

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

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. White; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. L. Bull; County Cllr. Chesterton; District Cllr. Moore; Lewis Clarke (Press); Penny Clapham (Clerk); Liz Redfern; 4 members of the public

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: None received.

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.

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.

Council resolved to take agenda item 6 at this point.

6) S106 monies available to Council –

- i. to consider the possibility of a properly devised pump track at the Millennium Green in place of the unofficial one; Adam Paget updated Council.
A pump track would be purpose built and the benefits would be readily accessible to bikes skateboards, scooters etc.; the ideal spot is at the Millennium Green. Adam will email some photos of this type of track to the Clerk. The size approximately would be 15m x 40m with an estimated cost in excess of £40K. Cllr. White expressed concerns about putting costs into this area at present. Cllr. L. Bull admitted there is a call for some sort of pump track, but there are further pulls on this area. A petanque court/outdoor theatre and there is a protected species of beetle in the area. Cllr. Fouracres summed up that Council are very positive about this project, and thanked Adam for taking the time to update Council.
- ii. To consider whether to claim back the £10,804 match funded by Council June 2020 should this be agreed by the S106 team. Resolved to action the claim.
- iii. To consider an application be put forward to reserve general fund monies towards a pump track project. Resolved to apply - agenda for updates in January.

Cllr. Weston arrived at 7.13pm.

Cllr. N. Bull arrived at 7.23pm

4) Walkers are Welcome – Liz Redfern to update Council on this project.

This is a national scheme with its own website and has been established for 15 years. It has been shown that users of this scheme brings in an economic benefit. A briefing paper was circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. Three things are required to join the scheme; Council to pass the support resolution, to nominate a council member to be a part of the steering group and show commitment in some other way such as the payment of the membership fee of £50. Liz intends to chair the steering group. Cllr. Whiteway checked if a tarmac footpath would be acceptable to the scheme. It would. Liz Redfern

considers this to be a unique opportunity to encourage walking and associated business activities in the area.

Council resolved to support this initiative. Cllr. L. Bull proposed payment of the membership fee of £50, all agreed by show of hands.

Cllr. McHenry will be a member of the steering group.

5) Additional noticeboard on the toilets building, Station Road – Liz Redfern to update Council on this project. To resolve to agree actions and any associated expenditure.

An element of the Heritage 5 year strategy is to have more elements in the town providing information. Liz Redfern requested permission to buy a noticeboard to go onto the wall of the toilets – town plan/map/town trail to be featured together with interesting notices for visitors. Council resolved to support this initiative and gave permission for a noticeboard.

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

Vacancy for a councillor, to be advertised in the new year. There are now 3 defibrillators in place in the town and registered with the Circuit. Thanked Cllr. Chesterton for his locality funding for the defibrillator now installed outside Bampton Butcher’s. Defibrillator training is available, yet to be put in place.

Christmas trees are up. Devon Countryside access forum have asked for representatives – Cllr. Whiteway will represent Bampton. Bampton in Bloom are struggling to manage and need more volunteer helpers. “Happy to Chat” bench photo was circulated – a good idea.

8) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Chesterton has emailed around a fairly lengthy report. Circulated prior to this meeting. Castle Street potholes were mentioned to Cllr. Chesterton.

District Cllr. Moore – planning enforcements are now to be reported online. £234,000 behind in the budget; however this is still manageable. Proving difficult to get staff to fill employment gaps. Budgeting being done at present for 2022/23. Also mentioned the consultation on parish boundaries. Any changes will be implemented at the next elections May 2023.

9) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

10) New Hall for Bampton –

- i. To receive an update on the meeting held 17th November. Cllr. White reported that a committee would be formed rather than a working group. It is unlikely that there would be any development on the Riverside Hall site due to its proximity to the river.
- ii. To resolve to constitute a New Hall Committee, with terms of reference. Resolved. Cllr. White elected as Chair. Terms of Reference circulated prior to this meeting and approved.

11) Car Parking at the Recreation Field – to consider how best to extend the parking area. Cllr. Fouracres considers there is space just inside the current gate for 10/15 cars on the left-hand side. There may be a need for planning for change of use of this part of the field. Should this idea go ahead, it could help towards creating a better splay entrance. Resolved to pursue this project. Cllr. Fouracres will report in January.

12) Riverside Hall car park – committee meeting tonight of the hall committee. January agenda.

13) Budget for 2022/23 – circulated to councillors for checking. January agenda for finalisation.

14) PLANNING:

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

- a) 21/02143/HOUSE + LBC 02144 Erection of an extension (revised scheme), Westbrook Farm, Bampton.
No comment
- b) 21/02326/FULL Erection of detached garage and change of use of land from agricultural to garden and creation of new vehicular access, Petton Villa, Shillingford.
Approved

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/01829/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed garden room and studio to provide non-primary accommodation incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling-house, The Walled Garden, Bampton.
ALLOWED
- b) 21/00719/FULL Erection of 5 dwellings with alterations to existing access, Five Levels, Old Tiverton Road, Bampton.
APPROVED

15) FINANCE:

Expenditure:

Payments list dated 12th November attached – all paid by BACs
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 EDF for toilets £52.46 DD

Employment November Inc. October overtime of 17.56 hours

	£789.89	BACs
LARCS room hire Nov & Dec	£30.00	BACs
Cove Garden Centre – plants	£442.58	BACs
Four Seasons grass cuts	£527.99	BACs
J.Caunter toilet cleans Fair	£200.00	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans November	£300.00	BACs
Exmoor Luxury Loos - Fair	£300.00	BACs
W of England Fire Protection	£33.60	BACs
N. Page P3 stile repairs	£150.00	BACs

Income: Public Sector Deposit Fund – October .85p

Bank Reconciliation to be circulated to all councillors once available.

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

16) Clerk’s Report –

- i. No election has been called for the councillor vacancy. Council can now advertise this vacancy with the possibility of co-option in January.
- ii. Two benches have been ordered from NBB recycled furniture: one replacement on the recreation field, and one for the orchard – both are memorial benches.
- iii. Quote requested from Edge IT accounts provider, agreed and signed for 5th year to 31st March 2023 @ £282.00.
- iv. Garden waste bin collections £50 this year (Holleth Garden). Email Lucy as to who for the stage.
- v. Litter picking activity. The BBC are promoting this early in the new year.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Cllr. L. Bull – the ash trees at the Millennium Green are being taken down the week before Christmas.

The new noticeboard is going up this Friday.

Cllr. Whiteway is working on a project for a tarmac footpath to Shillingford.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

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Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 5th January 2022 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC newsletter 71 (sent 24/11)