

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7pm in the LARC building.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. White; Cllr. Williams; Penny Clapham (Clerk); District Cllr. Stanley; Cllr. Weston

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

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) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – First weekend of June 2022, national extra Bank Holiday. For initial discussions. Beacon lighting seems a good idea. Gas-fired, bonfire, etc. Could be held on top of the Motte together with other activities – involve the town crier and other organisations. Cllr. L. Bull write to the school to inform them of this involvement. Agenda for October.

5) Bampton Fair 2021 – to receive an update from Cllr. White. Meeting earlier this evening and all is going reasonably well; more stalls would be welcome; need to enrol the Dads group for marquee erection; having a stand in the town on Saturday to encourage stewards to come forward..

6) Bampton Traffic Issues -

- i. Suggestion for bike racks to be installed in Station Road car park. There is a bike rack for the Millennium Green area. They are about £100 and could be placed in the car park. Cllr. L. Bull proposed the purchase of a rack, siting to be agreed at a later date. Resolved all in favour by show of hands.

Town gateways – these can be purchased through the Government’s Welcome Back Fund.

Highways have not yet responded to the photos of the suggested areas to see if the verges are wide enough and suitable.

7) Chairman’s Report (for information only) –

Cllr. Fouracres walked around Bampton with County Cllr. Chesterton at the beginning of August; he is well informed about Bampton, observant of some of the problems within the town.

Attended LARC AGM on 31st August – they are back open again and hoping to get back to something like normal as their income is mainly from hiring the room.

Tea party at Old Bailey’s quarry 12th September

Invited to attend defib awareness training – to set this up. Cllr. Hopkinson mentioned the Heritage Centre and walk leaders who may wish to advance their first aid. Clerk to check dates for booking the community hall and then inform the trainer – suggest November for any training.

8) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Stanley informed, the public spaces protection order has gone through – some stickers provided for our use.

Housing strategy – social housing; pods possibly to be installed.

Currently looking for a new head of planning. District Council is just about on budget for this year.

Three Rivers have commenced construction on their site.

9) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2021.

Cllr. L Bull disagreed with item 8 (i) as it was the size agreed not the price. The minutes will be amended and presented for approval at the October meeting.

10) Riverside Hall Car Park – to discuss this car park, agree actions and agree any associated expenditure.

Cllr. White commented that he believes the car park could be sold for a nominal sum provided the Charity Commission approves. There could be some major structural maintenance costs involved with the car park/riverside walkway. Suggested a civil engineer could be sourced to look at the structural problems.

Cllr. White to action. October agenda for an update.

11) Open Spaces Reports –

Cllr. L. Bull had circulated her report on open spaces and went through this, which included the items listed below.

- i. Christmas trees; Cllr. L. Bull to update on small trees and costs. Possibly 73 trees at £12 each. Use Four Seasons to put these trees up. Logistics to be discussed at the November meeting.
- ii. Wild about Devon Initiative – to receive this report (circulated prior to this meeting).
- iii. Noticeboard for the Millennium Green – selected board above the agreed price at the July meeting. For discussion. £924 + VAT for a large board with £150 quoted for the installation. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull to purchase this board. All agreed by show of hands. Action Clerk.
- iv. Possibly use required benches for the Orchard as memorial benches. Put in Signpost to see if anyone would like to sponsor/dedicate a bench. Budget for £1,000 for 4/5 benches. Resolved and agreed.
- v. Put in the report from Dragon Play. See below.

“Play areas:

Cllr. White and Cllr. L. Bull met with James McGrath, director of Dragon Play and Sports. This company has taken over Playdale.

Site reccy at Station Road: only the roundabout and the small play tower are reusable, with possibly the swings too. The wooden equipment is not refurbishable. All matting needs replacing but edges could be made good with new coloured infill.

Suggestion: Make good the swing (new swing baskets) and get a quote for the infill matting. Lengthsman to repaint wooden equipment and replace any bolts that need replacing.

Site reccy at Millenium Green: options.

- a) Create a toddler area just below the MUGA and an activity trail up to the side of the MUGA, leading to a climbing nest further up into the trees. This will be drawn up and quoted for. This scheme can be added to and extended at other times.
- b) Consideration of the old quarry site where the BMX track was. This could be another playpark project, with perhaps an outdoor theatre cut into the NE (MUGA) side of the quarry, to help improve visibility. This could be beneficial for all generations in Bampton, increasing cultural scope and also physical activity. Dragon Play will give us some idea of the varying costs of such a project, with some images of similar projects.

None of these projects will take place without due consultation and of course, application for funding.”

