

## **Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, 7pm in the LARC building.**

**Present:** Cllr. Fouracres (chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Weston; District Cllr. Stanley; Cllr. White; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Sims; Cllr. Whiteway; 6 members of the public.

**1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. Colthorpe. Cllr. McHenry. Cllr. Hopkinson.

**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. Cllr. White; agenda item 14 (v)

**3) Public Discussion –** To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda. **The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order 3 (e,f.) refers.**

A reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Parishioner regarding the village halls in Bampton, who considers that neither of which are fit for purpose. Now is the time for the parish to proceed to looking at the situation regarding a new hall. The Rotalok building is available (for sale); it is very big. Would like the Council to consider looking into this as a possibility for a hall/community centre. The current asking price is £450,000. Cllr. Weston asked about parking facilities. There is ample room for parking. Cllr. L. Bull asked if there would be any money from the Riverside Hall that could go towards any such purchase – this hall would be sold and any monies put towards a new premises.

Agenda for August for Council discussion.

Parishioner regarding the ‘white horse’ that used to stand above the White Horse pub. Been missing from outside the pub for several years, due to a dispute. It has a time capsule inside. The horse is now privately owned, and Council are requested to adopt the horse on behalf of the people of Bampton, whereupon it will be re-installed above the pub, in its rightful place. There is some money available for ongoing maintenance of the horse. Agenda for August. A second time capsule would be good addition.

**4) Motte & Bailey Project –** update from the Sub-Committee on current progress. Too agree actions and associated expenditure.

Tim Williams circulated a project plan to Council. Regarding grant applications, obtaining 3 quotes is difficult because of the bespoke area of the site. The sub-committee are communicating with Andy Crabb of English Heritage. Also need to have someone from Ancient Monuments to visit the site. Earthwrights require £250.00 to create a design brief, which will then go to other companies in order to get the required quotes. Cllr. White proposed the £250, seconded by Cllr. Whiteway, all in favour by show of hands. Permission to fly a drone above the site in order to get some aerial shots was also granted.

**5) Chairman’s Report** (for information only) – Delightful to see so many members of the public attending the meeting. Cllr. L. Bull and myself attended the chairman’s training course – very full and very useful. Also attended the good councillors course – again, very useful. Cllr. Sims and Hopkinson also attended the good councillors course.

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

District Cllr. Stanley reported that Mid Devon Council are now on an Independent footing politically – Conservatives are in opposition as a group.

The District have debated Devon County Council’s emergency climate decision, to be carbon neutral by 2050. Mid Devon wish to get this down to 2030. They are probably one of the greenest district council’s

nationally, with social housing, electric charge points, already in place. Cllr. L. Bull said how well the climate change vote went down; considered this a very forward thinking decision.

**7) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.** Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**8) Website** – updated information circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Cllr. White proposed acceptance of the quote received from Visionict for a bespoke website for the Council, seconded by Cllr. Whiteway, all in favour by show of hands. Photos of Bampton to be requested from Cllr. Whiteway, David Botsford and ??

**9) Social Media Policy and Protocol** – Circulated prior to this meeting. To agree actions. Adoption proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, seconded by Cllr. White, to not be specific, but to include all social media. All agreed by show of hands. Clerk to amend the policy.

**10) Flood Committee** – to agree to set up a committee to head up on flood/snow risk. Cllr. N. Bull considers that those most affected by flooding should be those who are actively engaged and be the most interested. To invite Derek Webster to come to a meeting to inform Council what is needed. Further for Council to call a public meeting to inform, and request volunteers. Book the Riverside Hall – early September, arrange a leaflet drop. Concern was expressed that the town are currently without a flood warden and the procedures to control this. To liase with Mr. Webster to help facilitate the handover.

**11) Bampton Fair** – to receive a current report from the Clerk. School will be open and Devon County Council are responsible for school transport. Clerk reported on the first proper meeting of the Bampton Fair Working Group. The meeting was well attended and actions for the 761<sup>st</sup> Fair were put into place. The action plan devised by the Clerk is underway and being kept up to date. Further report at the August meeting.

