

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 6th July 2022, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. Weston; Cllr. McHenry; Adam Paget; Penny Clapham (Clerk). One member of the public.

1a) Co-option to Council for the one councillor vacancy – Jessica Jones proposed by Cllr. N. Bull, all agreed. Jessica Jones accepted and joined the Council, signing her acceptance form.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. White. County Cllr. Chesterton. Cllr. Whiteway. District Cllrs Stanley & Moore. 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) – the Jubilee celebrations were very successful. Huge thanks to Sam Thomson for organising so successfully and with such enthusiasm. Lovely note to Council from Squirrel class as a huge thank you for the lovely medals celebrating the jubilee.

5) County & District Councillor reports -

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th May 2022. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Platinum Jubilee celebrations – to receive a report on this four day event. Still to complete the accounts for this event, currently standing at income of £12,250 thanks to grants obtained by both Sam Thomson and the Clerk, and generous local donations. Expenses so far of £9,926 but there are still a few invoices to come. Reports received indicate that it was great to have had a community event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

8) Millennium Green and the provision of teen facilities – to receive an update if available. Adam Paget had sent the architects drawings to the Clerk, forwarded to councillors prior to this meeting. Questionnaire forms to be finalised for the consultation process and put out this summer. Cllr. Fouracres thanked Adam Paget for his work on the questionnaire and the drawings for the site.

9) Open Spaces updates –

- i. Table tennis table in the recreation field, update on progress. S106 monies have been granted and received in the sum of £2335.00. The base is now in – Clerk to order the table to be assembled and installed on site by the suppliers. To look at matting after installation.

- ii. Matting infill in the junior playpark. There are some other problems within the junior playpark. Cllr. Williams will contact a joiner to do wood repairs. Cllr. Fouracres requested the Open Spaces Committee to do a report on all items that require maintenance.
- iii. General maintenance activities for open spaces within the parish. Information to hand that the leats in Brook Street need clearing. This is a lengthsmans job.

10) Charter Fair update – Cllr. Fouracres to report in the absence of Cllr. White. Meeting held on 29th June – new Fair logo has been agreed which will be used on all the signage for the Fair. Tony Mount has researched charter fairs – there are 3 others older than Bampton’s still active. Stallholders are coming in; the marquee is already full. Stickers are going to be provided for those who sponsor the Fair for said sponsors to use. There is a need to replace some of the hi-vis jackets with those that comply with current traffic regulations.

11) Bampton Hall update – Cllr. Fouracres to report in the absence of Cllr. White. A proposed hall could be 24m x 16m to accommodate sports/drama/meetings. The Hall Committee are requesting Council to authorise use of the budget up to the full amount of £10,000 for pre-planning and environmental studies of two possible sites. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, seconded by Cllr. N. Bull, all in favour by show of hands.

12) Bampton Football Club – to review the contract and rental between Council and Bampton FC. A second team has been established. The contract will remain with the rental remaining at £550 pa for the next 3 years. Next review in 2025.

13) Scouts – to review the rentals charged to the Scouts according to their lease with the Council. £70 for this year and should then be increased by £5 to £75 for the next 5 years. The lease expires in 2030. Noted.

14) PLANNING:

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

- i. 22/01135/HOUSE Erection of single storey timber garage and carport, The Castle, Castle Street, Bampton.
No objection.
- ii. 22/00107/HOUSE Installation of replacement front door and window, The Gallery, Newton Square
Revised information only.
No objection
- iii. 22/01150/FULL Erection of replacement dwelling (Revised scheme) Five Levels, Old Tiverton Road.
No objection

Planning Decisions:

- a) 22/00723/HOUSE Erection of a double garage with room above, Chainbridge Lodge, Bampton.
REFUSED
- b) 22/00724/FULL Erection of machinery and equipment storage building, land at Chainbridge Lodge.
REFUSED

15) FINANCE:

Payments List 6th June 2022

Expenditure

EDF Toilets on meter read	£49.61	DD
SW Water old store	£15.53	DD

SW Water toilets	£69.88	DD
Teal Rosettes – jubilee dog show	£68.35	BACs
Laura Grant – jubilee	£345.86	BACs
Laura Grant – Jubilee x 2	£1595.86	BACs
Sam Thomson – Jubilee	£2944.54	BACs
Contact Radio – jubilee	£86.40	BACs
Dutch Landscape Architects	£1365.70	BACs
Visionict annual website charges	£420.16	BACs
SCM Carpentry (left off bank May	£75.00	BACs
Stephen Froom – Jubilee	£1450.60	BACs
Four seasons – May	£527.99	BACs

Payments List 6th July

Cove Garden Centre – B in Bloom	£1369.91	BACs
Employment June	£785.64	BACs
PAYE & NI Q1	£597.64	BACs
Mid Devon DC – Jubilee bins	£230.00	BACs
Mid Devon DC – Bins Oct 21-March 22	£468.00	BACs
D.Webster – Scewfix fencing pins etc.	£109.00	BACs
J. Caunter – toilet cleans	£300.00	BACs
Clerk’s Expenses Q1	£423.73	BACs
LARC room hire June/July	£60.00	BACs
C. Hollick – base for table tennis table	£1251.46	BACs from S106 monies.
Four Seasons	£527.99	BACs

Income: CCLA dividend May £43.24
S106 for table tennis £2,335.00

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

16) Finance – spend against budget quarter one previously circulated, to be agreed. Resolved that spend against budget is currently on target for the year.

17) Investments – the one year bond as agreed by Council on 25th May is no longer available. To reconsider any further investment of Council monies. Clerk to continue to investigate best places to save.

18) Operation London Bridge – to discuss the previously circulated Action Plan and make amendments as necessary. Noted. (Defined an area for flowers as to be the Stage.)

19) Clerk’s Report –

- i. Thanks received from Morebath Cricket Club for the recent grant of £300 towards their fence.
- ii. Completed ownership details of the Old Store for the Valuation Office Agency.
- iii. The debit card on the bank account now requires an authentication gadget in order to pay for any items.
- iv. DALC Annual Report circulated prior to this meeting – should anyone wish to stand as a director.

PART II

Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature.

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

20) Sponsorship request – discussed.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

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EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 7th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin (sent 13/06)

ICO Newsletter June (sent 15/06)

Airband community liaison officer introduction (sent 17/06)

ConnectMe Devon – free holiday activities (sent 20/06)

ConnectMe Devon (sent 29/06)