

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 7pm in the LARC

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. White; Cllr. Whiteway; Cllr. Williams; County Cllr. Chesterton; District Cllr. Stanley; Cllr. McHenry; Penny Clapham (Clerk). Cllr. Weston arrived at 7.22pm.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. N. Bull. Cllr. L. Bull. Apologies 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.

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.

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

A new Bampton sign now sited on the Stage. General debate about the use of Zoom (virtual) for meetings has been submitted to Government by many councils.

5) County & District Councillor reports:-

County Cllr. Chesterton informed Council that Steve Leigh, Highways officer has now retired through ill health. County are hoping to appoint his replacement this side of the new year. The yellow line process (HATOC) will come around again soon – March. The Fire Authority community risk management plan is coming out for consultation later this month.

District Cllr. Stanley discussed the district plan for the next 5 years – still more cuts are going to have to be made. A Litter policy has been refused again by the District Council; they are not in a position to be litter picking in parishes, so this will be down to local people. Cllr. Stanley is on the board of Three Rivers. The storm water drain in West Street; To fix this, parts of the street will have to be dug up so road closures will be put in place when this happens.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Charter Fair – to receive a report on the 2021 Fair. Cllr. White as Chairman of the Fair Committee.

Huge thanks to everybody for all their hard work. Generally, the Fair was considered to be a success even if it did rain. The changes implemented, chicken auction, busking stage, PTFA fun zone all were good, even if improvements can be made. Younger stewards are needed for next year.

Cllr. McHenry stated that the marquees were leaking. Parking, could a drop off zone be considered, say at the bottom of Castle Street. Cllr. Fouracres recorded a sincere vote of thanks for Cllr. White, both as Chairman of the Fair Committee and chief steward on the day.

8) Riverside Hall car park – to receive any updates postponed from October. Brief report circulated prior to this meeting. Still awaiting a surveyors report. Agenda December.

9) PLANNING:

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

- i. 21/01928/CAT Notification of intention to reduce the crown of weeping willow within conservation area, 5 Bridge Terrace.
No objection

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/01830/PNHH Notification of an erection of an extension to the rear, The Walled Garden, Bampton
APPROVED
 - b) 21/01543/HOUSE Construction of swimming pool and enclosure to include associated changing room, sauna, plant room and bar area, Higher Barn, Bampton
GRANTED
 - c) 21/01598/CLP Rear flat roof dormer extension and roof lights to the front, 7 School Close
PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
- 20/01789/FULL Appeal Allowed – Duvale Priory, Bampton.

10) FINANCE:

Expenditure:

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| Microsoft Office 365 | £59.99 | Card |
| Devon CC road closures x 2 | £159.00 | Card |
| LARC Oct & Nov room hire | £80.00 | BACs |
| Employment October | £587.40 | BACs |
| Earth Anchors – notice board MG | £1191.12 | BACs |
| Play Inspection Co. | £162.00 | BACs |
| Contact Radio Ltd | £201.60 | BACs |
| Nicholas Page – P3 | £150.00 | BACs |
| Hedgerow Print | £296.00 | BACs |
| R. White – Lord of the Manor fee | £100.00 | BACs |
| RBL Poppy Appeal – wreath | £50.00 | BACs |
| Punch & Judy | £250.00 | BACs |
| Viking Direct – toilet rolls | £39.46 | BACs |
| Man of Magic | £395.00 | BACs |
| Amazon (N. Bull for monitor bags) | £146.00 | BACs |
| Slide & Play Bouncy Castle | £80.00 | BACs |
| Fair Music Acts (S. Caddy) | £1,020.00 | BACs |

Other invoices to come pertinent to costs of the Charter Fair (to be listed as they come in)

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| Already Paid | Andrew Hobbs Photography | £120.00 | BACs 13/10 |
| | Bubble Displays (Tune) | £350.00 | BACs 13/10 |
| | N. Bull – monitors & equipment | £684.50 | BACS 15/10 |
| | Marvellous Eventures | £550.00 | BACs 21/10 |

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| Income: | Fair stallholders to 21/10/21 | £3,679 |
| | Fair sponsorship to 21/10/21 | £2,600 |

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.

11) Signatory to the bank account – to appoint a fourth signatory for banking purposes.

Cllr. White has agreed to be the fourth signatory. Clerk will action the necessary paperwork to be signed at the December meeting.

12) Open Spaces Reports – to receive updates/actions from October meeting.

- i. Flood concerns around 16 Brook Street – reported by email and circulated prior to this meeting – for discussion. Householders advised to look at the flood response programme – to be sent by the Clerk.
- ii. Christmas trees – Cllr. White and Cllr. L. Bull will be arranging the funding and the installation of the small trees, as well as the big tree on the Stage.

13) Allotments – Colin Rowland would like Council to know that he has a waiting list for allotments, all plots being taken at present. Enquiring as to the likelihood of any allotment land becoming available. Council will respond as to no knowledge of available land at present.

14) Defibrillator in centre of Brook St. –

- i) Clerk to update Council on the costs of a 4 year agreement for this defibrillator which belongs to SWAST. Council resolved not to agree this cost but to provide a purchased defibrillator that would then belong to the Council, to go in the existing box. Proposed by Cllr. Whiteway, all agreed by show of hands.
- ii) Defibrillator for purchase to place at the Quarryman’s – update on funding. Cllr. Chesterton to sponsor for £1200 for this defibrillator. Clerk to apply through the Locality fund and order the defibrillator and outside box.

15) Welcome Back Fund – further enquiries having been made, it appears this is a transient fund so cannot be used for Town Gateways, unless they are removed after a certain length of time. Thoughts on alternatives welcome as the final claim date for the £2000+ allocated to Bampton is the end of January. Could this fund the Christmas trees as a welcome and encourage people into the town for Christmas. Clerk to continue to find a way forward in order to use this fund.

16) Clerk’s Report –

- i. Platinum Jubilee planning – January meeting.
- ii. Notice of vacancy for a councillor posted to the website 18th October
- iii. Valuation Office Agency – completed a form for the car park per their request
- iv. To agree a date and time for preliminary budget discussions in November – budget to be presented no later than January 5th. November 26th circa 11.30am.
- v. To note that the Council is a burial authority in its own right and may have to consider a cemetery in the not too distant future.
- vi. Brief update on meeting with Jo Williams about S106 monies due to Bampton.
- vii. The new Bampton sign has been erected on the Stage, courtesy of Barbara Beckett (design) and Brian Littlewood (carver) and the members of Bampton In Bloom.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed..... Date.....**Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on 1st December at 7.00pm 2021 in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

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| Roadmap – Highways Newsletter sent (15/10) | DALC Newsletter 60 (sent 15/10) |
| NALC Chief Executive’s Newsletter (sent 18/10) | DALC Newsletter 63 (sent 29/10) |
| NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin (sent 01/11) | |