

BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Town Council

held in the Albert Fowler Room, Riverside Hall, on Tuesday 6th March 2012

Cllr Celia Hicks

8th March 2012

PUBLIC SESSION: Five members of the public attended. Concern was expressed at the nature of the proposed development of eight houses at Ashleigh Park. A further issue of the access footpath was raised. Cllr Moore reaffirmed that the Application had been 'called in' so that it would be heard by the whole of the MDDC Planning Committee. BTC has no knowledge nor expectation of any proposals affecting the footpath.

AGENDA

REPORT FROM MDDC AND DCC COUNCILLORS. Cllr Stanley was pleased to report that over 1000 council properties have already had solar panels installed, the project being on target. Government initiatives to reduce voltages will result in savings for users. By re-mortgaging the Housing Revenue Account MDDC will have a further £1m to spend. Building of new council homes will begin soon.

Minister Eric Pickles is giving a power of competence to Local Councils to decide themselves whether to precede meetings with prayers.

Cllr Polly Colthorpe informed that DCC has made savings of over £20m. The Devon Drivers' Centre at the County Showground trains drivers and retrains offending drivers. It is a salutary fact that motorcycles are 1% of traffic but 25-30% of fatalities. In a report the Devon Flood Management Risk Department feel that they are equipped to deal with any emergency. Also in an interim report Waste Management has included a thirty year strategy. The cost of ensuring utility bodies properly reinstate roads is £1.7m p.a. for DCC.

Item 1. Members present: Cllrs Lucie Moore (Chairman), Celia Hicks, Jo Frost, Kate Millen, Steve Russell, David Simper, Francis Stoner, John Westcott.

Item 2. Apologies: Cllr Hartley, Ann Guilfoyle (clerk)

Item 3. Declarations of interest: Cllr. Jo Frost, Item 6a.

Item 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2012 Approved.

Item 5. Matters arising from these Minutes not covered elsewhere

- a. Heritage Centre. It has been agreed with St Michael and All Angels to set the centre in the church building. Funding will be obtained from Government grant subject to costing. On-going liaison with user groups will be essential.
- b. Web-site. The clerk is investigating various sites. Cllrs are encouraged to do the same. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- c. Traffic survey responses. Steve Leigh (Highways) reports a good response with direct e-mails as well. The intended date of the Public Meeting at the end of February has to be delayed to facilitate analysis and the formation of a presentation. The new date is expected to be in April.
- d. Parking on the corner of Fore Street. The landlord is to be asked to speak to his tenant. If this approach is unsuccessful a formal letter will be sent.
- e. Bins on the pavement at The Hollett Garden. MDDC officer B. Whiting has been asked to take action.
- f. Town Planning Corp. Plan Workshop. This was attended by Cllr Moore. This dealt with aspirations MDDC have with regard to employment, housing, empowering communities etc. Putting aspirations into practice is an on-going problem.
- g. BTC Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7pm. Refreshments will be organised by Cllrs Hartley and Hicks. The First Responder emergency service as well as response to heavy snowfall may be subjects for discussion. It may be that BBC 'Spotlight' will be able to be present.
- h. The Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Similar to the Royal Wedding, BTC will make £50 donations to any street party organised. Flags for Brook Street are to be organised. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Item 6. Planning:

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 12/00201/ FULL- Erection of 8 dwellings at Ashleigh Park. Cllr Frost left the meeting. Cllrs confirmed the outcome of discussion at the Special Meeting of 29th February called urgently to discuss the issues involved. The application has been 'called in' by BTC for resolution by the MDDC Planning Committee owing to a significant level of concern from residents who attended that meeting. Cllrs recognise the inclusion of the development on that site of five houses in the Adopted Development Plan Document but seek assurances on the ability of the infrastructure to support more. It would be preferable for any development to be achieved in one time span rather than in a piecemeal way. This would reduce inconvenience to neighbouring properties.

It is thought the DPD will be reviewed within two years. It is important that the Parish Plan be finalised.

Ref.12/00226/FULL- Erection of replacement outbuildings at 3 Corners Farm. No objection

Ref.12/236/FULL-Erection of extensions-Mellow Mead, Mary Lane. No objection.

Ref. 12/00059/FULL- Formation and alterations to access Mount Pleasant, Tiverton Road. No objection.

Ref. 12/00309/ FULL- Erection of extensions Crossways Cottage, Wonham. Referred to Planning Sub-Committee.

b) Planning decisions

12/00032/FULL- Erection of extension Lower Bowdens Farm Shillingford Approved

11/01677/FULL-Replace extant planning permission (extend time limit) Shillingford Garage. Approved

c) **MDDC Planning Training.** Cllr Frost will attend on 28th March

d) **Proposed Planning development** at New Park, Tiverton Road. Cllrs await a detailed application. If necessary a site visit will be made.

