

Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th July at 7pm in the Riverside Hall.

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. McHenry; District Cllr. Stanley; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. White. County Cllr. Chesterton. 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.

None present.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – dog poo bag dispensers are being used. The Queen's platinum jubilee is officially in February 2022. However there will be a 4 day bank holiday weekend the first week of June 2022, jubilee lunches and street parties throughout the country – agenda for September.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Stanley – Covid – infections have stayed down, though there are people, particularly in the waste collection service who are having to isolate. The head of legal has left the council, also the head of planning. New director in place for overall control of planning. Three Rivers is the development company of Mid Devon and there will be homes built by this Company on the site above Elizabeth Penton Way. There are slow worms which need re-locating; several councillors offered land space.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2021. Cllr. Bull had made points about the effective of being covid safe in the hall – amendment made to item 13 in the minutes.

7) Rental – to discuss and agree rentals for both Bampton AFC and Scouts for the year ending 31st March 2022. Cllr. N. Bull considers generosity is the key. Cllr. L. Bull proposed charging the reduced rental as 2020. Resolved and all agreed by show of hands. Clerk to action.

8) Open Spaces reports –

- i. Noticeboard requested for the Millennium Green. This area borders with the school. PTFA have asked if Council could supply a notice board – this would go on council land; estimated cost £500/600. Cllr. L. Bull stated the size of the board and this size was agreed by Council rather than a specific cost. This board could be used by the PTFA and the Council. Clerk to action.
Cllr. White and Cllr. L. Bull attended the Wild about Devon initiative and there will be a report in September.
- ii. Cllr. L. Bull reported on the re-designed Orchard which is being done with the S106 funding already received. Benches can be purchased with this funding.

- iii. Christmas trees – for discussion. Cllr. L. Bull is looking into the small trees and the costs. Agenda for an update in September.
- iv. To note that there is a significant amount of ash die back at the Millennium Green – these trees will have to be removed.
- v. Noticeboard pricing for agreement to be sited at the new play area – circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. Expenditure to be agreed. Cllr. Williams went through the sizes and the costs. Cllr. L. Bull proposed the purchase of the largest one – all in favour by show of hands. Cllr. Williams will order and arrange installation.

9) Flood Plan – Cllr. N. Bull to report on the updates achieved so far with Richard Brooker.

To agree actions and associated expenditure. Richard Brooker has been extremely helpful; the draft was sent to the Environment Agency which resulted in good feedback; amendments have been made. Richard Brooker will do a note to residents about signing up to the free warning system. High risk properties should do a flood plan for themselves. There are 2 named deputies to do with the flood barrier. Many thanks to PFG for repairing the flood barrier at the Riverside Hall. 4 re-chargeable head torches, whistles, need to be purchased. Richard Brooker has been unclogging drains and there is some debris that needs to be removed; this is not a great deal and can be safely put onto banks. A meeting will be held with all the volunteers. The Plan has been sent to the Environment Agency, to Devon Communities Together, and is on both the Council and Town websites. To note Council's thanks to the Environment Agency for their help. Cllr. Hopkinson proposed thanks to both Cllr. N. Bull and Richard Brooker for all the work that has been done to complete and bring together all the elements of this flood resilience plan. Council thanked them both.

10) Bampton Traffic Issues –

- i. Town Gateways – verge widths are needed before pricing can be done. Steve Short of Devon Highways (Steve Leigh is on long term leave) is happy to look at these proposals and to see whether they are in locations for approval. Cllr. Fouracres showed photos to councillors of position ideas on all 4 entry points into the town. Cllr. L. Bull suggests go for the biggest possible signage to create the best impact. To consult further with Highways. Cllr. Fouracres to action.
- ii. Safety Officer and his report. This has been submitted to the traffic team and will be considered and decided at some point in the future; there are only 4 people in the safety team who cover the whole of Devon.
- iii. Freedom of Information Request made to Council 4th June; completed and published on the website. There will be a charge for this extra work by the Clerk of £90.00.
- iv. Letter sent to Neil Parrish MP has been escalated up to a minister. The letter is on the website.

11) PLANNING:

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

- a) 21/01112/LBC Internal layout alterations, alterations and replacement of ground floor window timber casement on North East façade and external alterations to the design of the stair access to upper terrace, Holwell Farm, Bampton.
No Comment
- b) 21/01167/House & 01168/LBC Installation of 16 solar PV panels to south facing roof of outbuilding, Land and Buildings at Hayne Barton, Shillingford.
No Comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/0041/HOUSE Erection of two storey rear extension and replacement garage, 6 & 8 South Molton Road, Bampton.

APPROVED

- b) 21/00725/HOUSE Erection of an outbuilding, 6 Briton Street, Bampton
GRANTED
- c) 21/00826/HOUSE Erection of extensions and pump room; repace window with doors, canopy and solar panels, Whittenhays, Bampton.
GRANTED
- d) 21/00876 Erection of single storey extension and alterations to roof, 2 Moat View, Bampton
GRANTED
- e) 21/00828 Erection of single storey extension to garage, 14 School Close, Bampton.
GRANTED
- f) 21/00531/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for the siting of a caravan for use as an annexe, The Wishing Well, Bampton.
ALLOWED
- g) 21/00857HOUSE Conversion of store above garage to allow for ancillary accommodation, Higher Barn, Bampton.
GRANTED
- h) 21/0865/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension, Petton Villa, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- i) 21/00912/HOUSE Conversion of garage and store to ancillary accommodation, Higher Barn, Bampton.
GRANTED

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	0712/01	Four Seasons – deposit for S106 works Orchard	£4,800.00	BACs
	0712/02	Employment June	£587.40	BACs
	0712/03	PAYE Q1	£344.80	BACs
	0712/04	Visionict website hosting + 9 emails to 2022	£404.40	BACs
	0712/05	Cove Garden Centre for B In Bloom	£891.77	BACs
	0712/06	Parker Roofing – repairs to pump house roof	£300.00	
		BACs		
	0712/07	The Old Well for B in Bloom	£189.24	BACs
	0712/08	J. Caunter	£300.00	BACs
	0712/09	Four Seasons June grass cuts	£527.99	BACs

Income:

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Hopkinson, all agreed by show of hands.

13) New Bank Account – to discuss and agree to the opening of a separate bank account in order to reduce additional bank charges from 1st July and safeguard monies over £85K with the FCA. CCLA recommended with full information and fact sheet circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. Resolved to open a deposit account with the CCLA. Proposed by Cllr. Hopkinson and seconded by Cllr Whiteway. All agreed by show of hands.

14) Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan – to submit any comments on this consultation if required. No comments.

15) Co-option Policy – Council to consider and adopt this policy for future use. Resolved to accept; proposed by Cllr. Whiteway; all agreed by show of hands.

16) Clerk's report -

- i. Clerk attended SLCC branch meeting/training. Information on cyber fraud (circulated) and the CCLA (circulated). A very informative training session.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors.

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.00pm in the LARC building. (Covid regulations permitting)

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Email circulations during the past month

ConnectMe Devon – climate Challenge (sent 04/06)

DALC Newsletter 29 (sent 18/06)

DALC news 31 (sent 28/06)

Chief Executive's bulletin (sent 05/07)

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin (sent 07/06)

DALC Newsletter 30 (sent 25/06)

Mid Devon July newsletter (sent 02/07)