

BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Albert Fowler Room,
The Riverside Hall, on Tuesday 7th August, 2012

Ann Guilfoyle, Town Clerk

13 August 2012

23 Members of the public attended to discuss the planning applications in respect of the Wind Turbines at Buckhayes Farm, and housing and employment floorscape at land off Frog Lane. The chairman encouraged those present to make representations to MDDC Planning officers to add strength to Bampton Council's submissions. The cost to Bampton ratepayers of a second councillor election was also discussed. The period allotted to the Public Session was extended to 45 minutes to allow further discussion.

Report from MDDC and DCC Councillors. Further discussion took place regarding the Wind Turbine application. The Devon Advice Network, the "Portas" pilot scheme, statistics in respect of Jobseekers and Mid Devon population were included in information passed on to the Councillors.

MEETING

Item 1 – Members Present – Cllrs. Les Hartley (Chair) Kate Millen, Lucie Moore, Keith Pitt, Steve Russell Francis Stoner, John Wescott. Ann Guilfoyle (clerk)

Item 2 – Apologies – David Simper

Item 3 - To adopt New Code of Conduct and complete Register of Interest forms. It was agreed to adopt the MDDC Code of Conduct. Completed Register of Interest forms should be returned to the Clerk for submission to MDDC.

Agreed

Item 4 – Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July, 2012. Item 8 (i) from "Cllr. Stoner" to "plaque" to be transferred to Item 8 (e)

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Item 5 – Matters arising from these Minutes not covered elsewhere

a) Election of councillor – Polling day 6th September, 2012

b) Repair and regeneration Funding – Cllr. Millen gave a summary of work in progress. A priority list is being compiled.

c) Noticeboards – Cllrs. Moore and Hartley produced examples of availability. Sitings were discussed and possibility of local suppliers will be investigated

d) Dog bins – Various options were discussed. Cllr. Moore will collate list for purchase order.

e) Bampton Primary School – Cllr. Hartley spoke about a Meeting with the headmistress as has Cllr.

Colthorpe. It would appear that the availability of school places is changeable and difficult to predict. The design of the school would enable extra accommodation to be provided if this proved necessary.

It was agreed to put a reminder for parents to submit applications for school places in the BTC Newsletter

f) Heritage– further suggestions should be submitted to the Clerk for inclusion in the MDDC Register

g) Dog Control orders consultation – Cllr. Moore has submitted a reply on behalf of the Council

h) Waste management strategy - Cllr. Hartley has submitted a reply on behalf of the Council

i) Town & Village Character Assessment - Cllr. Moore has submitted a reply on behalf of the Council

It was agreed to ask Paul Williams, MDDC for Road cleaning service.

Item 6 - Planning:

Cllr. Steve Russell tendered his resignation as a Councillor and left the Meeting.

a) Planning Applications

Ref: 12/00823/FULL Erection of 20 Wind Turbines – Buckhayes Farm

Ref: 12/00201/FULL - Erection of 7 dwellings - Ashleigh Park

Ref: 12/01032/MOUT – Outline application to redevelop part of site for 45 houses and employment floorscape – Land off Frog Lane. It was agreed to ask for a delay to allow time for a public meeting

Ref: 12/00961/FULL - Erection of replacement dwelling and garage Sherwood No objections

b) Planning Decisions

Ref: 12/00331/FULL – Construction of fishing lakes, etc. Great Rill Farm, Shillingford - Granted

Ref: 12/00606/FULL – 1 Brook Street Change of use to retail and one flat Granted

Ref: 12/00788/CAC – 7 Castle Street – demolition of wall Granted

Ref: 12/00810/FULL – The Oaks, South Molton Road – Ground and first floor extension Granted

c) Application withdrawn - Ref: 12/00435/FULL New Park, Tiverton Rd. Erection of 2 holiday units

d) Letters from Devonshire Homes – Woodland Close and Bouchier Close developments Noted

e) Consultation on draft Charging Schedule (Community Infrastructure Levy) Passed to P & A Committee

Item 7 – Finance:

a) Finance Sub-committee report was presented by Cllr. Hartley

b) Cheques for payment – schedule attached

c) Receipts and payments for July - schedule attached

d) Bank Balances – HSBC £ 18,510.61 Scottish Widows – £ 36,230.12

e) Consultation on Council payments online - to be considered at the next Meeting

Item 8 – Reports from committees and sub-committees

a) Riverside hall. Letter from D. McCarthy.

b) Millennium Green

(i) Pump House – the survey shows the building to be in poor condition but not dangerous.

It was agreed to discuss what to do with this building at the next Meeting

(ii) Repairs to steps – it was agreed to meet half the cost of this invoice

(iii) Report of Meeting and repair quotes. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Celia Hicks to discuss procedures.

c) Bampton Fair Working Group – Cllr. Moore has submitted the Road Plan and reported that applications for the various stalls are doing well. She will attend the next Safety Advisory Group meeting in Tiverton.