Item 7. Finance.

a) Finance sub-Committee report for February was presented

b) Cheques for payment-as per schedule attached

c) Receipts and Payment for February-as per schedule attached

d) Bank balances HSBC: £13393.27 Scottish Widows: £ 36006.39

Item 8. Reports from Committees and Sub-committees

a) **Riverside Hall.** Cllr Hicks proposed thanks on behalf of the Hall Management Committee to BTC clerk, Ann Guilfoyle, for the financial work she does on behalf of the Hall.

It was thought that no difference would be caused to the use of the car park should a new sand and emergency equipment store be sited at the rear. At this stage MDDC planning officers have no objection in principle. Consideration must be given to the materials used for construction. Due diligence must be given to an existing Wayleave Agreement with Western Power. A Planning Application may be needed.

b) **Millennium Green.** The Sub-committee meets on Wed. 7th March. A final recorded delivery letter to the tenant of the Pump House had had no response. BTC will therefore padlock the old doors, signifying possession. Tenders are to be sought to clear the building. Tree guards (and Harris fencing) stored nearby need to be saved.

c) **Station Road Playground.** Thanks were proposed to Ed Holland for the repair of some of the equipment. A request for help from the school PTA is sought to re-paint the play equipment.

d) **Distribution of Toll Money.** So far four requests have been made. Claims must be in by the 31st March.

e) **Snow Warden's report** is awaited.

f) **Property and Assets sub-committee.** No meeting.

g) **Parish Plan Steering Group.** The Plan questionnaire is being finalised and should be ready for distribution soon. Cllr Moore will enquire.

h) **QE 2 Fields.** BTC decided not to proceed with membership owing to an annual charge (3:4:1)

i) **Floral Bampton.** A wooden bench and three cascade planters are to be moved to other storage. Cllr Hicks has a prepared list of tasks for summer work. (Current balance £593.70). Cllr Moore reported that any initiative to plant wild flower meadows could reduce maintenance costs.

Item 9. Community skip: SATURDAY 31st MARCH in the Station Road Car Park.

Item 10. Publicity. Cllr Simper raised the issue of the need for sufficient notice of special meetings to be given to the community, particularly on planning issues. MDDC time constraints aside misconceptions arise when people feel uninformed. Discussion raised the notions of the greater use of posters, an expanded use of the Newsletter and a possible e-mail service to those interested. Some parishes have a Press Officer. BTC may wish to invite ideas at the Parish Meeting on 24th April.

Item 11. Conference of E. and MD Community Safety Partnership will be held on 3rd April. This is a joint initiative by the Fire Brigade and the Police. No Cllr felt able to attend.

Item 12. Repairs to the 'Hotbed', Luke St. H. Berridge has requested these repairs. It was decided to seek an assessment and to seek tenders for professional work. The garden is now called 'The bees, birds and butterflies bed'.

Item 13. Items to be discussed at next meeting. Nothing additional.

Item 14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7pm in The Albert Fowler Room of Riverside Hall.

Item 15. Circulation File: An e-mail from H. Berridge thanking BTC for the website grant of £100.

Cllr Hicks confirmed her decision to retire at the end of April.

Meeting closed 9.50pm

BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL**RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FEB.2012**

Bal. B/fwd. 15001.02

Receipts

Riverside Hall - Refund (Filmbank)	93.00	
Riverside Hall - Refund (Performing Rights Society)	84.57	
Riverside Hall - Spot on Supplies	120.53	
Riverside Hall - Refund (Filmbank)	79.00	
Riverside Hall - Refund (PHS Group)	163.64	540.74
	<u>540.74</u>	<u>15541.76</u>

Payments

M Morgan (Toilets Jan)	310.00	
Clerks Salary & Expenses (Jan)	585.25	
Spot on Supplies (RH Refund)	144.64	
E Holland (Playground repairs)	80.00	
Performing Rights Society (RH Refund)	101.48	
Audit commission	660.00	
Filmbank (RH Refund)	111.60	
H Berridge (Website Grant)	100.00	
C Fagg (P3 Expenses)	55.52	2148.49
	<u>55.52</u>	<u>2148.49</u>

Balance c/fwd. 13393.27

Bank Balances	HSBC	13393.27
	Scottish Widows	36006.39

Cheques for Payment

678	M Morgan (Toilets Feb)	300.00
679	S W Water (Car Pk Sewage Charge)	25.00
680	S W Water (Parish Church Water)	108.76
681	Daw Refrigeration (RH Refund)	234.00
682	Spot on Supplies (RH Refund)	19.68
683	PHS Group (RH Refund)	196.37
	Filmbank (RH Refund)	94.80
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685	Riverside Hall (Room Hire)	12.50
686	Clerk Salary & Expenses	705.59

KEY

BF	Bampton Fair
RH	Riverside Hall
P3	Footpath Maintenance Fund