

Notes of the Public Forum. October 16th 2012.

The Bampton Flood Scheme.

Please see Point 'd' in Ongoing Business in the minutes.

Bad Weather Provision.

Reference was made to the need for secure shelter for the gritting machine and salt supplies.

The Millennium Green.

The Committee were reminded of the need to supply accounts to the Charity Commission in November 2012. The PCC, as joint funders of work at the Millennium Green, requested a budget from BTC regarding next year's work so they too can budget for future expense. It was noted that work is required to remove ragwort, further fencing is required and there is rubble to be removed. Future plans hope to include parking for disabled drivers and a barbecue area.

Solar Panels.

It was suggested that BTC create a policy regarding solar (p.v.= photo voltaic) farms in light of the number of planning applications for solar farms in the area. It was agreed that this is a matter for the full council to discuss.

Previous councillors.

Questions were asked regarding the reasons for the resignation of former town councillors. As the Council had not seen the letters of resignation it was unable to comment.

Dog waste bins.

Mr Hartley stated he was in possession of dog waste bins and asked that storage be found for them. A request for one to be sited at the Millennium Green was noted and suggestions are expected as to where to site the remainder.

The Parish Plan.

Judy Thomas gave an update regarding the Parish Plan questionnaire. She considered a healthy response rate of 60% to be very encouraging. The responses had been analysed by the Community Council of Devon and the outcome will be made available to the public at a meeting to be held in Bampton on November 10th. Ms Thomas asked that BTC consider becoming custodians of the resulting action plan and Cllr Brian Smith thought a meeting to discuss this possibility would be worthwhile.

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Town Council
Held on October 16th 2012 at 7.30pm.**

1. Members present were Cllr B. Smith (Acting Chairman) Cllrs Stoner, Pitt and Baker.
Jane Eyre (Acting Town Clerk)
Also in attendance were Mr Rowland De Vey of Anderton and Rowlands Fair and Mr Peter Beckwith, an Independent Safety Officer and Cllr Ray Stanley.

2. Mr Rodney Baker took the Declaration of Acceptance as a Councillor for Bampton Town Council.

3. The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2012 was held in abeyance subject to the further discussion of certain points.

4. Consequently there are, as yet, no matters arising from those minutes.

5. Planning.

Ref 12/01295/FULL 31 Bouchier Close. A site meeting is to be arranged regarding the difficult access onto Morebath Road.

Ref 12/01376/MFUL Solar Farm at Palfreys Barton.

Ref 12/01381/MFUL Solar Farm at Blatchworthy Farm, Stoodleigh. Both applications to be discussed further, with a view to holding a public meeting.

Cllr Stanley observed that BTC will be notified of and consulted on all solar farms in areas adjacent to Bampton due to the number of such applications being made in this area. All applications will also be discussed by the Planning Committee at MDDC.

Ref12/01422/CAT Poplar tree at 4 Newton Court. Cllr Stoner suggested that a site meeting and viewing would be appropriate before a decision was given.

6. Finances.

Invoices paid:

M.Morgan (Toilet cleaning)	£300.00	Chq 101864
SW Tree Fellers (Sign erection)	£174.16	101865
J.Eyre (ActingTown Clerk)	£99.00	101866
MJF Contractors(Grass cutting)	£481.75	101867
Crayston Building	£5944.80	101868
Dulverton Hardware	£44.00	101869
Crystal Clear	£30.00	101870
Just the Job	£18.00	101871
Audit Commission	£660.00	101872
SW Tree Fellers(Sign removal)	£160.00	101873

7. Ongoing business.

a. Half of the road signs were in place with all remaining to be done by 17th October. Cllr Stoner had attended the Mid Devon Safety Advisory Group meeting in Tiverton on 12th October, and further Stewards meeting dealing with communications and the distribution of radios would take place on 22 and 23rd October. Mr Peter Beckwith was willing to attend the fair on a voluntary basis and apply his professional knowledge to create a full assessment and report on safety matters, parking and the movement of vehicles for use in future years. The paperwork and report would require payment but a nominal sum was agreed and his support gratefully accepted. Mr De Vey stated that this was an advisable move and a full risk assessment would be very worthwhile.

The ten-year Lease of Bampton Fair is now due for renewal; and the terms of the Lease were agreed, and it was signed by Brian Smith and Francis Stoner, for Bampton Town Council.

The Scouts and the football club will be welcome to apply for tolls from the fair in 2012 and in the future. All applications will be taken on their merit.

b. Cllr Smith had met with the football club regarding the parking on the football field. It was agreed to supply tracking for the entrance and to create a one way system. This was considered to be a worthwhile investment following the recent wet weather. The tracking will be delivered on Monday 22nd and laid by members of the football club on Tuesday. It was unanimously agreed that the football club would manage the parking on the site.

c. The takings from the collection box on Station Road car park are listed below:
8th September - £401.03 15th September - £61.83 22nd September - £81.30
28th September - £35.86 8th October - £58.41 12th October - £16.79

The amounts collected will be recorded in a book allocated for the purpose.

Both the Chair and Mr Pitt will hold a set of keys to the donation boxes and they are always to be emptied, and their contents counted, in the presence of two Councillors

d. Information was requested regarding the details insurance cover for the volunteers. Mrs Hicks kindly offered to supply a full list of volunteers. Cllr Francis Stoner offered to provide instruction to the volunteers regarding tools and procedures regarding the operation and maintenance of the water-courses. Further supplies of sand and sand bags will be ordered to supplement the stocks following recent bad weather.

e. It was agreed to request motion sensors, from Andy Busby at MDDC, to operate the lights in the Station Road public toilets in time for Bampton Fair. The cleaner is now accessing heavy-duty supplies from MDDC to keep the toilets clean and will visit the stores to ascertain what is available for future use. She will also be provided with a new contract of employment. The doors in the building are to be painted white with an anti-graffitti coating also applied.

f. The delivery of fifty roof tiles is expected imminently for the repair of the Pump House roof. Local builders are to be asked to supply quotes to carry out the work. Cllr Pitt offered to visit Mr Hartley to measure up the size of the gritting machine and to remove the dog waste bins for storage.

8. Correspondence.

A letter had been received from Mr David Smith regarding the state of the road surface from Bampton towards Shillingford. Mr Smith had forwarded a copy of his letter to Steve Leigh of the Highways Dept at Devon County Council. A reply acknowledging his concerns will be sent.

9. The advertisement and job description for the position of Clerk to Bampton Town Council will be agreed when a full council is convened. It was agreed to maintain an acting Town Clerk until that time.

10. Any other business.

An objection had been submitted by BTC regarding the proposed Morebath Road development.

The Highways Dept at DCC are to be asked to supply signage to warn of queueing traffic before Castle Grove on the Shillingford Road approach following a recent incident.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm.

Jane Eyre. Acting Town Clerk.