

## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman) Cllr. Williams; Cllr. White; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. L. Bull; 6 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

**1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** County Cllr. Colthorpe. District Cllr. Moore. Cllr. Whiteway. Cllr. Weston.

**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.

Parishioner considers that the Town Council deserves credit for the work done during the virus, including all those not members of the Council.

Cllr. L. Bull responded and will create an update for the August meeting.

Parishioner reporting on plastic free Bampton. Bampton has achieved accreditation as plastic free. Thanks to all those who have worked so hard to achieve this accreditation.

Cllr. L. Bull indicated that there could be a September 'spring' clean.

### **4) New Hall for Bampton.**

- i. To receive an update from Cllr. Fouracres regarding progress on the possible purchase of land adjacent to and including the current Community Hall.

Cllr. Fouracres: a declaration of intent has been made in discussions with the Diocese about the hall and adjacent land, with a view to creating a new hall for Bampton. A meeting is being set up of the parties involved to find the best way forward.

Cllr. Williams questioned the methodology of the valuation. Had the Diocese commissioned its own valuer and would Council be doing this too? The Diocese have appointed a valuer whose independence is not known.

The intent of all parties is to go in the same direction. The Council would in all probability own any new hall.

Standing orders suspended.

Parishioner stated he has been involved in 2 studies to find a new hall. Previous consultations came out strongly in favour of using the current community hall.

Parishioner commented that the original opposition to use of the Community hall came from their then committee members; however this has changed and the new committee are keen to have a new hall. The Riverside hall is no longer fit for purpose. If all work together as a community, there is more likelihood of grant funding. From the Players point of view, a larger hall would create more revenue with outside shows coming in.

Cllr. Fouracres: if the Council can solve the problem of acquiring the site, the community can go forward.

Further parishioner comments received and debated, including interim planning and a strategic plan for the current two halls.

Parishioner suggested securing an option on the land for say a year. This could be considered.

Cllr. Hopkinson mentioning the church, as it is the property of the parochial church council, considers a need to acknowledge that the church has made a contribution towards the hall.

Cllr. Fouracres, summing up, announced that the next move must be a meeting of all interested parties. All agreed.

Standing orders resumed.

- ii. To consider formulating a pre-application to Planning at Mid Devon DC in the first instance. On hold.

**5) Chairman's Report (for information only)** – checked on the road works, hoping to open Friday or Saturday – very extensive works. Opening the play area on Station Road this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**6) County & District Councillor reports:-** received from County Cllr. Colthorpe.

**7) Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.** Approved.

**8) Motte & Bailey Updates:**

- i. The agreement between the Council and Earth Wrights has been signed by both parties.
- ii. The first payment of £10,804.00 + VAT has been made by bank transfer as a deposit.
- iii. Cllr. Williams will update Council with actions so far, including a letter to the current teenage population of the parish.

Works have started on site. Viridor have accepted the quarterly update and the schedule of payments. Ways of engaging with the older children in the community in the hope of engendering ownership of the equipment are going forward. Cllr. Williams has been invited to attend Tiverton High School in the autumn to talk about these ideas. The possibility of an on-site equipment shed was discussed.

Cllr. Williams has engaged with the football club who are very keen to integrate locally.

There will be a hedged fence between the open space and the new play area.

Cllr. L. Bull is concerned about the possibility of vandalism. Could Council consider the use of CCTV at the site – August agenda.

**9) Bampton Charter Fair:** Cllr. White, chairman of the Fair Committee updated Council regarding the 2020 Fair. Next meeting in September to consider a very small event in the car park, to acknowledge the fair; roads will not be closed this year.

**10) PLANNING:**

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

- a) 20/00837/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension, Castle House, Castle Street, Bampton  
SUPPORTED
- b) 20/00840/LBC LBC for erection of single storey rear extension, replacement roof covering, lowering rear chimney, installation of replacement roof lights, two first floor rear windows, Castle House.  
SUPPORTED

- c) 20/00942/LBC for the replacement of 4 uPVC windows on rear elevation and 1 uPVC window on west elevation with timber framed double-glazed windows, 6 Brook Street, Bampton.  
SUPPORTED

**Appeal against the failure of Mid Devon DC to give notice of its decision within the set time limit.**

20/00249/MOUT Outline for a mixed use development of up to 21 dwellings and 1000 sq m of B1 employment space with all matters reserved except for access, Land at NGR 295599 (North of Frog Street) Bampton.

**Noted.**

**Planning Decisions:**

- a) 19/01804/FULL Erection of replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill, Shillingford.  
APPROVED
- b) 20/00556/FULL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions, 17 West St. Bampton  
APPROVED
- c) 20/00407/FULL Conversion of building to dwelling (revised scheme), The Bark House  
GRANTED
- d) 20/00677/CAT Remove 1 willow tree in conservation area, 3 Frog Street.  
NO OBJECTION
- e) 20/00732/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension following removal of conservatory, Higher Court Green, Bampton.  
GRANTED
- f) 20/00776/CAT Notification of intention to cut back ash trees within conservation area, 7 Bridge Terrace, Bampton.  
NO OBJECTION

**11) FINANCE:**

<b>Expenditure:</b>	Jo-Ann Sharp – mileage	£31.50	BACs 15/06
	Earth Wrights deposit	£12,964.80	BACs 15/06
	Employment June	£574.20	BACs
	PAYE Q1	£339.00	BACs
	Visionict (1 x hosted email)	£21.60	BACs
	Cove Garden Centre – plants	£949.47	BACs
	Clerks expenses Q1	£92.49	BACs
	B. Littlewood toilet cleans	£230.00	BACs
	Four Seasons grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
	SLCC Accessibility Webinar	£36.00	BACs
	Mid Devon clearing rec. field rubbish	£51.00	BACs
	Jo-Ann Sharp – mileage (Covid-19)	£22.50	BACs
	J. Mayer – mileage (Covid-19)	£50.85	BACs

**Income:** Lee payment for memorial bench £364.80

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting. (Not available at this meeting as not finalised by the bank until after the first of the month.)

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

**12) Consultation on New Model Code of Conduct – Consider it is best if individuals respond.**

**13) Clerk's Report (for information only)**

- i. The memorial bench for the Lee Family has been ordered from NBB Recycled Furniture.
- ii. Advance notice of planning notice to remove public payphone service adj. to the bus shelter in Silver Street: this will be an agenda item in August for comments. This is not Bampton's Silver Street.

**Items for Information**

Cllr. N. Bull has sent round the info about Exestream Radio.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Virtual agreement.....dated.

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

The next Council meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7pm