

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Williams; District Cllr. Moore; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. White; 3 members of the public; Cllr. Hopkinson; Cllr. Whiteway; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

Cllr. Fouracres is on holiday so handed control of the meeting to Vice Chairman Cllr. L. Bull.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: County Cllr. Colthorpe. Cllr. McHenry.

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 interested to know the plans for a new hall; the use of the play area/car park, fantastic idea. Outlined some thoughts not covered in the circulated report. The Riverside Hall committee quite pleased about proposal.

Parishioner to talk about agenda item 8. Added to comments about the hall – use of the car park/play area makes sense. Please ask young people for their views during the public consultation. Happy to help in any way regarding community engagement.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – Cllr. White and Cllr. L. Bull have attended two webinars on planting trees and sustainability.

5) County & District Councillor reports –

District Cllr. Moore – Mid Devon Council held an extraordinary motion to deal with a motion of no confidence in the leader; the motion was defeated. Cllr. Moore is cabinet member responsible for finance; already looking at budgets for next year. Leisure centres have been re-opening in stages, including swimming. C19 – there is a good County website keeping all posted on this pandemic. Consultation on street parking and pavements now available. Cllr. Moore is chairing a governance working group – if there are views about the current system or changes please respond.

Cllr. L. Bull stated that there is a website where you can report poor instances of parking.

Requested thanks be passed to Cllr. Stanley for the litter picking help, unfortunately not used this year.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd September and 16th September 2020 were approved as a true record and will be signed at some point in the future.

7) Trees from the Woodland Trust – to receive an update from Cllr. L. Bull. Arriving in November, 343 in total. Given Covid and risk assessments there is a need for assistance in planting the trees in a safe and responsible way. Planters consist of Cllr. L. Bull, Cllr. Hopkinson, Cllr. Fouracres, Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Whiteway. Cllr. Williams considers he can get 2 x teams of 6 – can help to mark out planting system.

8) Youth Group – to agree the monies held by the Youth Group.

Standing orders suspended for Judi Thomas to speak.

To advise Council that with great regret the 7 adult volunteers are not able to continue to run the youth group in its present form. The youth group has met every Thursday in the LARC for the last 3 years; we are very proud of what we have achieved. Membership was good to begin with but has been dwindling and lock-down has not helped. There is some money left from the capital grant received from the Council 3 years ago, currently being held in the LARC bank account.

Cllr. Bull thanked Judi and her team for all their hard work. Cllr. White suggested the monies be ring-fenced within the Council bank account to be held for a future youth scheme. Cllr. Williams supported this idea. Resolved to be reserved for youth activities. Proposed by Cllr. Hopkinson, seconded by Cllr.

Whiteway. All in favour by show of hands.

A formal vote of thanks proposed by Cllr. Hopkinson, recognising the value of the Youth Group's activities was given.

9) Emergency Plan – to agree the draft as submitted should be moved forward and populated. Some comments have been put to this draft plan. Cllr. L. Bull proposed agreement of the draft as circulated, all agreed by show of hands. Clerk to action filling in some gaps. Cllr. N. Bull informed that there is an active whatsapp flood group - further information to be sent to the Clerk in order to populate this plan.

10) Open Spaces Committee report -

- i. To consider additional bins within the new play area. Deferred until spring, to assess any need.
- ii. To receive updates on the remedial works by Earth Wrights. Cllr. Williams informed that all remedial works have been done. One item was raised; some netting put up to avoid a trapping hazard between two pieces of wood. EW have confirmed that this is in order.
- iii. To receive a progress report on the fencing. This is due to be started by 21st October, temporary signage ready.
- iv. To receive a report on the signage and agree any quote received. Cllr. Williams quote received for £450 for the design by Jamie White. Council would own this design. Resolved to agree the quote, proposed by Cllr. L. Bull – all agreed by show of hands.
- v. To receive an update on lengthman's works during the past month and future requirements for October and November. Cllr. L. Bull met with Four Seasons and walked through what needs doing – the Brook street weeding is taking place next week weather permitting. Cllr. L. Bull has highlighted to members of the public not to action work on the Highway, but to let Council know of any considered requirements; this is for insurance purposes.
- vi. Hedging – cut both sides and top of hedge South Molton Road – resolved to agree quote of £930.00. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all in favour by show of hands.
- vii. Ash trees – to dismantle all ash trees at entrance to recreation field/those at the Millennium Green; Resolved to agree quote received of £1400.00. proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all in favour by show of hands. Please inform the Clerk of perceived maintenance issues.
- viii. Shuttern brook work to be carried out in October at a cost of £380.

Standing orders suspended for a parishioner to comment on agenda item 11.

Parishioner urged Council to think about a whole Bampton solution such as play area, car park, fire access, move entrance and exit of the car park, perhaps onto the west side. Suggest the Riverside Hall site would provide ideal for a children's playground. The current recycling containers could be relocated to the entrance to the industrial estate, perhaps next to the fire station.