(i) Flag design – It was decided not to proceed with this at present

(ii) Hire of communication system – Cllr. Moore has obtained quotes and will hire 10 phones.

d) Property and Assets sub-committee

i) Station Road Car Park – the resurfacing will be inspected by the Properties & Assets committee

ii) Sand/Grit Store – negotiations are still taking place

iii) Station Road Toilets - Cllr.Hartley reported a meeting with Steve Densham of MDDC regarding refurbishment. No budget is available for this but a deep clean and improvements to lighting has been agreed. It was agreed to inspect the toilets after this work before further decisions are made.

iv) Riverside Hall Terrace – Responsibility for this area was discussed. It was agreed that repairs to flooring and planters and installing seating would be a great improvement to this pleasant area.

e) QEII Recreation Ground

i) Royal Oak Sapling – A common oak sapling will be supplied by Fields in Trust in October

ii) Condition of Football field/use for car parking for Bampton Fair – various methods of improving parking in wet weather were discussed.

iii) Future plan and funding – Cllr. Stoner agreed that a firm plan would need to be produced to secure funding. Cllr. Moore will meet a Playground representative to discuss upgrading the playground area. Strimming and nettle removing has taken place and a basic path made around the motte area to make it accessible. The wooden steps are also being repaired.

iv) QEII Fields advocacy – it was agreed to write an endorsement for the QEII Challenge to support Fields in Trust

f) Playgrounds – Terry Knagg reported that there were no problems in the Ball Park or the Playground

g) Bampton Parish Plan – Cllr. Hartley reported the receipt of the analysis of the questionnaires and a Public Meeting will be held on 20th October to give residents the opportunity to see the results and help Form an Action Plan.

h) Bampton Flood Plan – A report of the recent Meeting will be discussed at the next BTC Meeting

Item 9 – Cleaning of Cobbles and gate in front of New buildings. It was agreed to ask Steve Leigh to open the Gate.

Item 10 – Parking at Newton Court – several complaints about parking have been received. It was agreed to Investigate the possibility of a “No Parking” sign.

Item 11 – Developing local transport links It was agreed to support the partnership project with other local councils to develop local transport links.

Item 12 – Items to be discussed at next Meeting - Viridor report (Haulwaste tip)

Consultation on Payments online

Bampton Floodplan meeting

Item 13 – Date of next meeting – September 4th

Item 14 – Correspondence: Environment Agency letter recommending Bampton has a Flood Plan

Copy of Involve newsletter

Copy of Email letter of resignation from Jo Frost

Copy of letter to head of Planning at MDDC re Wind turbine application and reply thereto

Copy of correspondence with D. McCarthy

Copy of letter from G. Chidwick Copy letter from W. Lunel

Distribution: All members of Bampton Town Council, PCSO Mel Smith, Cllrs. Polly Colthorpe, Ray Stanley, Bampton Post Office, H.Berridge (Bampton Website) Bampton Library, Signpost Magazine, BTC Noticeboards, Bampton, Shillingford and Petton.

BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS JULY 2012

			17619.9	
Balance brought forward				7
Receipts	Riverside Hall Refund (Filmbank)	93.00		
	MDDC (Heritage grant)	1580.00		
	Riverside Hall Refund (Filmbank)	124.25		
	HMRC (VAT refund)	1124.24		
	Cash (Car Park)	253.16	3174.65	
				20794.6
		3174.65		2
Payments	N Carder (Hollett Grass May)	27.00		
	MDDC Rates	76.00		
	MJF Contractors Grass Cutting June	481.75		
	M Morgan Toilets June	300.00		
	Clerk Salary & Expenses June	747.89		
	Riverside Hall room hire	12.50		
	CWC Weed Control (MG refund)	216.00		
	Filmbank (RH Refund)	111.60		
	N Carder (Hollett Grass June)	18.00		
	L Hartley APM Expenses	43.27		
	Bampton Community Event (BF Tolls)	250.00	2284.01	
				18510.6
Balance carried forward				1
		18510.6		
Bank Balances	HSBC		1	
		36230.1		
	Scottish Widows		2	

Cheques for payment

842	HMRC (NI Contributions)	59.72
843	MJF Contractors (Grass July)	525.88
844	Filmbank (RH Refund)	99.60
845	N Carder (Hollett Grass) July	18.00
846	Filmbank (RH Refund)	149.10
847	St. Michaels Community Hall (Hire)	10.00
848	Clerk Salary & Expenses July	590.25
849	Community First (Insurance)	525.15
850	M Morgan (Toilets) July	310.00

Key

RH	Riverside Hall Devon County	MDDC	Mid Devon District Council
DCC	Council	BF	Bampton Fair
APM	Annual Parish Meeting	MG	Millennium Green
