

**Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7pm in the LARC building.**

**Present:** Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. White; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. McHenry; Cllr. Sims; Cllr. Whiteway; Penny Clapham (Clerk); 5 members of the public.

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

**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.

Parishioner regarding the result of the appeal on the planning at Morebath Road.

Parishioner regarding the Spring Fair for 2020. A Fair grant form will be supplied to the group to apply for funds, as they are a Community Interest Company.

**4) Chairman's Report (for information only)** – Attended a meeting with the neighbourhood policing team in December. Quarterly meetings could be arranged for two-way conversations. The abandoned vehicle at Shillingford is reportedly on private land so there is nothing to be done. Potholes have been reported. Conversation held with a parishioner who had a very near miss with a vehicle outside the Spar Shop. Three parishioners came to the afternoon open day. Mrs. Fagg brought a description of the work done by the P3 warden.

**5) County & District Councillor reports** - None received.

**6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019** were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**7) Climate Emergency Declaration** – Council resolved to declare a climate emergency to support the Devon Climate Declaration. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull. All in favour by show of hands. An excellent report has been received from Peter Stott, who elaborated same for the benefit of the councillors. Council to take the lead with regard to climate change, headed by Cllr. L. Bull. Council thanked Peter Stott for his informative report.

**8) Grant** - Council considered the request from Mid Devon Mobility for £200. Resolved payment: proposed by Cllr. Fouracres. All agreed by show of hands.

**9) Open Spaces Requirements:**

- a) Painting the bus shelter on South Molton Road in order to cover up the graffiti. Action: to paint over the area concerned. Agreed. Cllr. White to action.

- b) Trees in barrels on the pavements: Highways would need to know size of planters, locations and variety of trees. Council or Bampton in Bloom would be responsible for maintenance, public liability and anything relating to said trees. Council considered this request from Bampton in Bloom. Due to additional cost burden on the Council and from advice taken from Highways, who are responsible for pavements, Cllr. White proposed this request be refused, seconded by Cllr. L. Bull – all agreed by show of hands.
- c) Motte & Bailey update on the application for Viridor funding to be received. A presentation of ideas was put forward by the Group. Result of funding requests not yet available.
- d) Result of S106 application for the Orchard (if available). Not yet available. Cllr. L. Bull updated Council on the clearance actions now done at the small orchard. A bid has been put to the Woodland Trust for autumn planting trees. Cllr. Bull has also been in touch with other conservation trusts.

Council thanked all who helped with putting up and taking down the Christmas trees. Excellent work.

**10) Budget** – to finalise and resolve to accept the Council’s budget for 2020/2021. Resolved to accept the budget as presented: proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, seconded by Cllr. Whiteway. All in favour by show of hands.

**11) Precept**- to resolve to set the precept for Bampton for 2020/2021.

Resolved to set the precept for a total of £59,750, a 5% increase to cover the costs of a handyman/lengthsman: proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, seconded by Cllr. Sims, all agreed by show of hands.

**12) Devon Association of Local Councils** – Council resolved to continue as members of this organisation. Proposed by Cllr. White, all in favour by show of hands.

### **13) PLANNING:**

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

- i. 19/02074/LBC Listed building consent for internal alterations to include creation of a WC, a replacement staircase and alterations to windows on east and south elevations, Court Grove, Brook St. Bampton. NO COMMENT
- ii. 19/02017/HOUSE + LBC Erection of a dormer extension and external alterations, Holwell Farm, Bampton. SUPPORTED.
- lii 19/01768/FULL & 01771/LBC Conversion of redundant farm building to a dwelling, revised drawings, Lower Rill, Shillingford. NO COMMENT

### **Planning Decisions:**

- i. 19/01833/FULL Conversion of building to dwelling, the Bark House, Frog Street. GRANTED
- ii 19/01062/FULL Change of use of games room to multi-purpose function room, Duvale Barton, Bampton GRANTED
- iii 19/01157/FULL Retention of a building to be used for the storage of equipment for land management, Higher Barn, Bampton. APPROVED

### **Appeal Decision:**

Land north of Frog Street, Bampton for up to 37 dwellings. REFUSED

**14) FINANCE:**

<b>Expenditure:</b>	Employment December	£603.92	BACs
	PAYE Q3	£314.40	BACs
	LARC room hire January	£60.00	BACs
	Viking toilet rolls/dispensers	£163.80	BACs
	J. Caunter toilet cleans Dec.	£310.00	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q3	£384.82	BACs
	Four Seasons Grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
	Four Seasons – orchard clearance	£852.00	BACs
	Parish Online mapping services	£120.00	BACs

<b>Income:</b>	Car park	£275
	Toilets	£53

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.  
Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account.

**15) Resilience Planning** – a meeting is to take place in the Riverside Hall, 30<sup>th</sup> January from 5-7pm, hosted by Kate Pearson from the Environment Agency. Everyone is invited particularly those who have been affected by flooding.

**16) Bampton Charter Fair** – to receive a report from the meeting of the Working Group held on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. Draft figures were provided by the Clerk. Council thanked Alan Woolley who is stepping down as chair of the Working Group and David Botsford who has stepped down as treasurer. Changes and updates to the Bampton Fair Committee and agreement with Rotary are to be finalised at the March Council meeting. Final figures for 2019 will be available at the February meeting.

**17) Mid Devon Local Plan Review** – now out for consultation and comment.  
<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/local-plan-review-examination/>

**18) Garden Party Nomination** – considered. Celia Hicks as a previous chairman will be nominated.

**19) Clerk's Report**

- a. Road closure B3227 for upcoming works to retaining wall between Shillingford & Petton, currently starting on 20<sup>th</sup> January subject to weather.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED:** reports from Councillors

**Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

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