

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th August 2019, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. N.Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Sims; Cllr. White; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. Hopkinson; District Cllr. Moore; County Cllr. Colthorpe; 5 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk). Lewis Clarke (Press).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: District Cllr. Stanley.

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 16 A (ii).

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.

Herbie Cleverly on behalf of Janice Caunter. The soap dispenser been broken in one of the toilets. Cllr. Fouracres has found someone who understands the locks, and how they work; unit 1 will be looked at first to see if it can be modified; if so, the other locks will be modified so that they work correctly. Consider the viability of CCTV to overlook the toilets.

Parishioner raised concerns regarding the new application for the 37 homes north of Frog Street. Confirmation was given that these will have to be new comments on this application, and it is very important that those who object write yet again. The flood report for this new plan categorically states that there is no risk of flooding on the site; also that there is no additional risk of flooding anywhere else. This is disputed. Hopes the council will object again – as it is a new application. District Cllr. Moore – confirmed that is a totally new application. The appeal was mentioned – it is currently with the inspector. There is now way of knowing which will be resolved first; the new application or the appeal on the previous application.

4) Motte & Bailey Project – update from sub-committee on progress, if available. To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Tim Williams updated on the project plan. Three quotations will be provided to the Clerk, in order to secure the S106 monies. Historic England have visited the site in an official capacity; the result of their meeting is not yet known. One of their requests was how this ancient monument would benefit from the Project. Emphasis was placed on how Council have already spent a lot of money on preservation of the monument; this will be communicated to Historic England.

Cllr. White suggested the group should have a stand at Bampton Fair. Clerk will send the Fair forms to Tim Williams.

Thanked by the Chairman for all their hard work in taking on this Project.

5) New Hall for Bampton – for initial discussion by Council – to agree actions and associated expenditure. Cllr. Fouracres gave a brief update. Council are aware that the Rotolok site is available either to purchase or on a lease. He met the agent on site – they want to sell, but have not been able to for the past 14 years. Council have already written to ask if they would like to donate the site to the people of Bampton. Not possible, nor are they backing down from a purchase price of about £400,000. Rotolok may consider a lease. Clerk to progress.

There is some small amount of discussion going on about both the Riverside Hall and Morebath: the possibility of selling both and putting funds towards this possible purchase/lease. A theoretical idea at present. Cllr. L. Bull asked if Council could borrow money. Council can borrow through the public works loan system. Cllr. Hopkinson considers that Council need to get some clear facts together regarding halls. Send details of precise site to Cllr. Moore who will do some research.

6) Chairman's Report (for information only) – attended a planning course. 11th September is the next course. Clerk to book Cllr. White on this course. Attended the primary school leavers assembly. There is a fire brigade consultation on 19th August in Tiverton, about the closure of some fire stations. The Scarecrows and flowers throughout Bampton are marvellous. All involved are to be congratulated. Could anyone near a hanging basket please water it on a regular basis to keep the flowers in perfect condition.

7) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Colthorpe apologises that she has not attended a council meeting earlier – the date often coincides with planning. Consent requested, and given for names and email addresses of councillors so that she can send out interesting items direct.

Note from Cllr. Leadbetter, the lead for Social Services at County Hall. – read by Cllr. Colthorpe. All about the provisions for Care in the Community. Ash dieback is likely to be a major problem within the county – the checking of these trees is the landowners responsibility, and now is the time to check your tree. devon.dieback.org.uk for information.

There is a possibility that there may yet be a 20mph speed limit – raise the issue again in council.

District Cllr. Moore – there are proposals to open up Fore St and Pannier Market in Tiverton.

Agreement has been reached allowing parish and town councils to recommend new streets could be named after an individual. Climate change – says council instructs head of planning to put zero carbon requirement on new homes – however, this would need to be agreed by Government.

8) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2019. Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

9) International Space Station – live contact with Bampton School – Cllr. N. Bull to report.

To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Councillors have received all the details of this event and it has been reported in Signpost and on the website. Cllr. Bull has secured a 10 minute slot for the primary school children to talk direct to the space station. Cllr. Bull would like to make this a community activity; so a screening will be held at the Riverside Hall. This is an amazing opportunity, supported by Council – possibly with some necessary funding. There is a need for broadband infrastructure to be run into the main hall at the school, which could then be used for outside events to benefit the community. Cllr. Colthorpe has a locality budget fund and will look to see if she can support this initiative financially. Council can support the project within the school, as this will support the community too. Agenda for September for updates.

