

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

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. White; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. N. Bull; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: District Cllr. Moore. District Cllr. Stanley. Cllr. Jones. Cllr. Weston. County Cllr. Chesterton. Cllr. McHenry. 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. Cllr. White declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 14(c).

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) – Cllr. Fouracres thanked everyone involved in the Charter Fair contributing to the success that it was. Attended a defibrillator training course which was very useful. This would be a useful training course to hold in Bampton – to be investigated for Spring 2023.

5) County & District Councillor reports- written report received from County Cllr. Chesterton; this will be published on the website as an additional document with the minutes.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Charter Fair – to receive a first report on this year's Fair held on 27th October.

Cllr. White reported a successful Fair and thanked everyone involved particularly the stewards. Special thanks to Adam Paget and team for putting out and taking in the cones– hugely appreciated. Seemed to go well and already planning for next year's event. There is to be an Open evening on 30th November 6pm in the LARC building – all welcome to discuss the 2023 event. A receipts and payments account for the Fair will be published in January 2023.

8) Millennium Green – to receive an update if available. No update this month.

9) Bampton Hall – further progress report to be received. Cllr. White has sent a quote regarding a pre-app £1590 + VAT. As spending on this was approved at the meeting held on the 5th October, Cllr. White proposed this spend, seconded by Cllr. Fouracres – all agreed by show of hands.

10) Open Spaces reports –

- i. Toddler swings – a further two companies have been circulated to the Open Spaces Committee. To arrange for interested play companies to attend Bampton to survey and quote. The play area as a whole does require updating. Cllr. Williams proposed the Playdale quotation for replacement swings be actioned; resolved; all agreed by show of hands.

- ii. Quotation form for grass cutting contract circulated to councillors for comment before January circulation to interested companies. Agreed. Clerk to action in January 2023.
- iii. Trees surrounding the car park need to be checked. To agree actions and associated expenditure. This request from the fairground as the canopy is now very low. Resolved to ask Four Seasons to raise the canopy and check the health of the trees.

Replacing wooden slats on bench up Windwhistle Lane as per photo and kind offer from Paul Edwards – to be noted and put onto the December agenda for agreement to the cost of repairs.

Quote to remove the toilet wall facing the door and part of the wall facing the car park – this will improve access to the disabled toilets. Other estimates will be sourced. Decision to be made by the Open Spaces Committee.

Lewis Clarke (Press) arrived at 7.25pm

11) Grant application Community Hall – accounts now received and application re-circulated to councillors for discussion. To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Cllr. N. Bull proposed a grant of £500.00 seconded by Cllr. L. Bull. Resolved. All in favour by show of hands.

12) Bampton Traffic – there is concern in the town about speeding traffic.

The most effective method to check on speeding through the town is to set up a Community Speed Watch programme.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/support-and-guidance/on-the-road/speed-watch/get-involved-with-speed-watch/>

This is run by our policing team – please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to be involved and have checked the requirements on the above website.

Cllr. L. Bull stated that this has been very effective in other communities. This would be a great community led project fully supported by the Council. Cllr. Williams will commit to contacting the local police officer to get this organised. Agenda for early in 2023 for follow up.

'20 is Plenty' – this was discussed earlier this year; Seddons had offered to make signage available for free at that time/or primary school children may be able to do this as a project. For further discussion. Cllr. L. Bull will check with Seddons.

Drain above Ashleigh Park. One of the flood drains has been vandalised by Packhorse Way. It is part of the flood defence for the town. Clerk to action with Richard Brooker.

13) Christmas planning – to receive an update from Cllr. L. Bull. Trees are in hand, currently establishing pricing. Plan to have battery lights instead of solar with lights on the bridge this year. Planning to put trees up on the 27th November and hope for volunteers to assist. To dress the big tree before it is erected. Cllr. L. Bull has been approached to bring back late night shopping – Emerald Seddons is the lead for the businesses, suggested date the 2nd December. There may be a Christmas fair that evening, yet to be decided. Take down by the 8th January. There is a budget for events such as Christmas.

14) PLANNING:

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

- a) 22/01857/FULL Erection of extension and formalisation of parking spaces, Bampton Surgery.
No Comment made
- b) 22/01881/HOUSE Installation of log biomass boiler, Wonham House, Bampton
No Comment made
- c) 22/02024/FULL Change of use of land from agriculture to dog walking and exercise area, land at NGR 294231/122528 High Cross, Bampton. Cllr. White left the room.

Discussed. Supported, creating a safe space for dogs and their handlers.

15) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Dutch Landscape Architects VAT only (now registered)	£550.00	BACs 13/10
	Cemetery support grant	£500.00	BACs
	Mid Devon Council – bins	£468.00	BACs
	Edge IT – finance band upgrade	£272.59	BACs
	Ken White Signs – Fair (from Locality Fund 2022)	£974.40	BACs
	Contact Radio – Fair	£223.20	BACs
	Employment October (inc overtime)	£928.95	BACs
	DALC – Clerk attendance conference	£42.00	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans October	£310.00	BACs
	Neil Thornton – play/bench repairs	£155.00	BACs
	LARC – room hire November	£60.00	BACs
	Ken White Signs – Fair	£327.60	BACs
	Bampton Community Hub – Fair	£352.00	BACs
	L & A Street Building – car park	£1176.00	BACs
	Pitch refunds x 3 as pitch re-let	£140.00	BACs
	Rainbow Gecko – Fair	£400.00	BACs
	Hedgerow Print – Fair	£324.00	BACs
	Cottage Beer Project – Fair	£187.50	BACs
	Bampton Game – Fair	£126.90	BACs
	Specialist Medical – Fair	£475.00	BACs
	S. Caddy – fair entertainments	£765.00	BACs
	Punch & Judy – Fair (G.Wilson)	£250.00	BACs
	S. Fouracres – assorted for toilets	£247.45	BACs
Income:	CCLA Dividend September	£117.13	

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.

16) Budget for 2023 to 2024 – to include planning for the May elections, councillor training and the King's coronation. Budget to be assessed and agreed in principle. Agreed in principle; final decisions to be made at the January council meeting prior to agreeing the precept for 2023/2024.

17) LARC costs – An increase of £2 per hour to £12 per hour is being put in place from 1st December for the hire of the LARC building for Council meetings – to agree actions and expenditure. Council will amend the afternoon drop in sessions to commence at 4pm instead of 3pm and finish at 5pm prior to the Fair committee meetings.

18) Parish Online – this is a mapping service which could be useful particularly for Council's assets. It would be free for the first year as we insure with BHIB after that, there would be an annual subscription. Cllr. Fouracres together with Cllr. N. Bull will investigate this service.

19) Clerk's Report

- i. Devon Assoc of Local Councils conference attended by the Clerk – report circulated to councillors on 10th October.
- ii. Avian Flu is on the increase and the Dept of Trading Standards has issued requirements for bird-keepers to follow. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#AIPZ>
Guidance is available on the above link.
- iii. Change of work days. Monday to Thursday inclusive, 9-1 (though not all for Bampton as contracted for 12 hours per week currently).
- iv. Note – Clerk’s November salary and holiday pay to be completed prior to the 14th November.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

Please note the January meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, 11th January 2023.

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

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....

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Email circulations during the past month

- DALC Newsletter 49 (sent 14/10) NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin (sent 17/10)
- Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document – public consultation from 24/10 to 16/12 (sent 24/10)
- Peninsula Transport Business Plan (sent 01/11)
- DALC Newsletter 52 (sent 02/11)