

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. White; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. Williams; David Jones from Evans Jones; 7 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk); County Cllr. Colthorpe; Cllr. McHenry; Sam Thomson; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. L. Bull. Lewis Clarke (Press)

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Weston

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.

David Jones from Evans Jones presented slides on the proposed development of the land at Five Levels, Bampton. This is prior to a planning application being submitted for 5 dwellings on this site.

Cllr. Whiteway asked about water off the site – this would be agreed with the planners.

Cllr. Hopkinson asked about visibility of the site from the road.

Cllr. Fouracres thanked David Jones for his presentation.

Sam Thomson – reported on the Spring Fest and Scarecrow Trail. The Bampton Community Events CIC is to be closed due to costs incurred and effect of the pandemic. Happy to re-start once the pandemic is over and thanked Council for the support received. Cllr. Fouracres thanked Sam for the updates.

Parishioner regarding the traffic issues in Castle Street. He considers that if nothing is done in due haste there will be a fatality. He read a statement to Council.

Parishioner informed that he has written to the Roads Policing Unit in charge of roads about Castle Street, and the damage done to the road, homes and cars from large vehicles. He welcomes the Council's efforts to take this forward.

Cllr. Colthorpe invited to reply. This is not the first time she has been asked and indeed raised the Castle Street problems with Highways. After the December meeting she spoke again to the local highways officer - proposed he would visit again and hopefully bring the highways safety officer. Cllr. Colthorpe will contact him again to see if he has been able to visit the area and come back to Council with an update as soon as possible.

Parishioner here to listen on the progress regarding the new hall in Bampton. Also interested in item 14, dog fouling.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) –

Attended virtual meeting with John Hart Devon CC; the conversation was covid related and that it is causing financial difficulties for the County Council.

Christmas trees in Bampton were a great success and thanks to all who organised getting them up and down. Thanks to, to the residents on the edge of Newton Square who put up a lovely display of blue lighting

Lockdown 3 - Bampton seems to be behaving very sensibly.

There was a moment of stardom when ITV news reported on the traffic in Castle Street.

5) County & District Councillor reports –

Cllr. Colthorpe will circulate her written report – briefly; grants are available during covid and how to access them; information from Kennford Tarmac who are carrying out essential works in February; the vaccination program is well under way; GP practices setting up centres; Interim Devon Carbon Plan is open for consultation till mid-February; libraries are closed.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2020 were approved as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

7) Budget for 2021/2022 – to resolve to agree and approve the budget for year commencing 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. Copies circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved, proposed by Cllr. Hopkinson, all in favour by show of hands.

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8) Precept for 2021/2022 – to resolve to set the required precept based on the agreed budget for the year commencing 1st April 2021. In order to minimise the deficit that is anticipated, an increase of £3,000 was proposed equalling a 5% rise. This is to help cover the additional costs incurred due to loss of revenue on both the car park and the toilets, anticipated increased insurance charges, our newly contracted lengthsmen, and additional expenses incurred due to the pandemic. This takes the total amount requested from Mid Devon Council to £62,750 for the year April 2021 to March 2022. Resolved. Cllr. White proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Fouracres, all in favour by show of hands.

9) Traffic consultant – to consider the engagement of a traffic consultant to assess the problems in Castle Street. One quote out of 4 enquiries received. Jon Pearson @ £70 per hour + travel. Too agree actions and associated expenditure.

Cllr. Fouracres considers this to be a responsible way forward. Cllr. L. Bull thanked Cllr. Colthorpe for trying to get Highways to come and visit– would HATOC consider a report from a traffic consultant? Cllr. Colthorpe replied as to whether this is the best route.

Cllr. L. Bull considers that a traffic consultant could be engaged after lockdown allowing time for Cllr. Colthorpe to come back to Council. Clerk advised on her knowledge of Jon Pearson – Cllr. White suggested postponing the decision until February and to work up a costing.

The intention is to push forward with this suggestion, not to shelve the issue of the traffic in Castle Street.

10) New Hall for Bampton – to receive updates/progress reports on the proposed survey. To agree actions and associated expenditure. The original draft survey questions have been edited; sent to a focus group would be useful, though Cllr. Williams considered that the survey should be reduced to just 2 questions. A meeting to discuss the questions will be held next week between the Clerk, Chairman, Cllr. Williams and Judi Thomas who has volunteered to assist.

