

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 1st August, 2018, 7pm in the LARC Building.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. Baker; County Cllr. Colthorpe; Cllr. A. Mares; 4 members of the public. Penny Clapham (Clerk). Cllr. Weston.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Edwards. District Cllr. Moore. District Cllr. Stanley. Cllr. Leach. 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. 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 3 (c,d,e,f) refers.**

Herbie Cleverly commented on the poor parking outside the Ginger Peanut and the Chemist shop, blocking the view of the road.

Mrs. Howells about the appeal against refusal of planning permission in Frog Street, and the current application, as listed below.

Mr. Williams with regard to the planning application in Frog Street. Discussed the points he proposes to raise with the planning authority.

Lucy Bull about the Xmas lighting. Clerk will confer with Lucy about the lighting and trees. Discussed a proposed project for next summer.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – read by the Chairman and attached to these minutes. The consultation evening due to be held in September will need a new date: to be advised.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Councillor report: the enforcement of the mound at Ashleigh Park is ongoing.

Council will be contacting the District Councillors with regard to the bank at Ashleigh Park now that planning permission has been granted for the 7 dwellings. The bank is considered to be in a dangerous condition, fronting the access road. Council wish to hold an open meeting with the District Councillors, the CEO of Mid Devon Council, planning officers, engineers and members of the public – date to be advised.

County Cllr. Colthorpe read her report, attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Gregory commented on the lack of a police presence at the Council meetings.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Fair – to receive an update from the Clerk.

- i. 41 street stalls have been paid for and more are in the pipeline.

- ii. The banner will not be put over the main street, but cleaned and put up at the Exeter Inn crossroads.
- iii. The evening entertainments to celebrate the 760th Fair are well in hand now. Tickets will be on sale from 1st September.
- iv. Promotional material will be in circulation very soon.
- v. Clerk will be attending the Safety Advisory Group meeting in September to update the risk assessments.
- vi. Road closures and licences have all been applied for.

8) Lights at Bampton FC – to consider replacing the current lights with LED's, as 2 out of 4 lights are not working. The Football Club have informed Council that they will be replacing these lights to make sure all are working.

9) Social Media and Electronic Policy to be updated – to remove the references to facebook and twitter as Council does not use these methods of communication. Cllr. Hicks suggests an informal meeting to discuss proposed changes.

10) PLANNING:

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

- i. 18/01036/MFUL Erection of agricultural livestock building, Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.
No Comment.
- ii. 18/00990/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of single storey extension, The Little Barn, Ford Rd., Bampton. Cllr. Weston declared an pecuniary interest and left the room.
No Objection.
- iii. 18/01040/FULL Erection of storage shed, creation and maintenance of tracks on site in connection with forestry activities, Upper Wonham Wood, Bampton.
No Comment.
- iv. 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 Street, Bampton.

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

- 1) This proposed development is outside the village settlement. 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 the ancient hedge bank on both sides of the road. Should the hedge bank be removed there is a strong possibility of subsidence from the gardens in Bouchier Close. Council consider

this removal would be detrimental to the environmental amenity of this single-track rural lane. This rural lane is probably the oldest road in Bampton, surviving in its original natural state.

Objection proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour by show of hands.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 18/00831/HOUSE Erection of outbuilding to provide garage, tack room and outbuilding, Little Mead, Morebath.
GRANTED
- b) 17/01671/FULL Erection of 7 dwellings (revised scheme) land at buildings east of Simla Cottage, Ashleigh Park, Bampton.
GRANTED

11) FINANCE:

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| Expenditure: | Employment July | £527.95 | BACs |
| | Visionict x 1 email address | £21.60 | BACs |
| | Viking toilet rolls | £50.33 | BACs |
| | LARC room hire 1 st August | £20.00 | BACs |
| | Cove garden centre | £1582.28 | BACs |
| | P. Clapham planning application | £231.00 | BACs |
| | P. Clapham hinged toilet grab rail | £53.98 | BACs |
| | J. Caunter toilet cleans July | £310.00 | BACs |
| | J. Caunter weeding June/July/ May | £332.50 | BACs |
| | SW Water | £116.49 | DD |
| | Old Store Rates | £32.00 | DD |
| | Fair Rates | £57.00 | DD |
| | EDF Energy | £14.00 | DD |
| | LMS Highways | £1140.00 | Paid 13/07 |
| | Five Star Security | £492.63 | Paid 20/07 |
| Income: | Car Parks | £598.90 | |
| | Toilets | £81.00 | |
| | Bampton Fair | £1182.00 | |

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: Reconciliation and bank statement not available as account closes on the 31st July. Available at the next Council meeting.