Resolved to support this event, proposed by Cllr. Fouracres. All agreed by show of hands. Chairman congratulated both Cllr. Bulls' on their actions to bring this event forward.

10) Bampton Fair – to receive an update from the Clerk. 36 outside stalls are already booked resulting in monies in of £2082; a further 2 have been received today. The Safety Advisory Group meeting has been held by Mid Devon Council, attended by Alan Woolley, who will be updating the risk assessment. The Fair still needs a new Chief Steward to shadow Celia Hicks this year, and take over in 2020. All aspects of organising the Charter Fair are well in hand.

11) White Horse – Council requested to 'adopt' the White Horse on behalf of the people of Bampton prior to re-installation above the White Horse Public House. To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Resolved. Cllr. Fouracres proposed acceptance to 'adopt' the White Horse, seconded by Cllr L Bull, all in favour by show of hands. Cllr. Fouracres is progressing this action.

12) Coast to Coast Event 2020 – Charity 100km Run/Walk over the weekend of 25/26 July. The recreation field would make a suitable venue to host the 36km mark, with toilets, refreshments, first aid, as part of the Action Challenge series of events. Set up on Friday 24th, participants going through on the Saturday 25th, take down on Sunday 26th. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Agreed: proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, seconded by Cllr. White, all in favour by show of hands. Clerk to action.

13) Open Spaces –

- i.) NB after next agreed cost of spraying there will only be £1,000 left in the budget for the recreation field/motte to last until 31st March 2020. Noted.
- ii.) The Stage: Cllr. Sims has inspected the Stage recently – he has reported loose stones in the supporting wall and the uneven state of the crazy paving. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Cllr. Fouracres and Cllr. White will obtain quotes for the September meeting.
- iii.) To receive the report from the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee. Notes circulated prior to this meeting with associated comments from the Clerk.
Looked at the prospect of Pocket Parks – might be opportunities here.
To assess grass cutting and maintenance in general for the future. Wilding some verges within the town could be considered.
Cllr. White asked about ash dieback trees on the roadside which are in private ownership.
Might need to talk to Highways if a privately owned tree would be difficult to take down. To obtain confirmation whether they can be taken down in a conservation area. Clerk.
Cllr. Fouracres wishes to encourage the Open Spaces Committee to take control of the situations.

14) Dog Bins – Total for 3 bins, to include installation at the M.Green, approx. £630.00. Council have received a request for a dog bin to be sited at Petton Cross on the B3227, from a parishioner. No bin to be sited at Petton Cross. Cllr. N. Bull will check if Council needs 3 bins and report back to the Clerk. Resolved the expenditure on either 2 or 3 bins – all agreed by show of hands.

15) Bampton Town Council website – to view first steps. To agree actions. Resolved to go ahead and commission the new website. All agreed by show of hands.

16) PLANNING:

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

- i) 19/01167/MOUT Outline for the erection of up to 37 dwellings with associated vehicular and pedestrian access (revised scheme), land at NGR 295599 122818 (north of Frog Street, Bampton). Key areas are the additional flooding in Frog Street.
Cllr. Fouracres proposed OBJECTION: all agreed by show of hands. (see below).

OBJECTION

1. The site is outside the town boundary.
2. There is considerable planning history associated with this site. Previous applications in 2012 and 2015 were refused.
3. There would be a considerable increase in the flood risk to the rest of the town, particularly Frog Street, by removing the natural field soakaway above the Shuttern Brook. The water run-off during periods of prolonged or heavy rain would be unsustainable coming off such a built up area, causing the Shuttern to fill even faster and flood earlier.

