

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Monday 1st July 2024, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. Grabke; Cllr. White; Cllr. Brooker; Cllr. Boyles; Cllr. Whiteway; District Cllr. Adcock; 6 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Brock. Cllr. N. Bull. Cllr. L. Bull. Apologies accepted for the reasons given.

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 wondered exactly where the Millennium Green is – Cllr. Fouracres responded. The Orchard is overgrown and due to be cut and it would be good to have parishioners interested in the Orchard, making use of the apples and so on.

Parishioner regarding the condition of Brook Street and the weeds in the leat. Considers this should be a contractual obligation and that a January clean by Mid Devon Council is not at the right time of the year. Cllr. Fouracres responded regarding the leat. Cllr. White stated the time that has already been spent on the leat by councillors. Cllr. White has booked a contractor to clear out the leat in Brook Street.

Parishioners agreed that Brook Street does not look its best at the moment.

4) Pump track update – to receive a report on the latest from the ecologist and Forte the installers. Clerk reported that the further ecological surveys to check on invertebrates and birds nests had both been carried out prior to the work starting; no nests or invertebrates were found.

Standing orders suspended for Adam Padgett to report

It is a unique site; the installers are now away for a week, and then hope to be done by early/mid August. Adam Padgett proposes a grand opening 21st September with the installers present. Trying to get a 'doctor bike' to come plus other support. Event music/toilets/check insurance/medics/PTFA involvement. Kye Forte wishes to attend as well as the designer.

Cllr. Fouracres mentioned that the large trunks of wood will be turned into seats.

Cllr. Grabke mentioned that she had taken her class to view the works activities.

Standing orders resumed.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – Lit a light on the 80th anniversary of the 'D' day landings at the war memorial and the lamp stayed alight for about 20 hours. Suggested that the same is done every November. Very many thanks to our footpath wardens doing sterling work maintaining and checking the footpaths and to the Bampton In Bloom volunteers who have made such beautiful flowers bloom. The pétanque court is making progress and should be opened this month.

Council have been requested to put up some signage such as fingerposts, pointing to the Heritage Centre, LARC, Pharmacy. Possible to put signage up beside the toilets which is Council owned land.

5) County & District Councillor reports – Not available due to the imminent election. A report has been received from the district councillors and circulated.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Bampton Charter Fair – to receive an update for the Fair, 31st October 2024. Cllr. White reported on a good committee meeting this afternoon. All music acts sorted, pitch applications coming in. Events all booked. Progress is on time.

8) Bampton Hall – to receive an update from the latest Hall meeting. To resolve to agree the sum of £5000 (from budget) to be available to the Hall Committee in order to progress further actions. Cllr. White reported that he has been in contact with 3 architect/planning consultants. Site visits will be made before quotations received. A street meeting was held to let people know where the hall is going to be sited. Suggestion to do street meetings more often as a method of getting information to the parishioners. Cllr. Fouracres proposed the sum of £5000 be made available to the Hall Committee. Resolved and all agreed by show of hands.

9) Bampton Leat (Brook Street) – to consider getting the leat properly fixed: Cllr. N. Bull to lead. Not available. To note the Clerk is arranging a Saturday clean up of the weeds in the leat and pavements on Brook Street – a community working party. 13th July.

The Environment Agency have verbally said there is some money to look at the pipework for the leat. This to be checked, Clerk to action.

10) EV Chargepoints – to receive an update if there is one. Cllr. Brooker advised the grant monies have been given to the County Councils – so far no further update received.

11) Bampton Council logo – for discussion. Cllr. Brooker to advise. Copy updated and circulated. Cllr. White proposed adoption of the logo, all agreed by show of hands.

12) Footpaths – report received from our dedicated footpath wardens – attached to this agenda.

13) PLANNING:

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

- i. 23/00209/FULL Erection of two dwellings and associated works, land at NGR 295663 122384 Frog Street, Bampton. Additional drawings and information.

<https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RPPDP1KS07T00>

Council continue to **object** to this application for the following reasons -

- This area of Frog Street is shown as a HIGH RISK for flooding. Further coverage of land with tarmac and buildings is likely to lead to more difficulties with drainage.
- Access to the proposed development is considered to be inadequate based as it is on a sharp bend in a narrow street.
- Traffic levels: additional vehicles serving the proposed development would increase already over-crowded traffic issues on a narrow street with no pavements for pedestrians.

- Although one of the proposed properties has been realigned these proposed properties will cause overlooking and loss of privacy for those in Newton Court.
- Being so close to properties in Newton Court will also incur loss of light and overshadowing.
- Council are concerned at the environmental impact in this small area.
- Bats are known to roost in Newton Court and this area is also known as a fly zone for the protected species.

14) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Viking – toilet rolls	£69.52	BACs
	Cove Garden Nursery – plants	£987.54	BACs
	Edd Lane – ecology pump track	£563.80	BACs
	Employment June	£840.20	BACs
	PAYE & NICS Q1	£751.25	BACs
	Clerk’s expenses Q1	£341.96	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans	£350.00	BACs
	Countrywide – grass cuts	£620.64	BACs
	LARC room hire	£54.00	BACs
	Coggins – pétanque expenses	£615.60	BACs
	Forte Trailscapes – 1 st payment	£52,784.40	BACs 27/06
	Wix – Fair website annual charge	£360.00	CARD

Income:

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. First quarter budget comparisons circulated and attached to these minutes.

Council to resolve to accept the receipts and payments account as listed above.

15) Vat and personal credit/debit cards – to be noted. If councillors purchase items on their personal credit or debit cards on behalf of the Council, they will be reimbursed but Council cannot reclaim VAT. Please put all requests for items through the Clerk who can use the Council credit card. Noted.

16) Documents Update -

- Financial Regulations** – to resolve to adopt the updated Financial Regulations as circulated prior to this meeting.
 - Planning Policy** – to consider and resolve to adopt a Planning Policy.
 - Planning Terms of Reference** – to consider and resolve to adopt Planning terms of reference
- The above documentation was resolved for acceptance. All agreed by show of hands.

17) Defibrillator training – DAAT have Friday 6th September or Thursday 26th September for training session 6.30 to 8pm or 7- 8.30pm – to be agreed. Thursday 26th September 6.30-8pm. Book the community hall.

18) Clerk’s Report –

- Attended the joint Devon/Cornwall branch training meeting of the SLCC 26th June. Insurance, procurement and the audit process were all discussion items.

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 2nd September 2024 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.
Meeting closed at 8pm.

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