

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 7pm in the LARC building.

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. White; District Cllr. Moore; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. Whiteway; Adam Paget; Lewis Clarke (Press); 2 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. McHenry (isolating). County Cllr. Chesterton.

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.

Adam Paget asked if Council had had any further thoughts about the possibility of a pump track. Cllr. Williams asked Cllr. Moore whether it was necessary for a pre-planning application to be submitted. See item 9 (a). Cllr. Moore would like to do a site visit to see the proposed area for himself prior to any pre-planning application in order to take a view.

Young parishioner who had been involved in building ramps in the area a while ago, stated that the area had not been used this winter due to mud. Would like to be able to use something all the year around. Parishioner commented that she would like to see an area provided that would be away from roads in order for young people to be safe.

Cllr. L. Bull pointed out that the area is a special place of conservation interest particularly a special beetle, biodiversity and ecology has to be taken into account. Also looking at the whole of the Millennium Green, as there could be other projects for the area.

Hopefully by the next meeting there will be further information available.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – re-surfacing work has been done on Castle Street, including along the pavement, however there are already tyre marks on the new tarmac on the pavement.

5) County & District Councillor reports –

Cllr. Moore reported that climate and sustainability issues are being discussed at cabinet level. The District Council have decided to go to three weekly waste recycling – the black bag collections. An extensive pilot has been done and the amount of recycling went up considerably. There are still issues with this that need to be addressed. The budget for 2022/23 has been balanced. The first 'Z' pod development has been approved in Cullompton. Consultation has started on the Local Plan, running until the end of March. Note that up to 100 refugees are being housed in Tiverton; this is a Home Office initiative; Devon County Council are providing the care officer with assistance through CHAT.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Charter Fair – to receive an update from the first meeting of the Fair Committee. The Charter Fair will be held on Thursday 27th October 2022.

Cllr. White said that a round of applause for everyone involved in the Fair last year should take place. The monies raised of £2481.50 to be shared between Council and Rotary.

To invite applications for residual monies from the 2021 Fair in the form of grants.

Work has started on this year's Fair, to build on last year. Cllr. White welcomed Judi Thomas to the Charter Fair committee. Cllr. N. Bull proposed thanks to Cllr. White for the amount of work he personally put in, and for raising all the sponsorship monies that he did. Cllr. White thanked Cllr. Fouracres in similar vein.

8) Grant applications – received for the Council's community grants scheme:

- i. Citizens Advice Bureau for £300. Resolved to support, proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all in favour by show of hands.
- ii. Churches Housing Action Team for £350. Resolved to support, proposed by Cllr. L. Bull, all in favour by show of hands.

9) Open Spaces Report –

- a) Millennium Green – to receive updates on the possibility of a pump track and planning requirements. Previously discussed under public discussion.
To price up a petanque court for the area in front of the lime kiln. (Clerk)
- b) Making good after the removal of the ash trees – update. The area still needs to be cleared up.
- c) There are still some trees to plant. Plan for wild flower seeding by March.
- d) Table tennis table and the cost of matting for outdoor use. Cllr. Williams reported that the table would need to be anchored in concrete which could then be dressed with a dusting of some sort. A landscaping issue yet to be solved.

10) Platinum Jubilee preparations – to receive a brief outline of proposals for activities for the 4 day holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Clerk circulated the update and reported to Council. The report is attached to these minutes.

11) Recreation Field additional car parking – to receive any updates if available. Cllr. Fouracres has estimated the distance to extend the fence and the gate so that cars can be parked on the left-hand side of the field – still be fenced off from the play area and football pitch. To send his drawing to Cllr. Moore who will site visit.

12) Bampton Hall – to receive updates from the planning meeting held between Judi Thomas, Cllr. Fouracres and the Clerk.

This informal meeting discussed community consultation with a longer annual parish meeting on 18th March 3-8pm in the Community Hall. A further consultation event to be held at the Riverside Hall Saturday 9th April 9-1pm. There is the intention to have two Saturday morning street stalls to promote the consultation and receive feedback. "How would you like to use a new facility in Bampton", with letters, posters etc. campaign.

