

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 7pm in the LARC building, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. White; Cllr. Sims; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. Hopkinson; District Cllr. Moore; 2 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

Cllr. Bull demonstrated the Raspberry P1 computers to councillors and members of the public. This is in advance of the children at the school asking questions directly of those at the international space station, next Tuesday 8th October at 1.21pm.

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. Cllr. N. Bull, Cllr. L. Bull. Cllr. White, agenda item 9 (iii).

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.

Celia Hicks regarding the Royal British Legion – ordered the wreath; 75th anniversary of 'D' day, service 10th November. Laminated signage to slow traffic during the wreath laying ceremony. To support this charity there is to be a coffee morning in the Community Hall on the 12th October. Brought to Council's attention mud filled drains in the town centre. Little point in having a flood plan and drainage if these not kept clear.

Parishioner from boarding kennels adjacent to the Huntsham Estate, stated there are severe flood issues at this locations, forcing the kennels for 3 months. The drains were cleared in January – they are now full again. The road area between the kennels and the house on the other side is a permanent mess during the winter. Written to both district and county councils indicating she could clear the mud, but there is nowhere to put it. What is the answer to this situation.

Highway drainage is down to Devon CC – County Cllr. Colthorpe is aware of this particular problem.

Unfortunately, Council do not have an answer to this but thanked the parishioner for bringing her problem to their attention.

3a) Motte & Bailey Project Report: to receive update on actions: not available.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) –

Attended MDCC last planning meeting where the Morebath Rd planning was not discussed but the process of the appeal etc. subject to an appeal with the independent Inspector – yet to be determined. Went to CPRE meeting in Crediton, regarding the building of homes throughout England. Defib training attendance was disappointing. Attended Shillingford village hall meeting – determined to keep their hall and find better ways of using it.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Moore reported that the new district councillors were still adapting to their roles. Mid Devon DC recognised as best practice representative for a district council. Morebath Village Hall may have to pay business rates in the future.

Planning: Ashleigh Park slope; pursuing this and hopeful for a reply as to an update on this situation. Land north of Frog Street – no news as to when this appeal will be determined. The second application will be determined by MDCC regardless of the appeal. Cllr. Moore understands that the officer in charge is minded to refuse the application. (unconfirmed).

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2019.

Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Fair – update from the Clerk. 65 outside stall holders and counting. Purchase of some more signage agreed if required.

8) Toilets – to receive an update from Cllr. Fouracres regarding the locks. There is now a plumber who understands the plumbing system and an electrician who understands the locks. Additional locks have been fitted to the inside of the doors in case the electronic locks fail in future.

9) PLANNING:

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

- i. 19/01438/HOUSE Erection of detached garage, The Castle, Castle Street, Bampton.
No objection
- ii. 19/01522/TPO Reduce 1 oak tree under a TPO, 8 Meadow View, West Street, Bampton.
No objection
- iii. 19/01372/HOUSE Erection of a two storey extension following removal of existing extension, Eldoret, Castle Street, Bampton.
No objection
- iv. 19/01157/FULL Retention of a building to be used for the storage of equipment for land management, land at NGR 294113 123076 (higher Barn) Bampton.
For information only.

Planning Decisions:

- i. 19/01386/CAT Notification to fell and crown lift assorted trees, Castle Grove, Bampton.
NO OBJECTION
- ii. 19/01381/CAT Notification of works to trees, Duck cottage. 1 Bridge Terrace, Bampton
NO OBJECTION
- iii. 19/01199/FULL Retention of change of use of agricultural land to mixed use of agricultural and domestic garden and creation of decking area.
GRANTED
- iv. 19/01061/FULL To extend lifetime of solar park from 25 to 40 years, land at East of Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.
GRANTED

10) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Employment September	£564.00	BACs
	DALC planning course	£48.00	BACs
	PAYE Q2	£304.40	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q2	£338.49	BACs
	J. Caunter toilet cleans	£300.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – weeding	£170.00	BACs
	Four Seasons grounds maint.	£479.99	BACs
	Green Goblet – plastic cups	£2064.00	BACs
	Cllr. Bull for R.Pi computers	£711.11	BACs 18/09
	Hire & Supplies – Fair (paint)	£25.00	Card
	Amazon Business – office/toilets	tba	Card

Income:	Wayleave	£24.50
	Fair income No 90	£154.00
	Fair income No 91	£190.00
	Toilets & Car Parks	£577.50
	Second half Precept	£28,452.50

NB. Many fair stall holders are paying by bank transfer and credit card – a total will be advised after the Fair.

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. All agreed by show of hands.

11) Clerk's request to attend SLCC Conference, November, cost £80 shared with Kenn PC, so a cost of £40.00. Resolved and agreed by show of hands.

12) International Space Station – to receive any further information from Cllr. N. Bull. Advised during the demonstration of the small computers.

13) Open Spaces Committee –

- a) report on vandalism – Cllr. White, more graffiti on the Shillingford road signs.
- b) repairs to the lime kiln - £270 to do the repairs, authorised to go ahead.
- c) repairs to wood tables & benches – ongoing. Cllr. L. Bull advised Council about the proposed wood play equipment.
- d) any other item that should be on a future agenda.

Clerk mentioned the orchard and the apple trees that need to have brambles removed from around them. Cllr. L. Bull will arrange to meet Oliver Vernon on site as the amount of brambles is considered to be too large a job for a working party.

Council agreed to temporary repair at the Stage.

A pole for the electrics on the Stage is the most likely option in order to light the Christmas tree.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr. White attended a planning training meeting held by DALC. Interesting meeting.

Items for Information – the next council meeting is on Wednesday 6th November, 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.