

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7pm in the LARC

Present – Cllr. White (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Brock; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Booker; Cllr. Boyles; District Cllr. Gilmour; District Cllr. Adcock; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; 7 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk). Cllr. Grabke.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Fouracres. 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.

Parishioner from Shillingford regarding cycling into Bampton to do their shopping and those who do cycle club runs. Could Council consider providing a second bike rack alongside Seddons. Clerk to check this idea. Agenda for July.

Parishioner about the development on the old garage site at Shillingford. There is a chalet on site which has no known planning permissions plus rubble/shipping container/general mess. Cllr. Gilmour has already taken this to the planning department and spoken to the owner of the site. It is enforceable and it is being checked by the planning authority.

Parishioner who signed up to be volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme – this has to be re-set since the loss of Tim Williams with a new council lead. July agenda. Also mentioned town gateways.

Parishioner about the proposed redevelopment in West Street. Residents are moving out and some of the homes are now empty. Cllr. Gilmour stated that the replacements are for local people and has been assured that the 'pods' will be rendered and have different styled fronts – they will be very well insulated with a life-span of about 120 years. A presentation to the community will be requested by Cllr. Gilmour.

Parishioner regarding bicycles and having somewhere in Brook Street to lock them to.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – not available.

5) County & District Councillor reports –

District Cllr. Gilmour – the draft local plan will be out very soon and comments are very welcome. Call-ins to the planning committee are the site at Bouchier Close and the site in Frog Street.

Cllr. Grabke arrived at 7.30pm.

District Cllr. Adcock notified Council of the current Chair and Vice-chair of the District Council.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2023 were agreed and signed by the Vice-chairman as a true record.

7) Open Spaces Committee

- a) To consider a familiarisation walk around the open spaces currently kept up to date by the Council. Cllr. L. Bull updated all councillors as to how much open space there is in Bampton that Council is responsible for. Dates will be circulated, possibly a Saturday.

- b) Shuttern Brook – requires clearing out. Cllr. L. Bull to update Council. The pipe goes uphill and requires clearing out regularly, due to excess weed growth. The only reason the brook keeps flowing is thanks to Cllr. White who clears it out on a regular basis. Preferably needs to be cleared by someone who is Chapter 8 or Community Road Warden trained.
- c) Pump track – to receive an update on the reptile survey report if available by the meeting. The reptile survey is ongoing at present, no reptiles have been seen so far.
- d) Lengthsman/handyman: to consider advertising for a contractor to provide these services to Council. Monies have been budgeted for this position. To agree actions and receive updates from the Clerk. Clerk to continue progressing for this position.

8) Bampton Charter Fair – update to be received from Cllr. White. Cards have been printed to give to prospective stallholders and distributed. Stalls are coming on a steady basis. Going as planned for this time of the year.

9) Premises Licence – Mid Devon Council have received an application for a premises licence at Bawdens the Bakers – to consider comments.

Council are conscious of possible noise pollution which should be looked at on consideration of this application, but are supportive of a local business. Considering that part of the premises is a garden, Council agree that 11.30pm is rather late. Request a cut-off for the serving of alcohol outside to be 8pm.

10) Community Ownership Fund – to discuss this fund in principle, as if applying this has to be by the 12th June, 3 weeks before the closing date. To agree actions. Cllr. L. Bull reported that this is being looked at closely – an expression of interest for Station Road play park will be submitted. This area is very vulnerable. Council resolved that Cllr. L. Bull and the Clerk will put in this expression of interest on Monday 12th June. All agreed.

11) PLANNING:

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

- i. 23/00843/FULL Erection of a dwelling, The Vicarage, Barnhay
No comment.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 23/00463/FULL Formation of an earth-banked slurry store, Luttrell Farm, Bampton
APPROVED
- b) 23/00650/CAT Notification of removal of trees in conservation area, 11 Castle Street, Bampton.
NO OBJECTION
- c) 23/00592/CLU The Walled Garden, Bampton – certificate of lawfulness to establish the lawful commencement of erection of a replacement dwelling, use of the ‘bothy’ for residential use, installation of package treatment plant, erection of garden building and repair/renovation of existing residential outbuildings as approved by planning permission 22/00175/FULL
GRANTED
- d) 22/02223/FULL Erection of 1 holiday let, provision of access and associated works, land south of Scotts Quarry, Bampton.
APPROVED

Cllr. N. Bull expressed his disappointment at the 1 holiday let Scotts Quarry being approved.

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	J. Caunter – toilet cleans May	£310.00	BACs
	S. Fouracres – table + keys	£106.04	BACs
	Employment May	£813.64	BACs

PFG – toilet door repairs	£1026.00	BACs
Countrywide – grass cuts	£582.38	BACs
Cove Garden Centre – Bloom	£998.60	BACs
NBB benches refund to Clerk	£768.00	BACs
Vision ICT – website hosting	£357.76	BACs
Viking direct – toilet rolls	£73.12	BACs
LARC room hire	£60.00	BACs
SW Water – toilets actual read	£176.46	DD 03/07
SW Water – Old Store actual read	£3.28	DD 03/07

Income: Public Sector Deposit Fund May 2023 £278.80 Credit

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

13) Public Sector Deposit Fund (CCLA) – to consider transferring between £30,000 and £50,000 to this fund as the interest earned is at 4.4346% nett of fees. The current account as of 23rd May stands at £114,497. Opening of a deposit account (2.31% interest May 2023) with the bank for quick transfers between current and deposit accounts is also being put in place. Resolved to transfer £40,000 to the Fund. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all agreed by show of hands.

13) Teams – to consider the filing system hosted within Microsoft 365 and Teams – Cllr. L. Bull. In progress.

14) Clerk’s report (for information only)

- i. Sue Leach on behalf of the PCC has thanked Council for their generous contribution towards the cost of the Coronation Big Lunch.
- ii. Training on the 29th June – please could I have confirmation of who is attending. Five are coming from Borden Gate Parish Council and some from Stoodleigh, numbers to be confirmed.
- iii. “20’s Plenty Campaign” – Council have been approached by the sustainability officer from Totnes Town Council regarding making this campaign Devon wide.
- iv. Duncan Manning of the Allotments Association has informed that the land by the BT Exchange in Frog Street is contaminated by lead, too high to grow vegetables. Reluctantly the Association has pulled out from the lease. Council did give a grant towards this plot – the Association is now actively looking for a different site.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Cllr. Whiteway approached by Bampton in Bloom to take over the responsibility for 2 seats. Agenda July.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Bulletin (sent 22/5) DALC Bulletin 24 (sent 07/06)