

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th November 2018, 7pm in the LARC building, Bampton.

Present:- Cllr. Hicks (Chairman); Cllr. Edwards; Cllr. Baker; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. C. Mares; Cllr. A. Mares; Cllr. Leach; Cllr. Tanner; County Cllr. Colthorpe; District Cllr. Stanley; 9 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: District Cllr. Moore.

Jeff Gregory tendered his resignation as a councillor for Bampton. This has been accepted.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required 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 declared.

2) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting. Representations can be made from our County Councillor, District Councillor and Community Police Officer. **The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order 3 (c,d,e,f) refers.**

Andy MacDonald representing a group of residents in Castle Street, read a report regarding the proposed 'no waiting' area for Castle Street. The residents group are against having this area yellow lined.

Cllr. Hicks stated that her submission to Highways was not on behalf of the Council but as a private individual.

A parishioner declared she was the oldest resident in Castle Street. The street used to be the main highway to Exmoor, and in summer cars had to be removed between 9 and 5.30pm. This meant an increase in speeding traffic. She objected to any yellow lines because parked cars parked act as traffic calming.

The decision for Castle Street has been deferred until there is a meeting between Highways, Council and Residents.

Lucy Bull stated that the traffic has become worse in Castle Street, very dangerous for young children and elderly people. Feels that traffic calming should be put in sooner rather than later.

Parishioner who is a trained nurse living in Castle Street, declined becoming a first responder as she could not guarantee being able to park.

Parishioner considers Council should take pro-active measures. Council have a duty to the people of Bampton. Considers that parking in the main car park has been reduced – more houses have been created, needing more resources.

Cllr. Edwards responded – additional housing; Mid Devon is the planning authority. Castle Street: Council are consultees, and this issue was presented to Council with short notice. This debate has opened up further issues of traffic coming through Bampton. All could work together to put proposals to the Highways Authority.

Norman Russell, resident of Castle Street, declared the street is not classified as an arterial road. Residents met being concerned about the proposal to put in more parking restrictions in Castle Street. Residents

offered to host an onsite meeting with Bampton Council; this did not take place as no replies were received on the matter apart from Cllr. Edwards who was away on holiday. Residents and business owners in the Street feel that there has been no consultation with them on this matter. Question posed "Was any councillor instrumental in requesting these proposed yellow lines?" Chairman replied "No".

County Cllr. Colthorpe attended the committee when this proposal came up, from Devon Highways. She proposed a deferral for a site inspection to look at the precise site before any decision was made. Felt a degree of representation from Town Council, the Objectors, herself and Highways at the site inspection to be comprised of 2 councillors 2 objectors 2 highways and herself. Suggested dates will be circulated. Cllr. C. Mares, and Cllr. Tanner will represent Bampton Council.

Lucy Bull requests that Council promote the Five Year Plan Consultation on the 23rd November, throughout the town.

Mrs. Fagg expressed her disappointment at having to leave the previous meeting without participation in discussing the proposed definitive map of footpaths..

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – read by the Chairman and attached to these minutes.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

District Cllr. Stanley reported that Mid Devon Council still need to make savings in the next budget. Junction 27 plans are going forward. Clearing of rubbish on roadways twice a year. A public debate on Brexit to be held in January, date to be advised. Consultation on S106 monies now has to be quite specific. Appropriate schemes will be considered. Chairman requested clarification regarding the removal of 4 litter bins from Bampton. Bins are being replaced. Cllr. Stanley will look into the bin situation.

County Cllr. Colthorpe – please complete the gritting and traffic survey recently circulated. Public consultation on school admission and transport being circulated. Tiverton special school consultations. 30th November is Carers Rights Day with a drop in session scheduled at Phoenix House.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 2018. The minutes of the 3rd October were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Old Store/Lock Up – to consider improvements to the exterior of the store (budget). Map circulated to all prior to the meeting. Cllr. Edwards observed it is an important point in the town, and to prepare a schedule of needs and put out for quotations. Cllr. Hicks – considered the store could be enlarged. December agenda for further discussion.

8) Bampton Fair - Short report from the Clerk on the 760th Charter Fair. Circulated by the Clerk prior to this meeting. Cllr. Tanner brought a card from children who attended the circus skills workshop on the day after the Fair. Mention was made of the price of the rides at the fairground being on the high side, probably contributing to less attendance. A meeting of the Working Group was held in the afternoon of the 7th to discuss the Fair and to note items needing attention in 2019.

9) Five Year Plan – Cllr. Edwards to update Council on progress. Posters are being designed and will be up soon. Open day is 23rd November.

10) PLANNING:

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

- a) 18/01440/HOUSE & 01441/LBC Conversion of outbuilding and erection of extension to form art and textile studio, Castle House, Castle St., Bampton.
SUPPORTED
- b) 18/01667/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension, Wonham Barton Cottage, Bampton.
NO COMMENT
- c) 18/01678/FULL Erection of agricultural building for storing livestock manure, Quartieri Farm, Shillingford.
SUPPORTED

Planning Decisions:

- a. 18/01293/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension, Copperleigh, Bampton.
GRANTED
- b. 18/01120/FULL Change of use from residential to B1 business, 24 Fore St., Bampton
GRANTED
- c. 18/01335/FULL Erection of a covering over existing yard are, Waterhouse Farm, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- d. 18/01360/TPO reduce crown of 1 yew tree protected by TPO, 15 Newton Square, Bampton
GRANTED
- e. 18/01188/FULL Erection of a covered yard, Parsonage Farm, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- f. 18/01388/LBC Erection of 2 composting toilets and store, Court Grove, Brook Street, Bampton.
GRANTED

10a) Appeal notification

ENF17/00160/COU Appeal against enforcement notice on land NGR 300441 125017 lying north of Petton Cross, Shillingford. Noted.

