

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 29th August, 2018, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Gregory; Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Leach; Cllr. Tanner; Penny Clapham (Clerk); 2 members of the public.

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

Mrs. Lunel. Object to agenda item 19. Considers never been any interest from the Council with our nearest neighbours, France – the twinning association in Bampton has been going for over 40 years. Considers that this agenda item would be better discussed at an annual parish meeting. Also a lack of funding support from the Town Council.

Cllr. Leach did say that funding had been given to the twinning association more than once in the past using the proceeds from the Fair.

Sheila Howells, mentioned the forthcoming proposed Spring Fest. Asking for Council agreement to use the recreation field on the 25th May 2019, and to have the Blue Cross to organise a dog show. Agenda item 18; note: the paintings have gone to the Heritage Centre for the time being.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – read by the Chairman and attached to these minutes. Cllr. Edwards thanked Cllr. Hicks for all her work with the mound at Ashleigh Park – see report.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Colthorpe wrote a letter with regard to the idea of a safer crossing at the Spar Shop for pedestrian safety reasons. Progressing.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st August 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

19) Proposal received to twin with a town in Israel – Cllr. Hicks to report.

Agenda Item 19 moved for discussion whilst Mrs. Lunel present: Council agreed.

Cllr. Hicks stated that Council had been asked, and agreed to, write a letter of introduction to go with the Scouts on their trip to Israel. Councillors were asked whether the idea of twinning should be progressed. Councillors considered this would not be appropriate. Chairman will write to decline the invitation.

7) Bampton Fair – update from the Clerk.

- i. 61 outdoor stalls including some of the free ones, ie: Devon Fire & Rescue, Police Commissioners of Devon & Somerset, St. Johns Ambulance.
- ii. All indoor spaces have been sold according to Rotary.

- iii. Road closures have been submitted and just awaiting payment before being authorised.
- iv. Different toilet company is possibly being sourced for this year.
- v. Evening entertainment is all booked – tickets go on sale this Friday 31st August.

8) Grass cutting at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Bampton – the request from the Church for a grant towards the costs of grass cutting in the churchyard, 2018 was considered. Grass cutting in 2017 cost the Church £3,300.

Cllr. Tanner. Cllr. Leach. Cllr. Edwards, all declared an interest at this point so unable to vote.

Noted that Council pay the annual water rates. Cllr. Hicks proposed £500 (in the budget towards church maintenance), seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour by show of hands.

9) Social Media and Electronic Policy – result of informal meeting to discuss proposed changes to this Policy – Cllr. Hicks. Suggested amending the title, leaving out the words Social Media, as Council do not use social media methods for communication. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks. No seconder. Motion dismissed. Cllr. Hicks then proposed adoption of the policy as read, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour. Policy adopted.

10) External Audit Report – Received by email; no issues raised so audit signed off. The notice and accompanying documents will be available on the website and noticeboards from 1st September. Noted. Council expressed its thanks to the Clerk.

11) Spring Fest 2019 – Proposed date 25th May 2019. Council to give permission for the use of the recreation field for Spring Fest, and a dog show organised by Blue Cross. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Gregory, all in favour by show of hands.

12) Open Spaces – to consider Cllr. Leach’s report and action as necessary.

Cllr. Tanner suggested perhaps get the Community Payback to cut back the rough over-growth in the field below the South Molton Road. Costs to be considered in November when budgeting is taking place.

Cllr. Tanner proposed getting quotes to action clearance this autumn – October meeting.

Cllr. Gregory to pursue the re-siting of the old iron gate currently held by Cllr. Weston.

Clerk to get a costing on fencing for the play area for budget purposes – November.

Replace the broken post in the car park area, and re-attach the rail: Clerk to contact Cllr. Weston.

Cllr. Edwards suggested a site meeting at the recreation field to see how play equipment could possibly be installed. Clerk to check with English Heritage before any action is taken.

Site meeting arranged for Monday 3rd September, 5.30pm at the Recreation Field.

Cllr. Hicks proposed the disposal of the swings from the recreation ground, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all agreed. Cllr. Tanner to arrange.

13) Traffic Regulation Amendment Orders – affecting Brook St., Briton St., and Castle St.

Council to discuss and reply to this order in writing if necessary before 18th September.

Briton Street – Cllr. Hicks proposed limited waiting area be extended to ensure that the wider storm drain is protected in front of the Hollett Garden, above Mill Head. 4 in favour 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

14) PLANNING:

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

- a) 18/01185/HOUSE Conversion of garage to form annex and erection of porch, Little Copse, Cove.
No comment
- b) 18/01293/HOUSE Erection of as single storey extension, Copperleigh, Bampton.
No comment
- c) 18/01335/FULL Erection of a covering over existing yard area, Waterhouse Farm, Shillingford.
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 18/00811/CLU Certificate of Lawfulness, the Bakehouse, Bampton.
GRANTED
- b) 18/00904/CLU Certificate of Lawfulness, 42 Brook Street, Bampton.
GRANTED
- c) 18/00787/HOUSE Erection of car port with store above, Dipford House, Shillingford..
GRANTED
- d) 18/01036/MFUL Erection of an agricultural livestock building, Quartley Farm, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- e) 18/00990/FULL Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of single storey extension, The Little Barn, Ford Rd., Bampton.
REFUSED

15) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	SW Water May to August – toilets	£104.03	DD
	SW Water “ ” – old store	£3.93	DD
	Road closure costs x 2 (Fair)	£150.00	BACs
	Clerk’s expenses July/August miles + Corkboard/Bench/Domain name	£743.32	BACs
	Adams & Ellicott repairs to Motte	£120.00	BACs
	Four Seasons – brambles round p/house	£90.00	BACs
	Four Seasons – grass cuts July	£479.99	BACs
	Employment August	£527.75	BACs
	LARC room hire August	£20.00	BACs
	Cllr. Gregory – office expe	£7.20	BACs
	PKJ Littlejohn – external audit fee	£360.00	BACs
	PJ Gardening – strim Motte	£300.00	Cq125
	J. Caunter toilet cleans	£310.00	BACs
	J. Caunter handyperson duties	£195.50	BACs
	C. Hicks, logo research	£10.00	BACs
	C. Hicks signs for toilets	£15.00	BACs
	WW1 Memorial Seats x 2 less carriage discount as agreed with the supplier.	£1,464.60	BACs
Income:	July car parks	£480.85	
	July toilets	£96.00	
	Bampton Fair to 8 th August	£480.00	
	August toilets	£161.00	

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: Reconciliation and bank statement not available as not the end of the month. This will be emailed to councillors as soon as it is available.

Note – Interest rate on the deposit account has been increased to 0.40%.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour.

16) Car Park:

- i. To resolve the replacement of the car park safes, deferred from last meeting. Quotes for replacement safes and installation as discussed at the previous meeting. Resolved. Cllr. Tanner proposed the work go ahead, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour by show of hands.
- ii. To consider the wording of the ‘permission to park’ signage deferred from last meeting. Cllr. Gregory considers that Council should take legal advice regarding the wording. Cllr. Hicks will draw up suggested draft wording.

17) Town Logo: To consider crests as supplied by Cllr. Gregory. Proposed the simple white logo become the Town logo - all agreed.

18) Elizabeth Burney Paintings – apparently belong to the parish. Council to decide where these paintings should be hung. Currently stored in the Heritage Centre. Noted.

19) Proposal received to twin with a town in Israel – Cllr. Hicks to report. Moved up the agenda and discussed.

20) Clerk’s Report –

- i. Chalk board ordered and delivered.
- ii. Jean Pope’s bench ordered and delivered.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors. None.

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.
NOTE: 6.30pm Footpaths information meeting from Tania Weeks, Devon County Council.
All welcome to attend – at the LARC building.

Meeting closed at 9pm

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

Email circulations during the past month

NALC news	ConnectMe Devon
P3 newsletter summer	Tour of Britain news
NALC Newsletter & Chief Exec News	

Chairman’s report for the BTC Meeting of 29th August 2018.

Ashleigh Park: Planning Permission was recently granted to Churchwood Estates with some stringent Conditions. There was already an Enforcement Notice to remove the illegally constructed mound forthwith. On Monday 13th August following a meeting with Cllrs Andrew Moore and Cllr Ray Stanley I held a meeting with residents to update them. Cllr Paul Edwards also attended.

The Ashleigh Park mound, built nearly 18 months ago was comprised of transferred spoil from the demolished Knoll **plus** about 2 metres depth of topsoil taken from the site.

Recently MDDC took enforcement action to ensure removal or spreading. Enforcement officers attended early on Friday 17th August to insist that Churchwood Estates completed the task satisfactorily.

I can now report that the mound has since been removed with the spoil spread over the site up to Plots 34 and 36 as instructed by Churchwood Estates.

The next task is to evaluate the effect of the new weight of soil on the already slumped embankment adjacent to the Old Tiverton Road and request geotechnical reports.

Commemoration of the late Cllr Jean Pope. A bench has been purchased and sited in the children’s playground where Jean spent many happy hours with her grandchildren.

Shuttern Grille. The Shuttern Brook flows through a culvert from Frog Street to the Bathern Bridge. In Frog Street a Victorian grille sieves the debris from the water that flows underground into the town leats. That grille had become corroded and broken. Charlie Beedon who voluntarily manages the leats for us has

kindly arranged with Pfg for the manufacture of a replacement and installed it himself. Thank you so much, Charlie. It will be interesting to see if the EA has a comment to make.

Handyperson work. Thanks so much to Janice Caunter and Herbie Cleverly for cleaning the bus shelter by the Railway garden and for the hard work removing growth from the leats and pavements. We hope now that the major effort has been made that regular maintenance will make less work for them in the future.

CYCLE TOUR OF BRITAIN 2018 ...3rd Stage....Tiverton to Barnstaple.

The cyclists will be passing through **Tiverton** on **MONDAY 3rd September between 12.00 and 14.00.**

The route is Blundells Road, A396, Station Road, Gold Street, Fore Street, Angel Hill and Bridge Street.

It should be a great spectacle for everyone.

Heritage Centre Homes and Houses Project: On **Friday 28th September** there is an Open Evening at the Riverside Hall from **6pm** to hear about the history of some of Bampton's homes. Bruce Benton and Brian Seward will be presenting a slide -show and would welcome any anecdote or knowledge of previous owners to be added detail to the archive. The successful Lottery bid monies will also allow help for people to find out the history of their property. Do come to help record further 'the history of Bampton buildings'.

Refreshments are free.

Car Park. A chalk board has been placed on the walling near the two town exits. Dave Somerwill has kindly said he will receive texts and update the board to warn motorists of imminent grass cutting.

Petition for a safer road crossing at Spar. At last a formal response from Highways has been received to indicate that a traffic speed survey will be undertaken in the Autumn. This is, of course, out-with the Tourist and harvest season! Regrettably the detailed response takes no account of a main point of the petition which is that neither *PEDESTRIANS nor Disabled people* in mobility vehicles exiting the shop / Post Office **can see beyond the curve** of the road. The response does not embrace the idea of SLOW signs in this busy part of what is in reality the route to Dulverton and S. Molton. Further representation is necessary.