

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 6th November 2019, 7pm in the LARC building, Bampton.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. White; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. Sims; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Weston; Penny Clapham (Clerk) 6 members of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Stanley. Cllr. Moore. Cllr. Colthorpe. Cllr. Mc Henry

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.

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order 3 (e,f.) refers.

A reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Tim Williams updated Council on the Viridor stage one application, currently being completed and will be sent in as soon as possible. Council thanked the working group..

Judy Thomas regarding the youth group. Judy reminded the Council that part of the original bid for the LARC building was make available a place for young people to gather. The youth group has been running for almost two years. Numbers have now tailed off significantly, and following a re-think linked to the sparse leadership resources, decisions have been made that this space is not really suitable – the group has been suspended for the winter months with a view to re-start in the spring with a different format. This could include outdoor activities such as pony trekking, canoeing, meeting indoors perhaps once a month. Further consultation as much as possible with the young people and their parents is to take place. Both Judy and her colleague Colin Williams were thanked for their time and input.

Joan Fagg, introduced herself as the P3 assistant footpath warden. Stated that the planning application regarding Lower Rill Farm could affect the footpath and the trees. There could be problems with the ash trees on/near the property, possibly due to ash die-back. Also mentioned the possibility of planting more trees within the parish. Commented on the footpath review currently in the hands of Devon County Council. Asked Council to consider someone to shadow the footpath warden sometime in the future.

4) Resilience Scheme/Floods/Snow wardens – Council to progress on this scheme.

- To consider who should attend the resilience meeting in November. Cllr. Fouracres.
- To consider if the flood/snow warden position should be paid. Some discussion took place with no decision being made at this meeting.
- There is a need for an overall flood co-ordinator. Clerk will write letters to those within flood risk areas to ask for their support. Cllr. L. Bull will meet with Charlie Beedon to further progress these issues.

4a) Road warden scheme – to assess the benefits of this scheme.

Cllr. Fouracres reported on his attendance to the Highways Conference, and the information received on this and the snow warden scheme. For further discussion at a future meeting.

5) Toilets:

- a) Doors all repaired.
- b) Temporary toilet cleaner required whilst Janice recovers from medical procedure. Mid November until February 2020. Now not required until mid to end of January.

6) Chairman's Report (for information only)

Meetings attended: DCC Highways Conference - Kenn
ARISS contact Bampton School

Bampton in Bloom presentation evening
British Legion Coffee morning
White Horse installation
DALC AGM & Conference
Bampton Fair

7) County & District Councillor reports: Cllr. Moore pressing for answers from Mid Devon around the issues surrounding Ashleigh Park. No answers as yet.

8) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

9) Action Challenge 2020 – letter of understanding received. Council agreed the letter of understanding as it stands. Clerk to action.

10) Report on ARISS from Cllr. N. Bull. (Amateur Radio International Space Station) £1,000 has been received from County Cllr. Colthorpe's Locality Budget towards installation costs of necessary WiFi equipment. Council advised of the balance outstanding as £345.73 so previously agreed payment can now be made.

The ARISS project was very successful: Cllr. Bull showed a short video of the event. This event was broadcast live all over the world.

Thanks received from the ARISS team, who are all volunteers, for the hospitality shown to them on the 8th October. Cllr. N. Bull thanked by the Council for all his time in setting up this wonderful event.

11) Bampton Charter Fair – Clerk as organiser of the street market gave a brief update on the 2019 Fair. The meeting held this afternoon hosted by Cllr. Rupert White has produced plenty of ideas for future fairs. Council thanked Tony Weiss and Ashley Mares for putting out and collecting in, all the various road signs and the cones.

12) Open Spaces

- a) Roundabout for junior play area. To action one of 3 quotations for installation of the roundabout. To agree site position. Council resolved on the quote from Playdale at estimated cost of £10,423 + VAT subject to a site survey. All agreed by show of hands.
- b) Motte and Bailey update. Received during public discussion time.
- c) Sluice gate on the Shuttern Brook – to consider actions required to enable the gate to be fully opened and fully closed. Cllrs. Bull are to get a quote for this work.

13) Christmas – socket installed on the lighting pole. Updates to be received from Cllr. L. Bull. The tree is to go in on the 1st December. The lights to be checked by an electrician before installation. Council resolved to spend £200 on brackets for some more small trees, and solar lights.

14) PLANNING:

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

- a) 19/01714/FULL Erection of a new single storey lodge to provide house manager's accommodation and garden (revised scheme), The Exeter Inn, Bampton.
Supported
 - b) 19/01768/FULL Conversion of redundant farm building to a dwelling with associated works following demolition of existing masonry extensions, pole barn and dutch barn, Lower Rill, Shillingford. Also 01771/LBC for the above
 - c) 19/01804/FULL Erection of a replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill Farm, Shillingford.
 - d) 19/01827/CAT Notification of intention to fell 1 lawson cypress in conservation area, 18 Brook St., Bampton
 - e) 19/01854 & 01855 Conversion of farm building to self-contained annexe/holiday let including demolition and replacement of lean-to, Lower Rill, Shillingford.
- No comment on all the Lower Rill planning applications.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 19/01167/MOUT – Mid Devon Planning decline to determine this application under Section 70B (3), Town & Country Planning Act (as amended) – noted.

15) FINANCE:

Expenditure: Mid Devon DC Election expenses	£1144.67	BACs 07/10
Employment October	£564.20	BACs
P. Clapham – council phone	£89.98	BACs
P. Clapham – telescopic measure pole	£10.90	BACs
Teal Rosettes – Fair	£13.10	Bacs Clerk
Spelt – refreshments Clerk+1 road marking	£25.65	BACs
Cllr. N. Bull – meals for ARISS team	£217.60	BACs
Cllr. N. Bull – add on boards for RaspPi	£44.29	BACs
LARCS room hire Oct & Nov	£120.00	BACs
W of E Fire Service; extinguishers	£30.00	BACs
Com. Hall hire – defib training	£14.00	BACs
Contact Radio Hire	£183.60	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans October	£310.00	BACs
J. Caunter toilet cleans, Fair	£200.00	BACs
D. Somerwill – repairs pumphouse roof	£306.00	BACs
Glyn Brace – toilet repairs X 2	£169.61	BACs
Four Seasons grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
Feast without Fuss – fair party food	£175.00	BACs
LARCS hire of room 8 th Nov	£10.00	BACs
SLCC part pay Clerk’s seminar Nov	£40.00	BACs
Overnight stay for Clerk & Husband Fair	£110.00	BACs
Income: Mid Devon Grants S106 roundabout	£10,000.00	DD
Devon CC Locality Budget grant	£ 1,000	DD

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account, proposed by Cllr. Fouracres. All agreed by show of hands.

16) SLCC Practitioners Conference – February 2020. To consider Clerk’s request to attend this conference at a cost of £150 + VAT (Total of £300, shared with Kenn PC). Approved.

17) To agree a date for a finance meeting prior to 4th December. Agreed with the Clerk at the next agenda meeting on 26th November.

18) Clerk’s Report

- i. Attended the DALC annual AGM & Conference in October. A useful exercise.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors
Items for Information

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Newsletter.

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin