

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Town Council
Held on Tuesday July 8th 2014
In the Albert Fowler Room, Bampton.**

Janet Crabtree announced that she would speak regarding the proposed closure of Bampton library. Cllr Tanner declared an interest and left the room. Miss Crabtree believes that the loss of the library would be of detriment to the community, especially to elderly and disabled people. The loss of a considerate and knowledgeable librarian was also to be taken into account. Miss Crabtree proposed to deliver a questionnaire to all households to determine whether volunteers could staff the library in future and whether an extended library service offering more services would be used by the residents. She suggested that larger premises would be appropriate for this and suggested the former Peregrine Café. Both capital and revenue funding would be required with local charities to be approached. BTC were asked to fund the proposed questionnaire.

Amy Tregellas, the Monitoring Officer for Mid Devon District Council, informed the meeting that DCC would be holding a community based project forum at County Hall on Friday 18th July and suggested that it may be useful for someone from Bampton to attend. Also to check the community asset list to establish the status of Bampton library.

Mrs Hicks spoke regarding the plans for a solar factory at Bowdens Lane Shillingford on two points; the access is a single-track lane bounded by ancient hedgerows so any work should be carried out in Winter. Also would councillors consider making a site visit?

Katrina Munroe had received a report regarding the lack of benches along the riverside terrace. Would the council consider funding a second bench? Mrs Hicks commented that benches situated there had been broken and thrown into the river and any new bench would therefore need to be fixed to the ground.

Katrina Munroe also informed the meeting that the numerous brown signs ordered to advertise the Heritage Centre would be fixed around the town in late Summer. The residents of Mary Lane are to be asked for their permission to fix a sign to a house wall, no other option being available.

Mrs Lunell informed the meeting that surveying had been taking place on the site situated on the corner of Morebath Road and Frog Lane (as referred to in earlier plans). A planning application may be expected before Bampton is accorded village status.

The Public forum ended at this point.

Cllr Smith proposed a motion that the press and public be excluded for the Part Two Agenda, in accordance with Public Bodies (Administration to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 sections 100 and 103 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. All councillors voted in favour and the public left the room.

The Public Meeting of Bampton Town Council commenced at 8.40pm.

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Colthorpe, Stanley and Stoner.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.
4. Matters arising. Cllr Smith felt that there should be a separate committee to look at planning matters with the final decision still made by the council Cllrs Tanner, Pope, Smith and Baker wished to become the planning committee, all voted in favour except Councillor Gilmour. Cllr Pitt was absent from the vote.
5. In the absence of Cllrs Stanley and Colthorpe there were no reports.
6. Finance.

June Receipts

As of June 22nd 2014 there were none.

Cheques not presented at 22nd June 2014

7 th Jan	101915	HMRC	2.56
3 rd June	101574	Riverside Hall	10.00
3 rd June	101976	Community First	824.69

July Payments Due.

MDDC D/D Bridge Terrace Old toilets	32.28
MDDC D/D Tolls of fairs	48.00
J.Eyre Clerk's salary	672.48
MJF contractors Grass cutting	418.72
M.Morgan Toilet cleaning	300.00
Filmbank Distributors Riverside Hall film	116.40
SLCC Manual and binder	53.50
Just the job Grass cutting Hollett Garden	30.00
Riverside Hall Annual Parish meeting	20.00
HMRC Tax & NICs	4.07
Filmbank Distributors Riverside Hall Film	116.40
DALC Clerk's course	30.00
Clerk's expenses June and July	34.65

Bank statements @ 22nd June 2014

Scottish Widows £41770.17 cr Scottish Widows £36,710.40

Car parks. (This amount collected and not yet banked)

June 2014 £415.32 giving a running total of £1,013.32

7. Planning.

Ref: 14/00903/MFUL Solar factory at Shillingford.

A well-attended meeting took place at Shillingford regarding this application and all those present objected to the development apart from those who attended with the landowner. Cllr Smith presented a report to the meeting that had been created by representative councilors of BTC. Cllr Tanner suggested that this be sent to MDDC with a covering letter from BTC. Cllr Smith agreed to action this.

Cllr Gilmour left the meeting.

Ref; 14/00929/FULL Duvale Barton. Retention of kitchen in games room.

Cllr Tanner proposed that the proposal be supported, seconded by Cllr Baker. No objections.

Ref:14/01016/CAT Intention to fell four trees at Autumn Cottage 46A Brook Street. Councillors Smith and Tanner to make site visit on 9/7/14 at 10am.

8. Ongoing business.

a. Moutray Read Memorial stone. This could not be discussed due to the absence of Cllr Stoner.

b. Anyone wishing to hire the marquees should apply to the clerk in the first instance. The marquees will be available for use within the Bampton, Petton and Shillingford areas. The application will require the names of at least two people designated to collect, erect and dismantle the marquees and copies of the relevant insurance documents will be taken.

c. Cllr Pope offered to be the designated officer for the CCTV cameras at the Pump House and registered as such at MDDC.

d. There is now a proposal for a small market on Bampton Open Day. Cllr Pope informed the meeting that no permission from Highways would be required as the stalls would be on the pavement, that all traders would have their own licenses and that the organisers, Bampton Business Group, have secured insurance for the event.

e. The meeting was advised that the Declaration of Interests now included the interests of the spouses of councilors too. New forms to be provided.

f. Three councilors are now qualified to deal with the signage for the fair. Ken White Signs are to be asked to supply new signs and to update the existing signs. DCC are to be asked to supply the brackets. A maximum of £500 to be made available by BTC to cover these costs. Cllr Tanner proposed and Cllr Pope seconded with all in favour.

g. The council was shocked to realise the speed with which residential care homes are to be closed by DCC. There are still petitions circulating to try and stop this happening. Cllr Pope had been unable to find any accounts on the DCC website relating to the running costs of the residential homes to be closed. With regard to Barnhaven, the loss of that facility itself and the support it offers to the local community through day care and other services as well as the loss of jobs was of great concern to the council. The possibility of drawing down funding from rural enterprise initiatives, available from both government and the charitable sector, was discussed as a possible way of creating a future for Barnhaven. Cllr Pope and the clerk to look into this.

h. Cllr Pope reported that the walkway to Scott's had been strimmed. The Lengthsman may have done this but if not 'Thank you very much!' to whoever took the trouble. Strimming has also been done at Shillingford but unfortunately not on the walkways between the houses. Cllr Pitt thought this may have been MDDC.

i. Bampton's pavements have become very uneven causing injuries and complaints. Steve Leigh at DCC Highways to be asked to survey.

j. A suitable picnic table has been found for the Millennium Green with a cost of £395 plus VAT. Cllr Tanner proposed the purchase and Cllr Pope seconded with all agreed.

k. As the bottle bank was not being emptied regularly Cllr Pope requested the direct phone number and can now phone when they are full.

l. Further information to be requested of Steve Densham at MDDC as to what is happening at Shillingford Play Park. The invoices to BTC regarding the

legal work for the licence keep increasing without any conclusion being reached and the park requires maintenance work.

Correspondence.

Bruce Benton wrote on behalf of the Bampton Twinning Association with thanks for the grant from the Bampton Fair Tolls. The money had been spent on a direction sign, which was given as a gift to Villiers-Bocage to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the signing of the charter between the towns.

Mrs Trish Barum wrote to request a grant for funding towards the refurbishment of St Michael's Community Hall. To be discussed at the next meeting as an agenda item.

The meeting ended at 10.20pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th August 2014.