

Minutes of the AGM of Bampton Town Council Held on May 7th.

1. As the minutes of the previous year's meeting had been incorporated into the minutes of the Town Council meeting it was suggested that they may have been signed off at their next meeting. However, as there was no-one present who had attended that meeting Cllr Polly Colthorpe suggested that it should be possible to ask for a notional agreement from the previous Chairman for the minutes of the AGM 2012. This would allow the matter to be taken forward to next year for conclusion. Proposed by Cllr Tanner and seconded by Cllr Pope.

2. In attendance were Cllrs Brian Smith, Francis Stoner, Edward Tanner, Jean Pope, William Weston, Rodney Baker and Keith Pitt. Cllr Polly Colthorpe was also present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Ward and Gilmour.

3. Chairman's Report. Cllr Smith said that Bampton now has a full council again after a fairly torrid start due to the lack of information and records, but all is now going well. Good in-roads have been made into a variety of issues with many still to address. Due to the extensive support that has been received we hope to go forward in a positive fashion. Many thanks go to all those involved. The snow and ice team made a particularly effective start and many compliments were received in respect of their work. Bampton now maintains a full stock of sandbags and thanks to Cllr Pitt for his efforts there. The Pump House is now fully restored and has become an asset to the town. The Chairman concluded his report with the hope that the good progress continues.

4. The Treasurer's Report. The expenses for the last year were as follows:
Income £50,781.59 Outgoings £49,537.79 Balance £ 1,243.80

Cllr Baker noted that the repairs to the Station Road Car Park wall and the elections had proved very costly.

The balances in the two accounts are HSBC £23,565.80
and in Scottish Widows £36,457.22.

Cllr Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Baker for all his work, seconded by Cllr Tanner. The accounts will now go to the auditors.

5. Brian Smith was proposed by Edward Tanner to carry on as Chairman, seconded by Rodney Baker and carried unanimously.

Edward Tanner was proposed as Deputy Chairman by Jean Pope, seconded by Rodney Baker and carried unanimously.

Rodney Baker was proposed as Treasurer by Edward Tanner, seconded by Jean Pope and carried unanimously.

6. The council was informed that following interviews in April Jane Eyre had been offered the post of town clerk. She was thanked for stepping in to support the council during its transitional time.

As there was no further business the AGM closed at 19.21pm with thanks to all who attended from the Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Tuesday May 7th 2013.

1. In attendance were Cllrs Brian Smith (Chairman) Edward Tanner (Deputy Chairman) Rodney Baker (Treasurer) Jean Pope, Keith Pitt, Francis Stoner, William Weston with apologies received from Rachel Gilmour and Jack Ward. Also attending were Cllr Polly Colthorpe, Cllr Ray Stanley.

2. An amendment was required on Item 7 of the minutes of the previous meeting from Mrs Brooks regarding there being no cover by the Flood Group over Christmas. Although Mrs Brooks was present it appears her name was not on the volunteer list owned by BTC. The Chair offered his apologies regarding the misunderstanding.

3.(i) It was agreed to circulate a full list of current Flood Group volunteers.
(ii) Some parts of the council pages on the town website needed editing as they are now out of date. The names and contact details of the town councillors will also be added to the site.

4. Cllr Colthorpe reported that she had been re-elected to and Mid-Devon District council. There had not been a great deal of normal business at either council due to the elections. She did inform the meeting that the Local Plan 3 had been reissued and there were amendments to the part relating to Scott's development and comments or observations should be made to MDCC.

Cllr Stanley informed the meeting that £200,000 had been awarded to MDCC by central government to employ two officers to work on the problem of benefit fraud. With changes to the benefit system now in place a rise in non-payment of rent and council tax was expected which was likely to cause economic difficulties for many local authorities. All new council tenants will have an initial contract of one year followed by a five year contract. This is intended to offer greater flexibility with the housing stock.

5. Finance.

April payments made:

D/d MDCC Rates on the toilets	£35.16
D/d MDCC Rates on the car park	£ 48.00
1713 J.Eyre Acting town clerk	£ 263.00
1714 M.Morgan Toilets	£ 310.00
1715 MJF Contractors Grass cutting	£ 209.36
1716 South West Water	£ 141.30
1717 RGB building supplies Pump House	£141.80
1718 A.Hugo Pump House	£ 910.00
1719 E.Blake Pump House	£1,910.60
1862 DCC Signage (5/9/12)	£ 70.00

April receipts.	
MDDC Precept	£17,740.52
Car parks	£132.00
MDDC Allotment repayment	£20.00
SW Power Way leave	£4.64

Bank statements @ 30th April 2013 HSBC £ 23,565.80
 Scottish Widows £ 36,457.72

6. Planning.

(i). A copy of a letter from Neil Parish regarding the planning permission at Ashleigh Park had been received. The matter was discussed under item 7c.

