

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7pm in the LARC building.

Present: Cllr. L. Bull (Vice Chair); Cllr. White; Cllr. N. Bull; District Cllr. Moore; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. Hopkinson; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Lewis Clarke (Press – via Zoom).

Cllr. L. Bull took the chair.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Fouracres. County Cllr. Chesterton. 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) – on holiday

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Moore updated Council. The playing pitches strategy has been approved for consultation. Attended a presentation from Airband with regard to superfast fibre broadband to Bampton. Surveying is imminent. Section 106 - Jo Williams has updated on monies available to Bampton; Cllr. Moore will forward the email detailing this. There are currently significant vacancies in Mid Devon Council. Planning department are working hard on the backlog of emails/enforcement/S106 – starting to get a better system in place. Finances – steady, though income from leisure services and car parks is down.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September 2021. To approve and sign the amended minutes 7th July 2021. Both sets of minutes were proposed by Cllr. L. Bull and signed by her as Vice Chairman, as a true record.

7) Bampton Charter Fair – to receive an update from Cllr. White. Three weeks to the Fair; a full day's entertainment is on offer, and there are a great deal of new stalls attending. Still looking for stewards – all councillors please to volunteer. Discussed having a generic fair email, which will be arranged during the winter. All support on the day will be greatly appreciated. Cllr. L. Bull thanked all the Fair committee for their hard work.

8) Platinum Jubilee – to receive a very brief update on the planning of this event. Clerk has met with Sam Thompson for initial ideas, further discussions and actions later in the year, in order to agree a budget.

9) Riverside Hall car park – to receive an update if available on the possible structural issues within the car park. No further update available for this meeting – agenda November.

10) New Hall for Bampton – to receive the progress report from the working group meeting 22nd September: report attached. Update from Cllr. White reference Shillingford. After investigation of the Riverside Hall area, it is unlikely that the hall can be replaced with housing because of the flood issues on that site.

11) PLANNING:

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

None received.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/00292/HOUSE & 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.
GRANTED
- b) 21/00586/FULL & LBC Conversion of barn to dwelling with associated works including garage and new access (revised scheme) land and buildings at Lower Rill, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- c) 21/00657/FULL Erection of a garage storage building (revised scheme) Ashdown Lords Meadow Lane, Bampton.
GRANTED
- d) 21/01352/HOUSE Erection of rear single storey flat roof extension, 6A Ford Road, Bampton
GRANTED
- e) 21/01394/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension, 17 Elizabeth Penton Way, Bampton.
GRANTED

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	2110/1201	Specialist Medical (Fair)	£581.00	BACs 25/09
	2110/1202	J. Caunter toilet cleans September	£300.00	BACs
	2110/1203	Employment September (inc. 12.75 hours overtime)	£766.49	BACs
	2110/1204	PAYE Q2	£441.56	BACs
	2110/1205	N. Page Footpath works	£200.00	BACs
	2110/1206	Four Seasons Grass cuts – Sept 2 x TTRO traffic orders – Fair	£695.99 £159.00	BACs BACs
	2110/1207	Ken White Signs – Rec field sign	£644.40	BACs
	2110/1208	Clerk’s expenses Q2	£208.66	BACs

Income:

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

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

13) Memorial Bench – request received to site a bench in memory of Lilian Edworthy. Cllr. L. Bull proposed a 3 and a 2 metre bench for this area. Clerk to action after the Fair.

14) Open Spaces -

- i. Brown Bin – to agree to fund the brown bin used by Bampton in Bloom at the Stage. Agreed. This means the bin will need to be stored off site.
- ii. The issue of grass cutting in the car park; for discussion. Various solutions have been suggested/used over the years. Four Seasons have consistent issues every month with this – an

ongoing concern with damage to cars from strimming. Four Seasons do their best to cut although it may look untidy.

- iii. Christmas trees – request Four Seasons to install all the small trees and the large tree – timings to be arranged.
- iv. Benches for the Orchard alongside the new path (1 already booked as a memorial bench)
- v. Report received from Play Inspection Co. the basket swing needs to be repaired. Cllr. L. Bull to request the lengthsmen to inspect the swing and see how this can be fixed. The Open Spaces committee to look into the full report and come back to Council in December.