13) PLANNING:

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

- a) 22/00107/HOUSE Installation of replacement front door and window, The Gallery, Newton Square, Bampton.
No objection

- b) 21/01688/OUT Outline for the erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved, Copperleigh, Bampton
No comment
- c) 22/00222/CAT Notification of intention to fell 1 willow tree, St. Michael’s Community Hall.
No objection

Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/02144/LBC Erection of an extension, Westbrook Farm, Bampton.
GRANTED
- b) 21/02326/FULL Erection of detached garage and change of use of land from agricultural to garden and creation of new vehicular access, Petton Villa, Shillingofrd.
GRANTED

14) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Viking – liquid soap for the toilets	£84.59	BACs
	Employment January	£776.40	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans January	£310.00	BACs
	Four Seasons December grass cuts	£527.99	BACs
	Four Seasons January grass cuts	£527.99	BACs
	Four Seasons – cut & clear ash trees	£4080.00	BACs (agreed quote)
	Four Seasons – lengthsmen + hedge cutting	£1756.80	BACs
	R. White – anti-graffiti paint	£184.62	BACs

Income:

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting. Not available at the meeting.
Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all agreed by show of hands.

15) Annual Parish Meeting – to consider dates for a longer annual parish meeting so that parishioners can submit their ideas regarding a new hall for Bampton. 18th March in the Community Hall. 3-8pm

16) Clerk’s report –

- i. To note there is a vacancy for a Councillor on the Town Council – applications via the Clerk please.
- ii. Kind offer from Seddons for some free “20 is plenty” signs for gardens.
- iii. The Council printer has died and is not being replaced at this present time. The Clerk will use her own printer.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Cllr. Fouracres attended a zoom meeting about planning commissioned by Mid Devon Council.
Cllr. Whiteway reported on Airband as they are working as part of an initiative with Devon County Council.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.

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

Items for InformationThe next Council meeting is on 2nd March 2022 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS 2nd to 5th JUNE 2022

Thursday 2nd June

National 'cry' at 2pm with a 'proclamation'. Our crier knows about this from his own information.

Evening on the Recreation Field, start time to be determined.

Activity prior to beacon lighting to be sourced. There will be refreshments on the field; timings yet to be agreed.

Acer Catering have been booked.

A lantern parade is being suggested to take place prior to the beacon lighting.

A piper has been booked with the offer of all his expenses being paid – he lives in Longdown. To play 'Diu Regnare' at precisely 9.35pm.

Bugle call at 9.40pm – no bugler booked, known of, at present.

Beacon lighting at 9.45pm – also a choir can be used if wanted.

Type of beacon, costs, and who is going to light it have yet to be determined.

Suggested that a circle of 7 trees be planted to celebrate each decade of the Queen's reign – possibly in the recreation field.

Friday 3rd June

Service of thanksgiving in the Church

Saturday 4th June

10am-3pm Platinum Jubilee Fair to include a fun dog show (pm), possible car boot sale (am), local producers stalls, traditional games, food, drinks.

This will be based on the previously held Spring Fair and organised overall by Sam Thomson.

8pm to midnight at the Quarrymans – music and dancing. Bands booked, electrician and scaffolding arranged by Sam. Costs for the bands at the moment approx. £1350. Ticket sales possibly to help towards these costs.

Sunday 5th June

The Big Jubilee Lunch – bring and share food/drinks/tables/chairs. Suggested is Brook Street from the bridge towards Newton Square. Road closure in place for the day – street party atmosphere/bunting/flags/tea dance. Timings yet to be agreed.

Other thoughts include craft workshops for lantern making, bunting/Bampton pudding competition/music writing to celebrate the Jubilee/film-making and photography to document the events.

This is all front of house – there is plenty to arrange backstage so to speak.

All comments very welcome.

Promotion and 'save the date' campaigns to start this month. Support and help needed for the events to be a success.