**12) Electric Charge Point** – to update Council briefly on this possibility. To agree actions. Cllr. Fouracres and the Clerk met with Sol Electric who are going to come back to Council with costs and suggestions. Future agenda when more information is available.

**13) Bampton Champions** – Cllr. L. Bull to update Council. Agenda for September.

#### **14) PLANNING:**

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

- i. 19/00874/HOUSE – Conversion of outbuilding to art and textile studio, Castle House, Bampton.  
NO COMMENT – submitted prior to this meeting due to shortness of timescale. – noted.
- ii 19/00880/LBC – Internal alterations, installation of velux window and re-roofing of building  
Toll House, 15 Briton St., Bampton.  
NO OBJECTION
- iii 19/0161/FULL Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 14/01452/FUL to extend lif  
lifetime of the solar park from 25 to 40 years, land east of Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.  
NO COMMENT
- iv 19/01062/FULL Change of use of games room to multi-purpose function room, Duvale Barton,  
Bampton.  
NO OBJECTION
- v 19/00179/FULL Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 14/01304/FULL to allow  
permanent use as dwelling, Pixton Woodlands, Bampton.  
OBJECTION – This condition should not be removed. Previous conditions laid down by the  
Planning authority have not been met.

## Planning Decisions:

- i. 19/00581/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension to link with studio following demolition of porch, Beagle Cottage, 5 Church Terrace, Bampton.  
GRANTED
- ii. 19/00580/HOUSE Erection of extension following demolition of porch, 6 Church Terrace,  
GRANTED

## 15) Mid Devon HATOC – notice of making

No Waiting at Any Time on specified lengths of Briton Street, Brook Street, & Lane to Mill Head; noted.

## 16) FINANCE:

<b>Expenditure:</b>	TTRO for Fair road closures	£75.00	BACs
	Employment June	£564.00	BACs
	PAYE Q1	£304.40	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q1	£307.53	BACs
	Play Inspection Co.	£156.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilets cleans	£300.00	BACs
	C. Hicks (keys for old store)	£16.00	BACs
	Cove Garden Nursery	£1661.73	BACs
	Four Seasons June	£479.99	BACs
	LARCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	£60.00	BACs
	LARCS April to June	£60.00	BACs
	C. Prescott (old store)	£774.71	BACs
	J. Caunter – weeding	£205.00	BACs
	SW Water Toilets Mar-May	£108.68	DD

A credit of £21.12 is on the Old Store from SW Water.

<b>Income:</b>	Toilets	£82.08
	Car Park	£320.72
	Fair income to be advised at the August meeting (street market only)	

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

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres; all agreed by show of hands.

**17) Play Inspection Co.** – to agree the order for next year at the same price £130.00 + VAT. The Inspection results have been circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Agreed for 2020.

**18) Open Spaces** – grass cutting areas to be reviewed. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Cllr. L. Bull talked about wilding some grass areas; for further discussion. Open spaces have arranged a committee meeting.

Quote received for spraying and strimming at the Motte from Piers Jones £1200 – Cllr. L. Bull proposed acceptance: resolved; all in favour by show of hands.

**19) Coast to Coast Charity Event 2020** – To discuss the possibility of using the Recreation Field as a stopover for this 100k run/walk from Minehead to Dawlish; date yet to be advised but summer envisaged. Clerk to keep Council informed.

## 20) Clerk's Report

- a) The abandoned car outside New Buildings has been removed by Mid Devon Council.
- b) Litter bins at Millennium Green – awaiting response from Mid Devon Council re: lids.

- c) To receive brief report from Clerk's attendance at SLCC joint branch training/meeting, Devon and Cornwall. Report circulated to councillors for information.
- d) The first open afternoon attracted 5 visitors to come and talk to the Chairman and the Clerk. The next afternoon from 3-5pm will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

**Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00pm in the LARC building, preceded by Open Afternoon, 3-5pm. Come and meet your Clerk and a Councillor.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

Date.....

**Email circulations during the past month**

Latest news from the ICO

Visionict Summer Newsletter

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

NALC Newsletter

ConnectMe Devon