

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

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. White; Cllr. Williams; Cllr. L. Bull; 4 members of the public

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Whiteway. Cllr. N. Bull. Cllr. Jones. Cllr. Weston. District Cllr. Moore. County Cllr. Chesterton. 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.

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.

Parishioners wished to hear more about the speed awareness course mentioned in the last minutes. When we came last time, this was one of the things we really wanted to raise awareness; that the speed of the traffic through the town was a problem and we really wish, if possible, to push the '20's plenty' message.

Cllr. Williams was emailed a couple of days ago and read out the email: he had contacted the local community police person who rang back very quickly. Cllr. Williams is not very encouraged as many of the resources have been removed. External speed monitoring is now outsourced. There is a requirement for a volunteer speed force, minimum of 4 members of the community; they can then go through the online training procedure, be provided with some equipment and then the community speedwatch work can begin.

Parishioner asked what would be a possible outcome.

Cllr. Williams suggested this could act as a possible deterrent. Speeders could not be fined but the fact of speedwatch being in place would act as a deterrent, also collecting data which can then be used as evidence, including the two wires across the road which then monitors the frequency of the speeding. This would be a first step towards evaluating the speed in Bampton. Cllr. Williams suggested that it is the roads coming into Bampton and Brook Street.

Is there a need more than four people?

Possibly but that would depend on what you want to monitor at the time. Cllr. Williams to take email addresses and then can establish a group. If the time commitment is too much there is no pressure to stick to it; this would be a voluntary group, but the more the merrier

Cllr. Fouracres considers that this would provide much needed data upon which Highways can act. Council have tried to get the '20's plenty' throughout the town.

Cllr. L. Bull said that Seddons are happy to reprint their 20's plenty signs but householders must put them on their own property.

Cllr. White stated Highways are incredibly slow and under resourced. Roundels took nearly a decade.

Mike & Kelley Beeston attended to take any questions on their planning application.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) - Vandalism, report sent to Alison Hernandez, police crime commissioner. Police presence would be appreciated. The Council has Open Forum on meeting days and suggested that a police person could attend so that people can also approach them.

Lengthy reply received; a local officer will be contacting us to provide reassurance.

Mid Devon Council have just reported that public space disorders are in hand, some action in Willand and Tiverton play parks.

5) County and District Councillor reports -

County: unable to attend. Report taken as read as circulated to all councillors. Devon CC new Chief Executive is Donna Manson. Most relevant is that HATOC decided not to progress with yellow lines.

District: report taken as read. Council tax going up a bit but the deficit on the budget is still marked. Mid Devon Council are looking at whether parishes can take on some non-statutory services.

Cllr. Ray Stanley has emailed to say that if any councillor is interested, there is an opportunity to view the new houses on West St. Contact Cllr. Stanley to take up this opportunity.

Email from Sue Leach, church warden of PCC. Zedpods and Mid Devon Council have a consultation on the 9th December, via Zoom, of the development to 1-21 School Close. Cllr. Fouracres to attend.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Charter Fair - Had an open forum last Wednesday 6-8pm, reasonable attendance. Constructive suggestions and offers of help. The Fair Committee is now working through those suggestions. It was decided to carry out a survey for Bampton as to what is required of the Charter Fair in the future.

8) Millennium Green - Pump track drawings look very encouraging. Adam Paget and Cllr. Williams will be working on this in the New Year.

Apple days to be diarised for next year so that the community can get involved. Longer term plans could include apple juicing days etc.

9) Bampton Hall - nothing further to report on planning investigation. A tree survey has been booked.

10) Open Spaces

i. Car park trees. Council hasn't seen the report from Green Trees.

ii. Windwhistle bench: to agree to budget for under £500 and Cllr. Williams to report back in January if not.

iii. Packhorse way flood drain: neighbour helped with comprehensive knowledge and advice. Steve Densham from Mid Devon Council contacted, repair will hopefully be done by Christmas.

iv. Toilet wall removal. Somerwill quote accepted. No timetable given.

v. Toddler swing: GL Jones Playgrounds initially installed the swings. Cllr. Williams has asked for a swing quote.

Cllr. L. Bull suggested getting a quote for the basket swing too, if made by same company. Cllr. Williams to research.

vi. Locking bike rack in Station Road car park. Request to install a bike rack by the toilets. Agreed if within Open Spaces budget.

11) Christmas - Sum up was successful for payments. The event needs more business support. It was suggested that the Bampton Business Group could be reformed.

12) PLANNING:

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

a) 22/02071 FULL Reinstatement, conversion and change of use of buildings to form a dwelling (Use Class C3) and ancillary accommodation; formation of accommodation within ruin for use as a home

office and/or annexe; erection of an outbuilding, erection of agricultural building and associated works, Higher Bowbierhill, Bampton.

NO OBJECTION Cllr. L. Bull proposed Council support. All agreed.

b) 22/02109/CAT Notification of intention fell one Whitebeam and one Apple tree within a conservation area, 10 South Molton Road, Bampton.

NO OBJECTION

c) 22/02196/FULL Erection of 5 dwellings following demolition of agricultural building using Class Q fallback position, Higher Grants, Exebridge.

NO OBJECTION

d) 22/02050/FULL Installation of 72 ground mounted solar panels, Whittenhays, Bampton.

NO OBJECTION

Planning Decisions:

a) 22/01857/FULL Erection of extension and formalisation of parking spaces. Bampton Surgery, Barnhay, Bampton

APPROVED

13) FINANCE:

Expenditure

Nick Bull – Xmas	£386.92	BACs
Rupert White – Xmas	£416.60	BACs
Cove Garden Nursery	£475.09	BACs
Play Inspection Co	£262.62	BACs
Four Seasons – grass cuts	£527.99	BACs
Ozzy D – Fair	£450.00	BACs
LARC – room hire	£80.00	BACs
J. Caunter – toilet cleans	£300.00	BACs

These payments authorized on 4th January 2023.

Bank Reconciliation to be circulated to all councillors once available.

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

14) Wellbeing Bampton - grant proposed by Cllr. L. Bull – all agreed.

15) Grant request from Citizens Advice - agreed to give same as last year. Mid Devon, 1218 clients helped in MD. 24% increase in enquiries. Cllr. White proposed, all agreed.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: None

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....

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Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Email circulations during the past month