Claire Benton (Riverside Hall) liked the idea of a playground by the river.

Parishioners thanked for their thoughts on agenda item 11.

Standing orders resumed.

11) New Hall for Bampton – report circulated prior to this meeting and posted to the website. To discuss the options in the report. To agree on a community consultation and how this is to be taken forward due to C-19 restrictions currently in place.

Cllr. White, Cllr. N. Bull. and Cllr. Williams discussed community engagement. This to be as straightforward as possible and to try to determine the cost as far as the possible additional cost to the precept.

Cllr. Hopkinson considers this could make the community hall redundant. Cllr. Fouracres updated Council on his meeting with the Archdeacon. To bear in mind if the development plot next to the community hall is sold, it is a lost opportunity. This is likely to be a 3 to 5 year project with a need for the community hall, and to co-operate with the PCC about the potential use of the hall/land. Cllr. Whiteway proposed, Cllr. Fouracres seconded a community consultation.

Cllr. L. Bull suggests a survey – to have a draft for November/December meeting.

Options with the diocese remain open for 9 months.

Council thanked the members of the public for giving their time on this very important issue.

12) PLANNING:

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

- i. 20/01176/LBC Listed building consent to replace existing windows on rear elevation Court Grove, Bampton.
No comment
- ii. 20/01602/CAT Notification of intention to remove 1 willow tree within a conservation area, land and buildings NGR 295898 122171 Brook Street, Bampton.
No comment
- iii. 20/01019/FULL Conversion of barns into 2 dwellings **revised drawings** Kersdown Barton, Bampton
No comment

Planning Decisions:

- a) 19/01804/FULL Erection of replacement agricultural building, Lower Rill, Shillingford.
APPROVED
- b) 20/00948/FULL Conversion and extension of agricultural building to a dwelling (revised scheme), The Elms, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- c) 20/01136/FULL Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden to include the erection of a triple garage and fencing, Middle Rill Barn, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- d) 20/01126/FULL Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian to include the erection of equestrian and storage building and menage, Deer Park, Shillingford.
GRANTED
- e) 20/01288/FULL Erection of extensions to 2 agricultural buildings, Lodfin Wood Farm
GRANTED

Standing orders suspended for a parishioner to speak with reference to the traffic on Castle Street. Speed and the increase of traffic both up and down Castle Street; a car has been damaged twice whilst parked. If there is a major incident on the M5, satnavs send the traffic through Bampton. Cllr. Moore will convey these concerns to Cllr. Colthorpe. Evidence, take a photo of poor driving, large lorries on pavements. Cllr. White considers residents of Castle St need to get together to make a case. Parishioner thanked for joining Council and bringing this to our attention. November agenda. Standing orders resumed.

13) FINANCE:

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| Expenditure: | Employment September (inc. national pay award) | £664.20 | BACs |
| | PAYE Q2 | £360.29 | BACs |
| | BHIB additional insurance premium | £29.79 | BACs |
| | Clerk's expenses Q2 | £120.70 | BACs |
| | Ken White Signs (danger) | £39.60 | BACs |
| | Ken White Signs (dogs x 6) | £180.00 | BACs |
| | Four Seasons Tree Services | £479.99 | BACs |
| | J. Caunter toilet cleans | £300.00 | BACs |
| | Office 365 subscription (shared with Kenn) | £79.99 | BACs Clerk |
| | Earth Wrights VAT element of account | £6,978.00 | BACs |
| | DALC training course Cllr. Williams | £54.00 | BACs |
| Income: | Rental from Scouts | £5.00 | CQ |
| | Rental from Football Club | £275.00 | transfer |

Bank Reconciliation circulated prior to the meeting.

Council to resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all in favour by show of hands.

14)Toilets – to consider whether the toilets should remain ‘unlocked’. Cllr. N. Bull considers they should be left open.

15) Bampton United Charities – There is a requirement on the Council to nominate 2 trustees to the United Charities, who may or may not be councillors. Mrs. Diana Thomas has completed her term of office but is willing to continue should Council so approve. Edward Tanner has agreed to be a trustee should the Council so approve. Council approved both appointments.

16) Bampton Charter Fair – to agree a ‘cry’ on presentation of the annual rental cheque to the Lord of the Manor, 29th October. Cllr. White will leave the ‘cry’ to the Cryer.

17) Clerk's Report –

- i. 30mph roundels have been ordered for both S. Molton Rd and Morebath Rd. Installation date not known at present.
- ii. Western Power do not do bank transfers for wayleave payments at present. Noted.
- iii. A property alert service has been created with the Land Registry.
- iv Waste and recycling collection dates are now only available from Mid Devon Council online.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Agreed at the virtual meeting on.....

Signed.....

Date.....

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 4th November 2020 at 7.00pm.