15) Defibrillator – to consider the supply and installation of a defibrillator on the wall of the Quarryman's, to serve the top of the town. Section 106 monies and possibly locality fund from County Cllr. Chesterton could be used.

16) Objectives – Council to consider objectives/plans for 2022/23 financial years to facilitate the budgeting process in November. Ideas welcome.

Repairs to the Stage/Wildflowers/new hall. Noted.

17) Clerk's Report –

- i. Attendance to two zoom seminars (a) emergency planning on evening of 27th September; (b) budgeting and precepts updates from Edge It Council's accounts provider 28th September: both free.
- ii. Defibrillator training cannot take place until January – does Council still wish this to be booked – Clerk to action for January. Update – cannot be actioned now until the Spring as the trainer has no availability.

18) PART II

Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature.

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960.

Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

18a) Quotes for the removal of ash trees at the Millennium Green – to agree actions and associated expenditure. Quotes from Dartmoor Tree Surgeons and Four Seasons received. Cllr. L. Bull proposed Council action the quote from Four Seasons being the less expensive option and the fact that ash die back and cutting down trees is not in the budget. A third quote was attempted but not received.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors (for information only)

Cllr. McHenry speaking to Martin Rich (Devon Communities Together) about energy advice – may be able to arrange a meeting in November.

Cllr. Hopkinson tendered his resignation from Council as he is leaving the area.

Cllr. L. Bull expressed Council's thanks for all his hard work in the past few years, and wished him and his wife well in their new home.

Meeting closed at 8.01pm

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 3rd November 2021 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC newsletter 50 (sent 13/09)

DALC Newsletter sent (01/10)

DALC Newsletter 52 (sent 20/09)

New hall meeting 22nd September 2022

Held in the Riverside Hall at 6pm.

Present; Cllr. Rupert White; Cllr. Lucy Bull; Cllr. BarneyHopkinson; Cllr. Simon Fouracres; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Judi Thomas; Claire Benton; Roy Gamlin; David Simper (both Shillingford Hall).

Riverside car park discussed at the last Council meeting and Council are in agreement about purchasing the car park; before any further moves are considered, a civil engineer is to look at the wall first. (Rupert to arrange). Claire to look into the Riverside Hall constitution and check any proposed sale with the charities commission.

Lucy – spoken to Dragon Play who have been to see the site at Station Rd and the MGreen with a view to moving/purchasing some junior play items to the MGreen. Ideas and designs yet to be produced.

Other side of the road from the current Station Road play area – Rupert has not yet spoken to the owners. Consider build cost; have to buy the site first and the build costs would be high. Empty space is a great theoretical idea, but that is all. Simon emphasized how keen Council are to incorporate a play area for younger children around a new hall once built.

Roy presented a project regarding Shillingford VH and possible plans for the future, on a completely new site approx.. 2 miles from Bampton, incorporating a hall for both Shillingford and Bampton.

The new ideas were discussed and submitted to this meeting. Shillingford VH is a charity and the deeds say the hall could be sold provided all the parishioners of Shillingford and Petton agree. Lucy asked them to look at the socio-demographic of Bampton – re: shuttle bus, access could become an issue particularly with the young families. This could be an issue for any 'out of town' site.

Rupert mentioned access to the proposed site. Lucy asked how the site came about – the Gamlins own the proposed site – if agreed would be leased to Council on a peppercorn rent.

Lucy asked if the Rows Farm was not the preferred site, and on selling Shillingford, would Shillingford continue with the project on their own or come in with Bampton. This thought was not really answered.

Barney – two stages to this. Either Shillingford bearing resources could look into producing the ideal hall for the area probably in Bampton, or the Rows Farm site. Need to be clear amongst ourselves. Are Shillingford prepared to join Bampton, site to be decided on?

Lucy explained where Bampton Council are at present with Council's thoughts on the play park.

Rupert suggested going back to the Shillingford hall committee and establish whether they would be in favour of which idea/project.

Judi summarized and considered that the worst outcome would be if Shillingford and Bampton were in direct competition with each other. There would be significant consultation with all communities.

Rupert need clarification that Shillingford would want to go in with Bampton and in what way.

Penny proposed that a proper committee now be formed with terms of reference, in advance of any future meeting. This would mean having agendas and minutes available for all to see.

This was agreed by all present as next way forward.

Rupert thanked everyone for coming.