

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. White; Penny Clapham (Clerk). Ian Hyde Morebath Cricket Club; Mrs. Fagg, footpaths; Rev. K. Chandra.

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

Mrs. Fagg -in connection with agenda item 8 (vi). Talked about the biodiversity study done for Bampton in the nineties. She considers that the decaying trees in dwarf orchard need to be kept. Cllr. L. Bull explained the Council's position regarding the use of this particular piece of land. Cllr. White considered it important to add that the Council are very pro planting trees.

Morebath Cricket Club – thanked the Council for the grant and the fair tolls which renewed the porch and the felt on the clubhouse roof – all completed to date. Also received an S106 grant for renewing the fence which will be done early next year. The Club did well this year with fixtures. Chairman thanked Ian Hyde for coming to report in person.

**4) Diocese Paddock** – for discussion. To agree actions.

Standing orders suspended for Rev. Chandra to speak.

The Diocese are considering selling the paddock next to the vicarage for a building plot. However, consideration could be made to extend the current community hall into this space. This land could cost between £70,000 and £80,000. Discussion ensued as to ownership of the hall and the land. Agreed actions – Rev. Chandra will talk to the diocese regarding this possible project.

Standing orders resumed.

**5) Chairman's Report (for information only)** – attended thank you party for the Bampton Fair stewards making a presentation to Celia Hicks on her retirement as Chief Steward. Placed the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Informed Council that he is keeping a watch on the progress of the appeal for the 37 homes.

**6) County & District Councillor reports** – none received.

**7) Minutes** – the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**8) Open Spaces Reports:**

- i. Bench at the Millennium Green that has been burnt – Action. Bench to be destroyed.

- ii. Playdale revised estimate to include some cutting back into a bank for the roundabout. Agreed to the estimate, and the bench and the picnic table will be moved to a different site within the play area.
- iii. Motte & Bailey update to be received. Council resolved to guarantee £10,000 from reserves towards this site. An amended S106 application is to be submitted to Mid Devon DC, together with a map and 3 quotes.
- iv. Sluice gate on the Shuttern Brook – if estimates are now available. Postponed.
- v. Despite requesting 2 further quotes for the work in the car park – there is only 1 available, of £1,152.00. Council to resolved to agree this expenditure as the drainage channel is now a safety risk. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all in favour by show of hands.
- vi. Orchard – to consider the quote from Four Seasons to clear blown down trees, brambles, grind out stumps, from the small orchard £710 + VAT. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, seconded by Cllr. Hopkinson, all in favour by show of hands.

Actions and associated expenditure agreed.

**9) Electric Vehicle Charge Points** – for discussion regarding consulting the community. EVPs could encourage the use of electric vehicles in Bampton. Community consultation to take place in the new year.

**10) Christmas** – to receive an update from Cllr. L. Bull. Brilliant turn out on a Sunday to put the trees and big tree up – record number of volunteers. Huge thanks to everyone who helped. 13 more brackets to be installed for small trees. There will then be 65 little trees around the village. The lights turn on went really well; more thanks to everyone.

**11) Devon Climate Emergency planning** – Cllr. L. Bull to inform Council. There is an active eco-friendly group in Bampton; climate thoughts already in place. Bampton should become signatories to the Devon Climate Emergency Plan.

**12) Bampton Charter Fair** – to receive an update from the Clerk. A brief report was given; the finances should be completed for the January meeting.

**13) Resilience Planning** – to consider the proposed ‘householder’ letter. A report from the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November was read by the clerk.

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

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

- I. 19/01818/FULL Siting of 3 holiday cabins, Wonham Quarry, Bampton.  
No objection.
- II. 19/01833/FULL Conversion of building to dwelling, The Bark House, Frog St., Bampton.  
No objection.

#### **Planning Decisions:**

- i. 19/01372/HOUSE Erection of two storey extension following removal of existing extension, Eldoret, Castle St., Bampton.  
APPROVED
- ii. 19/01827/CAT To fell 1 Lawson cypress in conservation area, 18 Brook St.  
NO OBJECTION

#### **15) FINANCE:**

<b>Expenditure:</b>	Employment November	£564.20	BACs
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SLCC half cost Clerk's m'ship	£117.50	BACs
Mid Devon DC – 6 mths bin empties	£468.00	BACs
Hatcliff new toilet door locks	£254.61	BACs
LARC room hire December	£60.00	BACs
Riverside Hall hire - Fair	£210.00	BACs
Exmoor Luxury Loos – Fair	£302.40	BACs
Four Seasons Grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
Four Seasons – tree removal bridge	£288.00	BACs
Cllr. N. Bull – Xmas lights etc.	£194.18	BACs
J. Caunter – toilet cleans November	£300.00	BACs
Bampton Primary School – grant	£1515.06	BACs
Playdale deposit from grant recd.	£6612.92	BACs
Church support grant	£500.00	BACs
Hollett Garden annual brown bin cost	£49.00	Card
SW Water toilets Aug to Nov	£101.65	DD

<b>Income:</b>	Car park	£180
	Toilets	£88

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.  
Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all in favour by show of hands.

**16) Budget 2020/2021** – initial workings circulated prior to this meeting – for discussion. Major project planning and costings still to be considered. These figures have come from the pre-budget discussion meeting.

**17) Donation to RBL for the poppy wreath** – to consider a suitable sum. Cllr. Hopkinson proposed £50, all agreed by show of hands.

**18) Internal Audit 2019/2020** – to agree the internal auditor to be Lee Accounting. Agreed.

#### **Clerks Report (for information only)**

- Request for financial support from Mid Devon Mobility. Clerk to send a grant form.
- Tiverton Tree Team with a questionnaire.
- Definitive map review letter sent to Colin Fagg regarding the restricted byways.

#### **Items for Information**

The Clerk is on annual leave from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month  
DALC Newsletter No 27

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed..... Date.....