(ii) A notice giving outline planning consent for further development at School Close had been received. The consent was given providing various conditions were adhered to which included access arrangements. It was felt that the current development at School Close was still causing problems as vehicles were still moving when children were arriving at and leaving school and vehicles were still parking on the pavements. An access road to the site and dedicated car parking would alleviate the situation and that no action should be taken on the new site until West Street is sorted out. Cllr Stanley believed that a technical start had been made on the new site although no notice of full planning had been issued and that matters regarding access were one of the conditions of planning consent. It was agreed that the site will be monitored and a letter be sent to DCC regarding the access to the sites.

(iii) An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the refusal to allow a further eighteen dwellings and six industrial units at Scott's Business Park. It was agreed to send a representation against this refusal being overturned.

(iv) 13/00144/LBC White Horse Skittle Room. Demolition of external staircase. Agreement proposed by Cllr Pope seconded by Cllr Baker, Cllr Pitt objected.

7. Ongoing business.

a & b. The Millennium Green and the Pump House. Discussion regarding further essential works included proposals to complete the road by the Lime Kilns and agreement that this work should be put to tender. It was agreed to use scalplings as these should prove less costly than the original quote. A full specification for the site would be required. Any earth removed during this work could be used towards the creation of the mountain bike track and the possibility of a grant from the church towards this was also discussed, as was the fencing of the stream to create a safer access.

A quote from EDF to reinstate the electricity supply to the Pump House and a further quote to rewire and to install security cameras are to be requested. Cllr Pitt to deal with this. Cllr Smith agreed to get quotes for the price of steel doors and security windows to complete the work.

A site meeting will take place on Tuesday 14/5/13 to agree the list of works. The council were happy for Tony Weiss to continue to carry out any work to make safe trees around the site. No work on the hedgerows is to commence before July 1st in any year.

A further suggestion to use sheep to keep the Millennium Green trimmed was proposed by Cllr Tanner and seconded by Cllr Stoner.

c. Ashleigh Park. The letter received from Neil Parish MP asked for an investigation into the reasons planning permission was allowed on this site. The council agreed that a letter should be sent by BTC which also asked for the matter to be investigated and giving consideration to the concerns raised by the residents.

d. Cllrs Stoner and Pope will attend the first meeting, being held on 15/5/13, regarding this year's Bampton Fair on behalf of the town council.

e. The swings on the top park next to the Castle Mound need replacing, quotes to be requested by the Clerk. The lease on the play park at Shillingford is up for review, a meeting will be arranged on site between Steve Densham of MDDC and Cllrs Smith and Tanner to discuss. There will also be consultation with the residents of Shillingford.

Information will also be requested of MDDC as to who pays for rubbish bins on the Recreation Ground to be emptied. A new bin is required at this site. A quote will also be requested for a sign asking that dogs be kept on leads and the Dog Warden will also be asked to supply 'Clear up after your dog' signs. The football team are having to spend a great deal of time on the unpleasant task of clearing the site prior to matches taking place. As there is a dog waste bin at the gate and the traditional dog walking field next door the use of the Recreation Field for dog walking was thought to be inappropriate. Both the Football club and the Bampton School PTA intend to hold fetes on the recreation Field this year and these initiatives were welcomed by the town council.

The town council will subscribe to the National Playing fields Association; proposed by Cllr Stoner and seconded by Cllr Pitt.

f. A donation of £720 was made to Bampton in Bloom with VAT to be reclaimed by BTC as in previous years.

The grant to the PCC for the upkeep of the churchyard was agreed at £300. It was noted that no grant from MDDC was available this year for this purpose.

g. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Riverside Hall at 7pm on Monday 20th May 2013. Several requests have been made by local groups to have information stands or make presentations. Cllr Stanley intends to extend an invitation to the Mid Devon Housing Service. Members of the public are also invited to attend.

h. A full discussion regarding the response to the revised Local Plan 3 will take place at the next meeting.

8. The Highways Department will be contacted regarding progress on plans for a new crossing on Newton Square; the state of the road surface after Castle Grove towards Shillingford and the uneven pavements and slippery drain covers which are presenting hazards to pedestrians.

A happy thank you had been received by BTC from Elsie Milne, on receipt of the bouquet to celebrate her 100th birthday.

The next meeting of Bampton Town Council will take place on Tuesday June 4th at 7.30pm in the Albert Fowler Room.

This meeting will be preceded by the Public Forum commencing at 7pm.