4. Frog Street, a single track ancient roadway would be used as a 'rat run', to avoid the bottleneck of Castle Street. There are no pavements so no safe access for those on foot wishing to access the town. This street has no lighting.
5. There is no pavement from the top of Frog Street to the entrance to Bouchier Close for an alternative. Currently unsafe, access. Any pavement created would reduce the width of Morebath Road.
6. Castle Street – additional traffic from 37 dwellings travelling through the town of Bampton, would have a serious impact on this street and further through the town itself.
7. An environmental impact on ancient hedgerows, wildlife and particularly the cowslip flower, a protected species.
8. There is no evidence of local need for 37 dwellings. A report from MDDC Housing Options Manager (31/07/2019) details the current housing needs for Bampton as: 7 one bed homes, 2 two bed homes, 5 three bed homes and 1 four bed home

NB 19/00413/MOUT – as above; subject to appeal against the failure of Mid Devon Council to give notice of decision within the stated time.

- ii) 19/01157/FULL Retention of an agricultural barn, Higher Barn, Bampton. This is a retrospective application as the barn has already been put up.
NO COMMENT (Council have expressed concern to the planning authority about retrospective applications)

B. Planning Decisions:

- i. 18/01895/FULL Erection of a new single storey lodge to provide house managers accommodation and garden, The Exeter Inn, Bampton.
REFUSED
- ii. 19/00797/HOUSE Erection of single storey workshop/garage, Valley View, High St., Bampton.
APPROVED
- iii. 19/00871/LBC Consent for internal alterations, kitchen, 16 Brook St., Bampton
APPROVED
- iv. 19/00869/LBC & Planning: Conversion of outbuilding to art and textile studio to include internal alterations to existing building, Castle House, Castle St., Bampton.
GRANTED

17) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Five Star Security Services locks repairs	£112.01	BACs
	Employment July	£564.20	BACs
	DALC training fees for councillor courses	£405.49	BACs
	Pfg Fabrication – sign on field gate	£42.00	BACs
	DALC planning course	£48.00	BACs
	J. Caunter, toilet cleans July	£310.00	BACs
	J. Caunter, weeding	£95.00	BACs
	J. Caunter painting benches	£25.00	BACs
	Four Seasons Tree Services	£479.99	BACs
	Ken White Signs (dogs)	£168.00	BACs
	Four Seasons – spraying and grass Orchard	£504.00	BACs
	Npower toilets electricity est. to 30 th June	£214.11	BACs
Income:	Street market to 15/07	£700.70	.

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

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

18) Budget Comparison – First quarter spend against budget for analysis and comment. Cllr. Hopkinson considers that a budgeting profile may be helpful.

19) Resilience & Flood: Bampton – To receive updates, if any, from the July meeting. Met with Derek Webster at the open afternoon for updates. Cllr. Bull took notes and considers that Derek Webster has been acting way and more, above the call of duty, with all his activities on behalf of the town in the past. The most worrying aspect, is that he has been routinely drains, ditches, and gullies including the difficult to access drain at Scotts. Derek is happy to take a new key person round for an overview, who would ultimately be the lead contact by the Environment Agency/Highways, and townspeople. The drain at Scotts could well be a Highways responsibility. Cllr. Colthorpe will check this. The resilience document needs to be updated, particularly with new names. Clerk has been requested to ask Derek for advice on a role description.

20) Christmas – update if available. September agenda.

21) Defibrillator Awareness Training: to arrange a date and venue for this training. Community Hall. Clerk will choose some dates in September after consulting what is best at the Hall.

22) Neighbourhood Planning – to consider if the principle of a neighbourhood plan would be of benefit to Bampton. To agree actions and associated expenditure. No action.

23) Clerk's Report

- a) Finally notified of electric supplier to the toilets as Npower – changed supplier 15/7/19 to EDF who already supply the Pumphouse. Two year fixed to coincide with the Pumphouse; 25p daily charge and 17.99p per kw.
- b) Completed request from Valuation office (rates) for the car park and returned same.
- c) Electric Charge Points – to consult the community by website and Signpost as to their thoughts on the proposed installation of ECP's in the car park.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

BAMPTON CHARTER FAIR, THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 2019.

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th September 2019, at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

OPEN AFTERNOON BETWEEN 3-5PM 4th SEPTEMBER IN THE LARC – ALL WELCOME.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

NALC Newsletter

DALC news

ConnectMe Devon

Town & Parish Newsletter

DALC News July

NALC news for July x 2

Connectme Devon – EV charge points, Exeter

DALC News August

Connectme Devon – consultation on yellow line parking

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