

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 9th January, 7pm in the LARC building, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. Tanner; Cllr. Leach; District Cllr. Moore; Penny Clapham (Clerk); 5 members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** 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. Appleby regarding Castle St; Chairman informed Council that no action will be taken.

Lucy Bull thanked the Town Council, Bampton in Bloom and Rotary for the support received with the xmas trees – and all volunteers who put them up and took them down – plans are already in train for the 2019 Christmas Festival.

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

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Moore wished everyone a happy new year. Refurbishment works now taking place in Tiverton at the pannier market; improvements to pavers, shop windows, and other items. Improvements to the centre of Tiverton. Premier Inn works on schedule. Local Plan hearings in February. Government budget settlement for Mid Devon has been received – ongoing work to balance the budget. State of District Debate in January. Positive support for the planning application, approved, for a Lidl Store. Cllr. Hicks asked Cllr. Moore to enquire about the traffic census promised for Luke St. and road markings for the South Molton Road. Clerk to facilitate a letter.

From an email received by County Cllr. Colthorpe.

Further to our site visit on the 10 December 2018 regarding proposed waiting restriction in Bampton, advertised as part of the annual HATOC waiting restriction review, I would like to confirm the following outcomes.

1. *Castle Street – Following discussion on site and the contentious nature of the proposals, it was agreed that Devon County Council would not proceed.*
2. *Briton Street – Implement restrictions as advertised and detailed on the attached plan.*

- 6) **Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2018** were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Old store/Lock up – schedule of works – Cllr. Edwards to report.

Cllr. Hicks reported that she and Cllr. Weston met with a builder on site, and updated Council on proposals. Builder quoted £150 for a day's work to strip out the buildings. Cllr. Weston proposed these works go ahead. Seconded by Cllr. Baker, all agreed by show of hands. Cllr. Hicks to action. Replace doors and paint outside of the building to be costed..

8) Five Year Plan – brought forward from December meeting.

Cllr. Edwards has circulated his report to members of the council. Includes updating the Parish Plan of 2013. Some of the issues to go into the five year plan: refurbishment of the Riverside Walkway; desire to see more community notice boards around the town; points regarding housing, such as change of use of shops to residential; good to have some activity for older children 10-15 age group; explore the provision of street gym equipment; support the well-being project; Bampton Fair, concern about the quality and quantity of stalls; 2018 evening event excellent; traffic management, eg: Spar, Brook St., outside recreation spaces commented on.

Standing orders suspended for Lucy Bull – regarding the school swimming pool use by outsiders.

Standing orders resumed.

Consider these options and others should be in the 5 year plan. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Tanner, all in favour by show of hands.

9) Budget 2019/2020 – to set the budget for next financial year commencing 1st April 2019. Resolved to accept the budget, proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour by show of hands.

10) Precept – to agree and set the precept for the financial year commencing 1st April 2019. Cllr. Hicks proposed a 2% increase on the current precept taking it to £56,905 from £55,798. This equals 2p on a band D property. Council resolved to accept this precept, all agreed by show of hands.

11) PLANNING:

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

- a) 18/01916/LBC Internal and external alterations, 16 Brook St. additional drawings.
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 18/01678/FULL Erection of agricultural building for storing livestock manure, Quartlery Farm, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- b) 18/02055/CAT remove apple tree in conservation area, 6 Frog St.
GRANTED
- c) 18/01441/LBC & 18/01440/HOUSE
- d) Conversion of outbuilding and erection of extension to form art and textile studio, Castle House, Bampton.
GRANTED
- e) 18/01843/CAT fell 1 cypress tree within conservation area, 35 Brook Street, Bampton
GRANTED
- f) 18/01758/PNCOU Prior notification of change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under class Q. Building at NGR 295699 122956 (adjacent to B3190) Bampton
NOT PERMITTED UNDER CLASS Q

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure

Gamlin & Son – clearing car park	£300.00	BACs paid 14/12
SW Water – toilets	£170.92	DD
EDF Energy	£8.00	DD
Fair Rates	£57.00	DD
Old Store rates	£32.00	DD
Toilets rates	£363.39	DD
Quarterly bank charge	£18.00	DD
Bank card set up fee (one off)	£50.00	DD
DALC – 9 copies Cllr. Guide	£31.41	BACs
Employment December	£527.95	BACs

PAYE Q3	£315.80	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans December	£310.00	BACs
Four Seasons grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
Clerk's expense balance Q3	£202.73	BACs
C. Hicks – travel expenses annual	£86.40	BACs
C. Hicks – paper & ink annual	£67.88	BACs
(both these items are covered in the budget under Chairman's allowance)		
Lucy Bull – Xmas	£251.48	BACs
Phil Clark – Xmas	£204.69	BACs

Income:	Savings account interest to 31 st December	£84.47
	Sale of metal gate by Cllr. Tanner	£75.00
	Car parks to 31 st December	£513.29
	Toilets to 31 st December	£193.92

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. Hicks, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Open Spaces – to progress any estimates received for clearing the swings/fence in the recreation field. Cllr. Leach (if available). Not yet available. February agenda.

Work ongoing in the play area for the wobbly bridge. Recommendations for the repair read out. Cllr. Leach will progress, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour by show of hands.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 6th February 2019, 7.00pm in the LARC building.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM BAMPTON CHARTER FAIR MONIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. PLEASE ENSURE ALL APPLICATIONS ARE WITH THE CLERK BY 1st FEBRUARY 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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

Email circulations during the past month

NALC News	Latest news from the ICO	DALC December News
Mid Devon Local Plan Review – date set for hearings in February		
P3 winter newsletter	Communities Together Fund info	
Town & Parish newsletter January	NALC chief exec's bulletin	
Garden party nomination requests		

Bampton Town Council: Chairman's report for the meeting of 9th January 2019

Happy New Year everyone!

Volunteers are invited to help with the maintenance of our local Footpaths and Bridleways. An MDDC letter has been placed on the BTC Bampton notice board.

Also on the BTC noticeboard are details of forthcoming MDDC meetings to inform anyone interested in serving their community by becoming a Councillor. The elections are on May 2nd. It may be helpful also for possible candidates to attend the current BT meetings.

On the 7th December our Flood Warden Derek Webster informed that the main Tiverton Road at Scott's was storm-flooded yet again owing to drain blockage. DCC Highways worked until Monday 10th to remedy the situation.

Attention has been drawn to vandalised railings at the Scott's walkway and to the inadequate state and provision of rubbish bins for people without gardens. The loose state of some of the pavements is also surfacing again.

Thanks are due to the Bampton in Bloom team for the winter planting which cheers us up on these winter days. Also, thank you to the band of volunteers who have cleared away the Christmas decorative trees and the large one on the Stage.

PFG have done the work to re-place the Kingdon and Hookins plaques on one of the new seats by the War Memorial.

Thanks too, to Cllr Fred Leach for organising repairs at the children's playground and to Chris Knowles-Fitton for litter-clearing work on the Tiverton Road.

On 18th January there is a drop-in Traffic Consultation Day from 11 am to 6 pm at the Community Hall. Issues on this have been historically raised since 2013!. Comments from the November general consultation day will be shared and further opinion sought.

On February 14th The Local Plan Review will be under the scrutiny of Inspector P. Griffiths. The main hearing will start at 09.30 at Phoenix House and in subsequent days Rural Areas will be addressed. Under this Plan, Bampton should be designated a village for planning purposes.

Highways have informed us that there will be **overnight** resurfacing work from Black Cat to Halfpenny Cross from MONDAY 28th JANUARY to THURSDAY 31st JANUARY when the road will be closed. Diversions will be in place from 19.00 to 07.00.