12) PLANNING:

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

- a) 21/01543/HOUSE Construction of swimming pool and enclosure to include associated changing room, sauna, plant room and bar area, Higher Barn, Bampton.
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/00729/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension and hip to gable roof extension for loft conversion, North View, Cove.
GRANTED
- b) 21/00603/PNCOU Change of use approval of prior approval, agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings under class Q, Higher Grants, Exebridge.
APPROVED
- c) 21/00270/FULL Erection of two holiday lodges and storage shed, land at High Cross, Bampton.
GRANTED
- d) 21/01167/HOUSE & LBC Installation of 16 solar PV panels on roof of outbuilding, Hayne Barton, Shillingford.
APPROVED
- e) 21/00784/FULL Erection of a distribution network operator building ancillary to solar farm, Land at East of Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.
APPROVED
- f) 20/00146/FULL Erection of 9 dwellings with associated vehicular and pedestrian access, land south of Elizabeth Penton Way, Bampton.
APPROVED
- g) 20/01686/CLU Re-issue of certificate, Pixton Woodlands, Bampton – lawful use for the present use of the building as a dwelling.
REFUSAL OF CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT
- h) 21/01104/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of single storey side extension, 2 Bowdens Lane, Shillingford.
ALLOWED

APPEAL - APP/Y1138/W/21/3274393

20/01789/FULL Change of use of hall for use by holiday makers to public use, buildings at Duvale Priory, Bampton. Any further comments to be received by 1st September; can be submitted via this link <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

13) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	2109/1301	Riverside Hall – hire June & July	£48.75	BACs
	2109/1302	LARC room hire 14 th July	£10.00	BACs
	2109/1303	Cemetery maintenance allowance	£500.00	BACs
	2109/1304	SW Water – toilets May-August	£141.29	DD
	2109/1305	Ionos – bampton.org.uk domain	£11.99	CARD
	2109/1306	PKF Littlejohn – external audit	£480.00	BACs
	2109/1307	EDF Pumphouse estimated	£11.13	in credit
	2109/1308	Employment August	£587.40	BACs
	2109/1309	LARC room hire	£60.00	BACs
	2109/1310	J. Caunter – toilet cleans August	£310.00	BACs
	2109/1311	Bin empties – Mid Devon Council	£468.00	BACs
	2109/1312	Four Seasons – grass cuts August	£527.99	BACs

Income:	Car Park	£590.00
	Scouts rental (reduced)	£5.00
	Bampton AFC rental (reduced)	£275.00
	Toilet rates refund from MDDC	£1,493.50
	Open Reach wayleave payment	£24.50

- i. Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting. Not available.
- ii. Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account, proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all agreed by show of hands.
- iii. Q1 budget comparisons for information and discussion (circulated to councillors prior to this meeting)

14) CCLA – to receive an update on the new deposit account opened with the Public Sector Deposit Fund. The application forms have been completed and submitted and Council has been approved. Update in October.

15) CAR PARK PAYMENTS – to consider the receipt of regular payments from users to be made by bank transfer. Cllr. Hopkinson has been approached by a car park customer who would like to pay a regular sum for use of the car park, used regularly by both their clients and staff. Similar comments have been received by other parishioners. Cllr. L. Bull suggests a laminated type of pass – voluntary donation by those recognising the use of the car park. Cllr. Hopkinson to action this. Suggested that Cllr. Whiteway could take over the collection of monies for both car park and toilets.

Four Seasons has major issues about cutting the grass inside the car park, as despite notices to the effect of grass cutting to take place, cars are still parked up close to the bank making cutting impossible.

16) EDF Energy – contract for supply ending 30th September – pricing: both sites at 20.4p per kwh + 25p per day standing charge, fixed for 3 years with EDF business energy. No increase in the standing charge and a small increase from 17.99 to 20.4 per kwh. Contract authorised by the Clerk and signed. Meter readings taken and submitted 23rd August for up to date billing.

17) External audit – completion of the external audit has been done with no issues raised. Notice of conclusion of audit and other required documents published on the Council website, 20th August. Noted.

18) Devon Community Funding – Cllr. L. Bull with some ideas. A special fund created by Devon County Council to support community led activities such as to encourage people to participate in activities that improve mental, physical and emotional well-being; encourage people to develop skills and learning through volunteering their time; provide safe community-led transportation links. First suggestion of some outdoor gym equipment. Email forwarded to Judi Thomas, Heritage Centre for consideration. Action Clerk.

19) Clerk's Report –

- i. Ann Barrow on behalf of the Scouts has thanked Council for their generosity in reducing the rental for the year ended 31st March 2022.
- ii. Informed of extra charge from clerk to cover hall meetings.
- iii. Councillors to agree some objectives for the next financial year (such as outdoor gym equipment) – this to assist the budgeting process.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 6th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

DALC newsletter 35 (sent 09/07)

DALC Newsletter 37 (sent 14/07)

DALC Newsletter 44 (sent 07/08)