11) PLANNING:

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

- i. 20/00146/FULL Erection of 9 dwellings with associated vehicular and pedestrian access, land at NGR 295241 122012 South of Elizabeth Penton Way, Bampton.
NO COMMENT
- ii. 20/01580/FULL Erection of an agricultural dung store, Land at Luttrell Quarry, Bampton.
NO COMMENT

Planning Decisions:

- a) 19/01804/FULL Erection of replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill, Shillingford.

APPROVED

- b) 20/01704/PNFG Prior notification of the erection of a forestry storage building, Bailey's Quarry Woodland, Bampton
APPROVED
- c) 20/01564/LBC Replacement of damaged area of roof and attic window, 5 & Fore Street.
GRANTED
- d) 20/01843/CAT Felling of assorted trees in conservation area, 12 South Molton Road.
NO OBJECTION
- e) 20/01757/TPO Application to lift crown and prune limbs of turkey oak protected by TPO, Oak Tree House, Bampton.
GRANTED
- f) 20/01901/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension and alterations to roof, 2 Moat View, Bampton
APPROVED
- g) 20/01891/LBC Alterations to first floor layout, Court Grove, Bampton.
GRANTED

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Cove Garden Centre – bulbs (Bloom)	£86.49	BACs
	Employment December	£589.00	BACs
	PAYE Q3	£340.00	BACs
	SLCC Membership renewal (50%)	£120.00	BACs
	LexisNexis Up to date book (Local Council Administration)		
		£119.99	BACs
	Four Seasons – grass cuts	£479.99	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q3	£133.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans December	£310.00	BACs
	Earthwrights final account VAT only	£92.60	BACs
	Cemetery support for the Church	£500.00	BACs
	Glyn Brace – post & power at the Stage	£486.00	BACs
Income:	Car park	£127.00	cash

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. N. Bull,, all agreed by show of hands.

13) Open Spaces reports – to receive any reports of actions from the OSC during the past month.

Cllr. L. Bull on behalf of the OSC thanked Four Seasons for their help in putting up the Christmas trees during this time and all the other volunteers who helped. New lights were on the big tree. The pole now on the Stage means that we have access to power for future events. Planting trees at the Millennium Green, about 300 'whips' yet to be started.

Lengthsman will be starting work again shortly. Shuttern Brook being kept clear by Cllr. White.

The path around the new play area is very muddy – an immediate temporary solution will be effected with bark chips.

14) Dog fouling – Council have been informed of persistent dog fouling taking place in the school car park and on their driveway. This is not acceptable, particularly as Council have provided 3 bins in the area for

the use of dog owners. Mid Devon have put a PSPO in place but this only covers their own land and only 10% (30 hours annually) is to deal with dog problems.

Cllr. L. Bull proposed that a poo bag dispenser and bags is installed adjacent to the school car park. Clerk to research. Cllr. Williams indicated that people just let their dogs go in the Recreation Field and then do not know where their dogs are fouling. Point taken. Cllr. L. Bull proposed to buy at least 3 dog poo dispensers and give the bag replenishment job to the lengthsman.

16) Grant Application – to consider the application for a grant towards laptops from the PTFA Bampton Primary School. Also included a grant request from Tiverton High School for laptops. Amount to be considered at the meeting. To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Cllr. L. Bull declared an interest. Cllr. L. Bull brought this to council to consider the needs of the local children. This is laptops/chrome books. Cllr. White proposed £500 for each grant – Cllr. Hopkinson proposed an amendment to £1000 per grant seconded by Cllr. Whiteway. The vote taken on the amendment was approved by all by show of hands.

15) Clerk's Report –

- i. Annual charity returns for both the Recreation Field and the Millennium Green have been submitted and accepted by the Charities Commission.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Items for Information

The next virtual Council meeting is on 3rd February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Email circulations during the past month

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin (sent 7/12)

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin (sent 14/12)

DALC newsletter 01 (sent 06/01)

DALC newsletters 2 & 3 (sent 12/01)