grant of £937 for equipment to enhance flood resilience in the town.

**11) Projector** – to consider the purchase of a projector for council use (BenQ £233 + VAT). Cllr. Edwards proposed, Cllr. A. Mares seconded, all in favour. Clerk to purchase.

**12) Rateable Values** – Tolls of Fairs rated at £573.96: Old Store rated at £321.60: Car park zero rated. Noted.

**13) Toilets – SW Hygiene.** Now contracted to take bin waste from the toilets. PHS have been contacted and requested to repay the credit owed and to uplift their bins from the Clerk's home.

**14) Benches** – to agree to purchase a bench and planters to commemorate the armistice of 1918. To be further discussed at the May meeting.

**15) First Bus #25** – Any adverse impacts of the cuts to this service, please advise Council before the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> April – consultation. Noted.

**16) Employment Policies:-** Previously circulated to HR Committee: Grievance Policy/ Disciplinary Procedure Policy/Bullying & Harassment Policy. Acceptance proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Gregory, all in favour.

**17) Clerk's Report**

- a) Council supported the TAP fund request for the Riverside Hall – this has been given in full to the value of £2,250. For information.
- b) Internal audit has been booked for 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

**Items for Information**

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community Hall, Bampton on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, at 7.15pm. An informal meeting with refreshments to be held in Shillingford Hall 25<sup>th</sup> April, between 2.30 and 4.30pm. All electors welcome to attend either or both meetings.**

The Annual Council Meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.00pm in the LARCS Building, followed by an Ordinary Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm

**Email circulations during the past month**

Tiverton EUE Spring Newsletter

DALC News including updates on Accounts procedures and GDPR

Came & Co Newsletter Devon Funding News

Parish planning slides from a training evening

Chairman's report for April 2018

I am pleased to report that the promised extra drainage for Briton Street has been installed and at last work has also re-started on the much-needed pavement repairs in Brook Street.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, our Flood Co-ordinator Derek Webster and volunteers at Ashleigh Park turned out in very apt weather to practise putting up the Flood Barrier to re-direct the water that cascades from above the site. There is quite a knack to this! The Rev. Jane Wilson not only provides essential storage but provides excellent coffee too!

We must also thank Derek for shopping for the extra anti-flood equipment funded by a recently obtained DCC grant.

In response to concerns from many Bamptonians, many of whom have dogs, Anti-Dog Poo circulars have been delivered asking people to keep their dogs on a lead within the town boundaries and to ensure they pick up after their animal....Quite by chance this has coincided with MDDC's 'Any Bin Will Do' campaign. We are very appreciative of this initiative and the many new bins provided.

Another current concern is the peppering of the town by SORN'd and un-taxed vehicles. These are being reported to the DVLA. The site to use is *DVLA/Get vehicle information*.

Both these issues were highlighted to Alison Fernandez, the Police and Crime Commissioner when she visited Bampton in February.

The possibility of re-establishing a regular Police Surgery at LARCS has been mooted.

The building site at Ashleigh Park is being monitored by ourselves and our MDDC Councillors. We hope for progress soon.

Finally, thanks to Arthur Tucker for strimming back overgrowth at Castle Lawn and Cllr Bill Weston for disposing of the material. I have asked Bampton in Bloom if there can be a working party to clear out the bedding overgrowth. It would be good to have some Councillors involved to show appreciation of the volunteers. I think you will agree that the good work of Bampton in Bloom is really showing in the beautiful displays of spring flowers around the town.

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