

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Riverside Hall, Bampton, 6pm on Thursday 30th April 2015.

Present: Cllr. Pope, (chairman), Cllr. Stoner, Cllr. Baker, Cllr. Tanner, Cllr. Weston, Mrs. Penny Clapham, (clerk), 2 members of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. North.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Mid Devon District Council within 28 days of the change. None

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting. None

PLANNING:

4) Planning Applications - Mid Devon District Council has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following planning applications:

a) 15/00462/FUL Proposed erection of first floor extension, Crossways Cottage, Bampton (moved from meeting held on 22nd April) Cllr. Tanner declared an interest in this agenda item.
NO OBJECTION

b) 15/00391/MOUT Proposed outline for the erection of between 15 and 20 dwellings and up to 2500 sq.m floor space including landscaping, parking and provision of vehicular access from the B3190, Bouchier Close.
OBJECTION - SEE ATTACHED REPORT

c) Any new applications which need Urgent attention.
15/00591/FUL Proposed erection of a detached garage, 33 Ashleigh Park, Bampton
1 objection, 1 abstention, 3 in favour. Motion carried. NO OBJECTION

d) 15/00617/FUL Proposed erection of a dwelling, r/o 14 Brook Street, Bampton.
OBJECTION

This proposal is within the Bampton Conservation Area, on garden ground at the far end of what is known as a burgage plot. This will change the character of the town within this area, be intrusive on neighbouring properties and add more strain to the already over-loaded sewage system. Access to the site is poor.

PART 2:

a) Council updated on current issues. Discussion ensued regarding council owned property. Cllrs. voted by show of hands to support Cllr. Pope on the current course of action being taken.

Planning application 15/00391/MOUT - Bouchier Close

Bampton Town Council strongly object to this planning application for the following reasons:-

- This site is to be deleted from the proposed Local Plan, as Bampton has been classified as a village and is now only required to take developments commensurate with its own needs.
- This site has poor access from both the B3227 and the B3190. Roads are narrow and steep, there are no pavements and no room to put pavements in, the area is poorly lit at night.
- The current sewage system is already over-loaded.
- The site is steep and the proposed arrangements to deal with drainage and run-off water are inadequate and likely to cause flooding lower down in the town itself.
- Bampton school and the surrounding schools are over-subscribed already.
- There is no need for more employment land as there is plenty currently available in Bampton at the present time.
- There is considerable local feeling against this proposal, as there was at the previous application in 2012.
- There should be a condition imposed on this site whereby a developer is required to indemnify Bampton residents for flood damage attributable to any future activity on this site.