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

12) Affordable Housing – Council to support the inclusion of affordable housing in any large enough future development. Cllr. Hicks invited Cllr. Colthorpe to clarify this point. Council support the inclusion of affordable housing wherever possible; should be included on most development sites.

13) Xmas Tree Lighting – to consider methods of lighting the xmas tree on the Stage garden. Discussed during public discussion with Lucy Bull and the Clerk.

14) Car Park –

- a) To consider replacement of the safes. Further information and quotes – deferred to September.

- b) To consider the placement of an information board in advance of grass cutting for those parking their cars close to the grass. Proposed by Cllr. Baker - a wet chalk board, size to be advised to the Clerk. This board can then be used to promote activities within the parish.
- c) To consider the wording of the 'permission to park' signage at the car park. Deferred to the next meeting.

15) Jean Pope's Bench – to resolve to purchase and site. Cllr. Baker proposed a composite bench, low maintenance, Clerk to action. Tony Weiss to be consulted on the site. 4 in favour 1 abstention. Motion passed.

16) Town Logo for headed paper – to be considered. Council approved using the motif from the Chairman's chain of office. Cllr. Hicks will get an estimate to have this drawn up by a local artist. Proposed by Cllr. Mares, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour.

17) Clerk's Report:-

- 1) Annual invoices sent to Bampton Scout Group and Bampton AFC by email.
- 2) Signed to EDF Energy on a 3 year fixed contract, reducing the standing charge at the Pumthouse from 35p to 25p per day and the unit charge from 19.53p to 18.45p.
- 3) The memorial benches are in the system – delivery will be advised when they are ready.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on **Wednesday 29th August** 2018 at 7.00pm in the LARCS Building.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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

Email circulations during the past month

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| Rural Funding Digest - July | Devon STP 2 year report |
| DALC News | Love Devon News |
| Connect Me Devon x 2 | |

BTC Chairman's report for the meeting of August 1st 2018

- The contractors cleaning and white-lining the car park arrived on time did a very efficient job. At first there were mixed feelings in the public about the new system but a week or so on most people seem to be appreciative. The whole area looks better managed which should benefit not only the townsfolk but also the nearby tourist businesses.
- At this time of year our P3 volunteers do a marvellous job with footpaths' upkeep in spite of the effects of the weather. The farmer-owners of fields have to abide by EU law not to cut the hedges until September so going for a walk at this time of year can be spoiled by brambles growing out onto hedge-side pavements. Please help yourself and others by taking a small pair of secateurs with you to ensure no damage is done to your eyes or ankles.

- There is an interesting report on-line regarding changes in the organisation of Devon's NHS provision. It is called the Devon Sustainability Partnership Plan (STP) to link both social and health care. www.DevonSTP.org.uk
- Also on-line is a request to seek public opinion on a possible merger between Devon and Dorset Constabularies. <http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk>
- I am pursuing the petition to have a safer road crossing at the site of the Spar shop. I am hoping to meet with DCC Cllr Stuart Hughes soon.
- The Consultation evening for the 5-year Town Plan **will be in the autumn at a date yet to be decided.** Please start to think of ideas to take the town forward.
- I have written a letter of greeting on behalf of Bampton Town Council to the Mayor of Peqi'in in Northern Israel where our local Scout Group has Scouting links.
- The clerk is contacting the management of Rotolok with a view to getting the site tidied and cleared of rubbish.
- Congratulations to Katrina Munro-King and the Heritage Centre trustees for procuring a Lottery grant to further their homes/houses research work.
- The enforcement situation at Ashleigh Park is legally on-going and a priority to resolve. The barrow slumping of the approach slope is now more extensive which demonstrates the dangerous angle of the slope.
It will be interesting to know who will be responsible for the grass cutting and maintenance of this area.
- Another big **thank you** to the Bampton in Bloom volunteers and householders involved for keeping the floral baskets well-watered during the drought and heat. I don't think the flowers have ever looked better. In the circumstances it really is an achievement.
- A special thank you to Kelvin Short for maintaining the grass cutting at the LH entrance to Ashleigh Park. He has created a lawn which enhances the whole area.