

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Monday 8th April 2024, 7pm in the LARC

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr Whiteway; Cllr. Brooker; Cllr. Grabke; Cllr. Brock; Cllr. L. Bull; District Cllr. Gilmour; District Cllr. Adcock; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Judi Thomas (Well-being Lead)

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. White. (away) Cllr. N. Bull. (away) Cllr. Boyles (unwell)
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.

Judi Thomas reported that Saturday 8th June is the date for the Well-being Event, currently going very well with 20 groups/services booked. Millie with regard to working towards her Kings scout award is setting up a fb page. Word of mouth and posters to spread the word about this event.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – booked LARC for meet the police 25th April 2-4pm. The Heritage Centre AGM is also on 25th April at 7pm.

5) County & District Councillor reports – Written reports circulated prior to this meeting – Cllrs. Were thanked by the Chairman for their reports. Cllr. Gilmour emphasised the important notice (end of report) coming soon; please be frank with your answers.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Charter Fair – to receive an update on actions to date. Cllr. Fouracres reported a suggestion about dinosaurs. Music budget request an increase from £800 to a budget of £1500. Resolved to agree the increase, proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all in favour by show of hands. Overall arrangements and plans are going well. The new Fair draft website is appreciated and looking forward to seeing it all go live.

8) Open Spaces –

- i. Grass cutting programme; for further discussion and to agree actions. Countrywide are booked for this financial year to end of March 2025.
- ii. Blocked leat – update. Clearflow cleared the leat – needs to be done annually. Thanks to Cllr. Brooker for his assistance with manholes. Need to create this within an open spaces programme.
- iii. Parish maintenance person – for discussion; to agree actions. May agenda for updates

9) Website planning – to receive updates as to the new/replacement websites for both the Charter Fair and the Town Council. The Council website is yet to be started.

County Cllr. Chesterton arrived and reported the key decision this month is about the devolution and whether this happens. All will be known after the full council meeting. Cllr. Chesterton is having regular meetings with highways officers about roads and has mentioned Ford road in particular.

11) Pump Track – Start date has been pushed back to May. Planning at Mid Devon have been informed. Clerk reported that Mid Devon Planning wish to have further ecological plans put in place before they discharge condition 4

12) PLANNING:

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

- a) 24/00024/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension, Spring Cottage, West Street. Planning already granted.
- b) 24/00378/FULL Erection of a replacement dwelling, Ringwood, Old Tiverton Road.
No objection
- c) 24/00379/FULL Erection of a replacement dwelling, Five Levels, Old Tiverton Road.
No objection
- d) 24/00305/FULL Erection of a dwelling and associated works, 7 South Molton Road.
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 24/00147/HOUSE Erection of a carport, Windfall, West St., Bampton.
APPROVED

12) FINANCE:	Freaky by Design – 2 x websites	£798.00	BACs 18/03
Expenditure:	Ionos – Charter Fair domain name	£11.99	CARD
	Mid Devon Council – discharge planning fee	£72.50	CARD
	South West Hygiene – annual charge	£420.95	DD
	South West Water – Church first half	£156.79	DD
	South West Water - car park first half	£54.75	DD
	Viking Direct – office supplies	£114.59	BACs
	Viking Dircet – toilet supplies	£11.34	BACs
	Mid Devon Council – bin empties	£468.00	BACs
	Clerk’s Expenses Q4	£198.79	BACs
	Employment March – inc holiday pay	£1139.00	BACs
	PAYE & NI Q4	£851.03	BACS
	Countrywide – grass cuts	£582.38	BACs
	LARCS – room hire	£42.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans March & Feb	£700.00	Cq
	R. Brooker – lifting keys Screwfix	£21.99	BACs
	Ionos – town website annual charge	£172.80	CARD
	Annual charge rates		
	Car Park & Toilets	£0	
	Old Store, Bridge Terrace	£386.15	DD x 10 months
	Tolls of Fairs	£623.75	DD x 10 months

Income: Public Sector Deposit Fund – March £549.04 Reinvested.

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

13) Town & Parish Charter – between Mid Devon Council and Bampton; discussion and agreement of any comments on this Charter. Noted no comments.

14) Charity Trustees – a meeting of the Charity Trustees for the Millennium Green and the Recreation Field took place on Friday 22nd March. The minutes of that meeting are on the Council website. To be noted. Noted.

15) Meeting days – currently the first Monday of the month, which clashes with at least two bank holidays every year. To recommend this is changed in order to eliminate the bank holiday clash. Council resolved to keep the first Monday in the month.

16) Clerk’s Report (for information only)

- i. The charity annual returns for the Recreation Field and the Millennium Green have been submitted. They were late due to the Charities Service not informing me (until I asked) of the changes they put in place in 2023 and the requirement to change all sign in details.
- ii. The proposed PSPO to allow dogs on leads in the childrens’ play areas various, has been amended back to ‘no dogs’ as previously agreed with Mid Devon Council.
- iii. Ride across Britain in September. Asking Council if we are providing toilet facilities and/or refreshments. Mention this to the football club who may wish to provide refreshments.
- iv. HM Land Registry Alert Service – this has been set up for a while on Council owned properties. The six month report states no alerts received.
- v. Bampton in Bloom’s request for a bench to be sited on the Stage. Agreed.

Items for Information

Cllr. Brock – mentioned the problem with idling engines in Brook Street - May agenda.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday 13th May 2024** at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Meeting closed at 7.42pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin (sent 07/03)
DALC Bulletin 13 (sent 08/04)

NALC Bulletin with the Practitioners Guide (sent 21/03)