

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman) Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. White; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. Whiteway; County Cllr. Colthorpe; Lewis Clarke (Press); Cllr. Williams; 2 members of the public; Cllr. McHenry; District Cllr. Stanley; Jon Pearson (traffic consultant) Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Weston. Apologies accepted.

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) –

General optimism being felt with the way the vaccine has been rolled out and the positive results. Made in Devon campaign from Devon County Council is a good idea. A support for local businesses.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Colthorpe – Devon's budget was agreed on 18th February. Money has been put towards Devon's carbon reduction plan. Draft Resource and Waste Strategy is out for consultation from today for 6 weeks. Other greener options were outlined. Reports will be circulated to Council as they are available.

District Cllr. Stanley – the budget for the district council for 2021/22 is now balanced. There is grant support for businesses, anyone in Bampton who thinks they might qualify please get in touch with the district council. There is also help available for anyone in Bampton on a low income who are currently struggling.

Cabinet change; reduced to 7 from 8. EV charge points. Mid Devon Council are using Instavolt. A. Busby is the contact for EV.

Council resolved to take agenda number 9 at this point.

9) Castle Street – to review the report from the independent traffic consultant circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Cllr. Fouracres summed up the actions from the report by Jon Pearson.

Councillors had the opportunity of putting their questions to Jon Pearson.

After discussion, Council decided to appoint a committee consisting of Cllr. Fouracres, Cllr. Williams and Cllr. N. Bull, with the intention of inviting 2 Castle Street residents to this committee.

This committee will liaise with Highways, the residents of Castle Street and the Council and will formulate a report to be submitted to Highways in the very near future. Cllr. Colthorpe will be kept informed of developments.

Cllr. Fouracres thanked Jon Pearson for attending and giving his time to answer questions.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February 2021 were approved as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

7) Defibrillator - £500 has been received from Cllr. Colthorpe's Locality budget towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Permission to install an outside one has been received from the trustees of the Community Hall. Price quoted for a Heartsine fully automatic defib + stainless steel cabinet (no lock) and prep/resus kit, is £1200.00 + VAT.

Council resolved to put the balance of £700 from Council's reserves to purchase this defibrillator.

Proposed by Cllr. Whiteway, all in favour by show of hands.

To agree to an electrician to install the wiring for the heated cabinet. Agreed.

Current defibrilater installed at the butchers shop – this belongs to SWASFT and the agreement ends in November – does Council wish to proceed with a further 4 year agreement. April agenda.

8) Proposed Bampton Hall –

- i. To assess the results of the survey to date (closed 28th Feb). Received to date 74 responses in total 21 favour option one; 51 favour option two; 12 completed option three (other suggestions). The initial consultation on SurveyMonkey was free so only 40 out of 60 responses can be viewed. The data is indicative of option two being the best option. To access the other 16 responses will cost £25. Cllr. Wwhiteway proposed the spend of £25; 5 in favour, 3 abstentions, motion passed. Cllr. L. Bull will action the balance of the surveys and forward all responses to the Clerk for analysis.

10) Open Spaces Committee report –

- i. Poo bag dispensers have now been installed – to receive any reports pertinent to dog poo. Posts are in position and the dispensers will be installed next week.
Noted: at the Millennium Green, the felling of the dead trees, logs and branches have been left to rot down and provide habitats for wildlife. Local children are making dens; there is now a fence at the top of the old quarry to make it safer. A few snowdrops have come up from the planting last year.
The small trees are still awaiting planting and will be done very soon. The school would also like to be involved in the planting.
Council emphasise that the trees being cut down are mainly ash and were deemed dangerous.

11) PLANNING:

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

- a) 21/00292/House & 21/00293/LBC Erection of first floor side and rear extensions, replace slate covering to match existing roof, replace cement render with lime render, render stone chimney and erection of detached garage, Lower Rill, Shillingford.
NO COMMENT
- b) 21/00270/FULL Erection of two holiday lodges and storage shed, land at High Cross, Bampton.
SUPPORTED
- c) 21/00351/HOUSE Erection of detached garage and entrance porch, High Cross Barn, Bampton.
SUPPORTED

Planning Decisions:

- a) 19/01804/FULL Erection of replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill, Shillingford.
APPROVED
- b) 20/01926/FULL Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 19/011818/FULL to allow substitution of previously submitted plans, siting of 3 holiday cabins, Wonham Quarry.
APPROVED
- c) 20/01580/FULL Erection of an agricultural dung store, Luttrell Quarry, Bampton

APPROVED

d) 21/00063/CAT Fell 1 silver birch within conservation area, 2 Church Terrace, Bampton.

NO OBJECTION

12) Mid Devon Call for Sites – Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment to form part of evidence base for a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. Information circulated to all councillors 8th February. There are no available sites in Bampton parish.

13) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	SW Water – toilets	£89.29	DD
	Employment February	£589.00	BACs
	SW Hygiene – annual charge	£389.88	BACs
	Four Seasons – remove trees/create fence at the M. Green		
		£954.00	BACs
	C. Fagg – P3 footpath annual expenses	£16.90	BACs
	Clerk for title register (car park)	£77.82	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans Feb.	£280.00	BACs
	Four Seasons grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
	Jon Pearson Ltd.	£780.00	BACs
	SLCC Clerk's attendance to conference	£90.00	BACs
Income:	Locality fund for defib	£500.00	

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

14) Standing Orders – Checked for accuracy and no changes required for 2021 – noted.

15) Grant application for consideration – received from Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre for 'Out of Bounds' activities programme. Cllr. Hopkinson and Cllr. Whiteway declared non-pecuniary interests. Resolved to grant the requested £400.00. Proposed by Cllr. White, all in favour by show of hands.

16) Clerk's Report –

- i. Obtained documentation from HM Land Registry showing the title and conveyance deeds of The Sidings, now the car park and junior playpark.
- ii. Diversion order for highway known as Holwell Farm, has been granted.
- iii. Brief report on the SLCC Conference and Training attended virtually by the Clerk at the end of February.
- iv. Youth Council – to be considered as a possibility for Bampton.
- v. Annual parish meeting for discussion at the April meeting.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 7th April at 7.00pm 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Agreed at the virtual meeting held on

Signed.....

Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Newsletter 8 (sent 09/02)

NALC Chief Exec bulletin (sent 19/02)