

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Bampton Fair Committee, held on **Wednesday 1st July 2020** at 5pm.

Present: Cllr. White (Chairman); Cllr. Fouracres; Tony Conway; Cllr. N. Bull; Steve Caddy; Penny Clapham (Clerk); John Sims.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: None received.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Council 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.

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 Fair Committee to consider on a future agenda.

4) Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2020. Approved.

5) Comments from stall holders - received after the letters emailed/posted in June, cancelling the main body of the Fair for 2020.

Ralph Catley – coming for 50 years. Knows that ponies were run down the road during the second war, and sometime in the 70's, the lease money was paid to the landlord to keep the Charter open.

Graham the Glue-man – very sorry, see us in 2021 with a brand new stand.

Ben Parry – Wood carvings - obviously very disappointed, it was his first fair last year – he is local on Exmoor.

Beau Jenkins – burgher stall - looking forward to 2021.

Coralie Sampson – chilli plants – looking forward to next year.

Elaine Douglas – Bags of Fun – hope to have a cracking fair in 2021.

Donato Paoletti – thanks for the information and see you next year.

Caroline Pearse – Exmoor Fudge; see you next year.

Jose Camuendo hopes to be a part of the 2021 Fair.

Good to know so many people wish to come back and are looking forward to next year.

6) Covid-19 Planning for the 2020 Fair

- i. To receive updates and actions from the June meeting. To use the marquees but in the council car park, and as a thank you Bampton for all that has and still is being done in the parish. Worst case scenario if we have to cancel the night before then so be it. Nick Bull approves the idea of providing locally made refreshments for the day/evening. Simon Fouracres considered we could just film the cheque being handed over.
Cancel the road closure for this year.
Close the car park in order to put up the marquees.
Wait until the beginning of October for final decisions.
- ii. To discuss the possible cancellation of stalls within the church/riverside hall/marquees. These have been cancelled – there is a refund to be made to a stallholder who paid back in March.

John Sims joined the meeting – he has details of a Morris Dance troupe if required.

Rupert White suggested to let it be known that if possible there will be a fair of sorts in the car park. He will phone Devey about the fairground.

Steve Caddy – 2-5 in the afternoon of the 29th October as suggested timings.

Rupert White will cancel the Riverside Hall. Tony Conway will check the details of the required refund.

The next Committee meeting will be held on September 2nd 2020 at 5.00pm.