10b) Appeals Decision

3201581: Frog Street – appeal dismissed. Report circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. Noted.

11) FINANCE:

Expenditure:

EDF Energy	£8.00	DD
Fair Rates	£57.00	DD
Old Store rates	£32.00	DD
Toilets rates	£363.39	DD
PFG Fabrication – install benches	£120.00	BACs
W of E Fire Protection	£30.00	BACs
Employment October	£527.95	BACs
P. Clapham – Jean’s Seat plaque	£75.00	BACs
Viking – toilet rolls	£86.33	BACs
Exmoor Luxury Loos – Fair	£302.40	BACs
P. Clapham – poppy wreath	£34.00	BACs
Contact Radio – Fair	£183.60	BACs
Clerk overnight stay – Fair	£110.00	BACs
DALC conference x 2 delegates	£50.00	BACs
Five Star Security Services x 2 safes	£312.00	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans inc. Fair	£560.00	BACs
J. Caunter handyperson work October	£80.00	BACs
Clerk October expenses inc. Fair	£384.99	BACs
C. Hicks end of Fair party expenses	£275.42	BACs
LARCS hire for party	£10.00	BACs

Four Seasons Tree Services £479.99 BACs

Income: Second half precept recd. £28,140.50
Interest on deposit account £53.45
Stallholder income. October £1,055

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: Reconciliation and bank statement circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all in favour by show of hands.

12) Banking -

- i. Council to agree to pay Fair invoices as they come in – they will be listed on December accounts as ‘paid’. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Leach, all in favour.
- ii. To agree a debit card on the Council current account for use by the Clerk with an agreed limit. Proposed by Cllr. Hicks, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Christmas in Bampton – update from Lucy Bull.

Good centre point for the tree to be on the Stage. Arranging sponsorship for the tree. The lights need to be replaced, mains led cost approx. £70. Negotiated a supply of electricity for the tree for this year, Clerk to consult insurers on this matter. Mini trees for the town are being delivered on the 25/26th November. Approached by a resident in Brook Street, suggesting Council consider purchasing some snowflake projectors. Resolved to purchase replacement tree lights, proposed by Cllr. C. Mares, Cllr. Leach seconded, all agreed by show of hands.

Resolved to purchase snowflake projectors to the value of £100.00, proposed by Cllr. C. Mares, seconded by Cllr. Edwards, all in favour by show of hands. PTFA Christmas shopping evening is on 3rd December.

14) Open Spaces –

- a) Community Payback not contacted as yet about clearance of brambles on the Motte. Jeff Gregory was going to advise Council at this meeting. Council agreed a way forward, to either use own contractor or Piers Jones and have the work done during the winter. Cllr. Leach to action.
- b) Clearance of fencing at the recreation field – no objections by English Heritage.
- c) Plaque for ‘Jean’s seat’ to be installed. Purchase of replacement plaques for the removed benches at the war memorial to be actioned. ‘Reg Kingdom’ original plaque is bent. A similar one replacement to be purchased. Cllr. Hicks to check with the family on the style.
- d) Car park signage – Cllr. A. Mares considers the wording needs to be updated and proposed new reflective signs be commissioned. Seconded by Cllr. Leach, black lettering on white background, all in favour by show of hands.

15) Clerk’s report

- i. The freedom of information request received in September has been answered within the allowed time.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

Public Consultation to take Bampton forward to be held on Friday 23rd November at the Community Hall, from 10am to 7.30pm. Refreshments available.

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.00pm in the LARC Building.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Position.....

Email circulations during the past month

Citizens Advice training information
Recycle Devon thank you awards information
DALC October news
Connecting Devon & Somerset survey

Connect Me Devon
NALC News
Further NALC news

BTC Chairman's report for November 2018.

As noted on the Agenda, regrettably Cllr Jeff Gregory has resigned from Council. I would like officially to thank him for the time and effort he has put into Council deliberations in the last two and a half years. He obtained the seating at the Riverside Walk, has been very proactive in the preservation of the Motte and Bailey site and gave his invaluable advice in getting the defibrillator installed for the people of Bampton.

Poppies : Unbeknown to the Town Council there was no appointee for Poppy sales this year. Next year I hope to be involved. Anyone else interested please get in touch. Our fitting tribute to the Fallen has been to install the replacement seating at the War Memorial. On November 11th we meet as usual, in spite of predicted light showers, at the Memorial for the service at 10.50am. That service will be taken by Rev. Jane Wilson. For this special Centenary year a Town Crier will be involved and the Service to follow in St Michael's will take a collection for the Royal British Legion.

The Charter Fair: Our thanks are due to all the volunteers who helped to make Fair Day a memorable one and to those whose normal routine had to be altered. For once we were blessed with a cold but fine day and had no need to be anxious about the field parking. The Scouts and Football Club benefitted in full and no business paid to remain open. Rotary members, so ably lead by Alan Woolley, worked to erect and dismantle the marquees in the Riverside Car Park and many members helped with stewarding. Our Charter Fair dating from 1258 is unique and the for the continuation of it here is a great need for younger people to help with this work even for a short time.

The MDDC licensing officer attended to ensure all drinking was within the various premises and the Police stall was reinforced by the appearance of two burly PCSO's from lunchtime. I welcomed them with open arms!

The stalls, now efficiently organised by our clerk in her new role were many and varied and the 760th event was crowned by musical performances by the Four Daft Monkeys, the Rev Kev and his Bottle-top Boogie Band along with The Worzels to a packed and appreciative audience in the big top at the Recreation ground. People seem to have had the opportunity to have a very good day.