

**Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7pm in the LARC building.**

**Present:** Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. Weston; Cllr. White; Cllr. Sims, Penny Clapham (Clerk), Cllr. L. Bull.

**1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. McHenry. Cllr. Hopkinson. Cllr. N. Bull. Cllr. Whiteway. County Cllr. Colthorpe. District Cllr. Moore. 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. 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.

**4) Chairman's Report (for information only)** – Abandoned vehicle at Shillingford has been removed. Shillingford road is currently closed for side of the road repairs.

**5) County & District Councillor reports** – County Cllr. Colthorpe's report appended to these minutes.

**6) Minutes** – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**7) The Stage** – to consider the Installation of a pole suitable to carry electrics. To agree actions and associated expenditure. March agenda for further report.

**8) Bampton Charter Fair** – to resolve to agree final amount of monies available for distribution to applicants for grants from the Fair: 50% of which is allocated to Rotary. Total available after costs £3,477.84 divided between Council and Rotary at £1,738.92. Resolved.

Grant applications received:

1) Citizens Advice, Tiverton for £250 towards a project to recruit 3 new volunteers. Agreed.

2) Heritage Centre, for £500 towards replacing the aerial map. Agreed.

3) Bampton Spring Fest – £500. Agreed

4) Bampton Wellbeing Group - £150. Agreed

5) Bampton Scarecrow Trail – balance of £338.92. Agreed

Council resolved to pay these amounts to the organisations concerned. All in favour by show of hands.

**9) Open Spaces:**

a) Motte & Bailey update on the application for Viridor funding to be received. Not available.

b) Result of S106 application for the Orchard (if available). Not available.

c) Celebrate National Lottery 25 – Council have been awarded £825 from this fund, bringing people together in our community, to plant Snowdrops at the Millennium Green. The prepaid card has arrived, snowdrops will be ordered and a planting date will be arranged.

d) Installation of the roundabout in the playground – update. The roundabout is in action by children.

**10) Lengthsman/Handyman** – to consider setting up a working party in order to establish works that need to be done, where, how often in the year, to create a usable contract.

Cllr. L. Bull and Cllr. White will start a working party and bring ideas to the March meeting.

**11) Resilience Meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** – to receive a report from Cllr. Fouracres on this meeting held at the Riverside Hall. Jim Faux from the Environment Agency attended with Kate Pearson and Liz Taylor who has supplied a brief report on the meeting. 45 attendees, 16 of whom left contact details volunteering to help at various levels so there are the beginnings of the refurbishment/update of the current flood plan. Useful flood help links will be attached to the Council’s website by the Clerk.

**12) PLANNING:**

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

- a) 20/00083/FULL Variation of condition 2 planning permission 19/00859/FULL to allow the substitution of previously approved plans, Frogs End, Frog Street, Bampton.  
NO OBJECTION
- b) 19/02074/LBC Listed building consent for internal alterations to include creation of WC, a replacement staircase and alterations to windows on east and south elevations, Court Grove, Brook Street, Bampton.  
NO OBJECTION

**Planning Decisions:**

- a) 19/01818/FULL Siting of 3 holiday cabins, land at Wonham Quarry, Bampton  
GRANTED
- b) 19/01930/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use of office (Class B1) to dwelling (Class C3) under Class O, Unit 1 Station Road, Bampton.  
REFUSED

**13) FINANCE:**

<b>Expenditure:</b>	Employment January	£564.20	BACs
	LARC room hire	£60.00	BACs
	J. Caunter toilet cleans January	£310.00	BACs
	Four Seasons Tree Services Jan	£479.99	BACs
	D. Somerwill, car park repairs	£1313.20	BACs
	R. Cotterell – misc repairs	£843.60	BACS
	Rotary share of Fair proceeds	£1,738.92	BACs
<b>Income:</b>	from BFWG bank A/c now closed	£3219.08	

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

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

**14) SW Hygiene** – to consider setting up a direct debit for this annual payment of £145.20 + VAT, in which case the price is fixed for two years. All agreed by show of hands.

**15) Highways Matters:-**

- i. **Black Cat mirror** – Cllr. White reported the difficulties with the turning to Bampton. This is a Highways matter.

- ii. **'SLOW' road signage** – to approach Highways for an update on this request. Clerk to action.
- iii. **Remembrance Sunday** – to consider and agree road closures for the time on the day at the War Memorial. Clerk to ask local enforcement team for advice.

**16) Annual Parish Meeting** – to agree date, time, venue and format for this meeting. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, subject to the Community Hall being available, 6-8pm, invite groups to display aims and work, refreshments.

**17) Clerk's Report:**

- i. Charity return completed and accepted for the Recreation Field.
- ii. Condolence books ordered, to be kept at the Church.
- iii. 2020/2021 agreed budget published to the website.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.24pm

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

**Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Newsletter 4

Chief Executive's Bulletin NALC

The Christmas and New Year celebrations seem a long time ago but I hope you and your families enjoyed them and are now in good fettle to face the rest of the winter. There are snowdrops out in the hedges already so I'm expecting to find the first primroses very soon – perhaps you have already seen some in a specially favoured spot!

Despite the election, the provisional local government settlement arrived before the Christmas break (if only just - it came on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and was £120,000 more than expected) so D.C.C. is on target for the Full Council (budget) meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February and shouldn't need the reserve date of 25<sup>th</sup>. Children's and Adult Services Scrutiny held their budget meetings on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively and their recommendations went forward to the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, enabling a complete suite of recommendations from the scrutiny committees to be ready for the Cabinet meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February and Full Council the following Thursday.

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, D.C.C. Children's Services prepared to host Ofsted teams of 'core' inspectors which have examined every aspect of practice and performance across the county including social work, partners in 'Early Help' and the Multi-Agency Service Hub, testing in depth the help and protection provided for children who might experience neglect, young people who go missing and those who are at risk of exploitation. Then the focus was on the experiences and progress of children in care (of whom there are nearly a thousand in Devon) and Ofsted also examined the county's arrangements for children who need more permanent placements, including the fostering and adoption services. The inspection formally concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> January and a report on Ofsted's findings and conclusions will follow.

Recently I was very pleased to be able to support a request from Tiverton Library for 'Making the Connection' funding to buy items for a new community group providing 'sensory' sessions for parents and responsible adults with children from zero to four years – there is further funding available and the library hopes to be able to extend the sessions to Bampton too. As a former trustee of Home-Start (a charity which also concentrates on parents with children under five), I was delighted to hear that the organisation is about to re-open in Crediton, after which it will do the same in Tiverton.

Unsurprisingly, the number of roads and structures for which D.C.C. is responsible increases every year but Highways were somewhat taken aback to find that they were responsible for a railway bridge they didn't know they had! At Blackmoor Gate, on the old Barnstaple to Lynton line, the bridge was buried around 1970 when the cutting beneath was filled in; now it just looks like a normal road with a stone parapet either side and nobody (at D.C.C. anyway) knew there was a bridge below!