

## **Minutes of the virtual meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm.**

**Present** – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. White; District Cllr. Moore; Lewis Clarke (Press); Penny Clapham (Clerk); Cllr. McHenry; County Cllr. Colthorpe.

**1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. Weston. Council approved Cllr. Weston's absence from virtual council meetings.

**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)** – The second defibrillator part-funded by Cllr. Colthorpe's Locality Fund is in place outside the Community hall. The appeal for the housing north of Frog Street has been dismissed. Bampton Fair had a committee meeting today and planning is progressing cautiously.

### **5) County & District Councillor reports:-**

District Cllr. Moore declared the period of purdah is in place for elections 6<sup>th</sup> May. A good result on the land off Morebath road and this land is no longer in the local plan as a designated site; planning here would now be against policy. Note the Duvale Manor application is coming before the planning committee next week – recommending refusal. As at 1<sup>st</sup> April Mid Devon has disbursed some £8.7million in grants and we continue to work to support local businesses.

County Cllr. Colthorpe - nationally some considerable debate as to whether there will be face to face meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May. Climate change agenda, Devon County moving forward, discussing the use of PV solar.

**6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.** Approved as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

**7) Survey results reference proposed hall in Bampton** – attached report on the results from the survey. This indicates 61.9% of responses received are in favour of building a fit for purpose carbon neutral hall on the site of the junior playground.

To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Cllr. Fouracres commented on the attached report indicating the 61.9% in favour of using the land owned by the council. Actions to proceed with plans to build a hall on the current playground.

Cllr. White is to put together two drawings and bring to the next council meeting for consideration and further action. Cllr. L. Bull suggested that perhaps some junior play equipment could be re-sited on the Millennium Green pro tem.

Action - to form a committee to provide the next steps. Cllr. L. Bull suggested members from the community could be involved in any committee. Clerk to raise terms of reference.

**8) Traffic survey report, Castle Street** – to receive an update on further meetings with the residents of Castle Street. To agree actions.

Cllr. Fouracres reported a sub-committee had been formed with members from the street. Several meetings, consultations, site meeting with our neighbourhood highways officer, discussing the ideas put forward to put a proposal together for the residents of Castle Street in order to present same for consideration to the HATOC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr. N. Bull congratulated all concerned on the speed of progress. Cllr. L. Bull been approached by a resident about the possibility of parking on the land between Morebath road and Old Morebath Road. This is something that could be considered for easing the parking issues provided the current owner agrees.

**9) Fly tipping/littering/dog poo** – fly tipping and littering can be reported online at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/street-scene/report-fly-tipping/>

Cllr. Fouracres and Cllr. McHenry both having reported dumped tyres; these have all been removed. While the hotline is ok there is no reverse communication advising of completed actions. Littering and dog poo are problems for every community. Cllr. L. Bull considers that it would be very useful for members of the public who have concerns, to attend Council meetings so that Council is made aware of any problems and can try to take actions. Dog poo bag dispensers have now been installed. Great British spring clean is coming up. Cllr. Williams mentioned receiving contact from the football club – they need to come to a meeting so that this can be discussed properly. Council are keen to work with not just the football club but all members of the community with regard to the recreation field, littering and dog poo.

#### **10) Open Spaces –**

- i. To agree N. Page quote for F/path 6 (steps in bank topside of new gate) £160 – agreed.
- ii. Lengthsmans update and April actions. Cllr. White reported that paint is now available for the graffiti and the job is in-hand. Need to work out how to rod out the Shuttern Brook. Tree planting is still to go ahead on the Millennium Green. Cllr. Williams observed that there is now nowhere to sit if you are a walker with a dog – look at purchasing 1 or 2 benches. Cllr. McHenry has a bench with table which he has offered to Council for the recreation field. Donation kindly accepted.

#### **11) PLANNING:**

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

- a) 21/00041/HOUSE Erection of two-storey rear extension and replacement garage, 6 & 8 South Molton Road, Bampton  
No comment – advised 19<sup>th</sup> March to planning.
- b) 21/00292/HOUSE & 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
- c) 21/00586/FULL & 21/00587/LBC Conversion of barn to dwelling with associated works including garage and new access, Lower Rill, Shillingford (revised scheme)  
No comment
- d) 21/00591/FULL Erection of an agricultural barn, woodland at Cats Castle, Shillingford.  
No comment

#### **Planning Decisions:**

- a) 19/01804/FULL Erection of replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill, Shillingford.  
APPROVED

- b) 21/00254/NMA Non material amendment to allow modification of materials, plots 47/48 and 58/59, Scotts Business Park.

APPROVED

## 12) FINANCE:

<b>Expenditure:</b>	Edge It annual subscription (4 <sup>th</sup> year of 5)	£338.40	BACs
	Employment March	£589.00	BACs
	PAYE Q4	£340.00	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q4	£119.90	BACs
	N. Page agreed P3 expenses	£200.00	BACs
	Christmas Lights 2019	£120.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans March	£310.00	BACs
	Four Seasons – grass cuts March	£479.99	BACs
	IONOS domain sub for bamptoncharterfair.org	£11.99	Council Card
	SW Water first half for the car park	£17.81	DD
	SW Water first half Church water supply	£101.25	DD
	SW Water Old Store	in credit	
<b>Income:</b>	Car park March	£157.00	

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

Non domestic rates per annum totals, payable to Mid Devon Council monthly from April.

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| a) Old Store          | £334.33                               |            |
| b) Toilets Station Rd | £1122.75                              |            |
| c) Tolls of Fairs     | £598.80                               |            |
| d) Car park           | £1746.50 – small business relief = £0 | All noted. |

**13) Grant application** – received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for a grant of £300. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Whiteway and all agreed by show of hands. Useful to spread this message wider via Signpost.

**14) Pumphouse roof repairs** – to receive an update on any progress to date. Roofer estimated £250 to Cllr. White who proposed acceptance of this quote. All in favour by show of hands. Consideration to re-purpose the pumphouse. Chairman and Clerk will take an inventory of the contents later this month.

## 15) Clerk's report –

- i. Devon County Council's recycling centres are now open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday-Sunday 10am to 6pm.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

Cllr. Fouracres and Clerk attended seminar about remote meetings; awaiting developments if any.

## Items for Information

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm. Reports from organisations welcome.

The next Virtual Council meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm. This will be the **Annual Council Meeting**.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Agreed at the virtual meeting held on

Signed.....

Date.....

**Email circulations during the past month**

DALC newsletter 9 (sent 05/03)

NALC Chief Executive's bulletin (sent 08/03)

DALC Newsletters 10 & 11 (sent 10/03)

NALC Chief Executive's bulletin (sent 15/03)

DALC Newsletter 14 (sent 19/03)

DALC newsletter 15 (sent 30/03)