

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Monday 3rd June 2024, 7pm in the LARC

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. Brooker; Cllr. White; Cllr. Grabke; Cllr. Boyles; District Cllr. Adcock; Cllr. Brock; Cllr. N. Bull; Penny Clapham (Clerk); 1 member of the public.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: District Cllr. Gilmour. Cllr. Whiteway. 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.

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 about the state of Bampton with weeds and overgrowth within the Town. Considers visitors would not like the town as it is. Cllr. Fouracres informed that the grass contractors cut the grass that belongs to the parish. The grass in Barnhay is the responsibility of Mid Devon Council – passed to Cllr. Binks for action.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – Member of the public has asked what is happening to the leat in Brook Street. Discussed and in the first instance to be taken to Highways.

Discussed with another contractor about installing the island, but no quote as yet received.

A lamp to light at the war memorial a 'D' Day red lamp of peace to be lit at 9.15pm on the 6th June. It will be left overnight and collected on the Friday. Town crier will do a 'cry'. Gather at the war memorial at 9pm.

5) County & District Councillor reports –

Report submitted by email earlier today. Cllr. Adcock elaborated on some items in the report. Cllr. White requested raising the issue of the road surface from the Exeter Inn towards Tiverton, being very rough.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Toilets – to consider a parish wide survey on the toilets. Cllr. L. Bull to report. Postponed.

8) Play areas –

- i. To consider Mid Devon Council as a regular contractor to check the playgrounds (3). Costs are as follows £84 for one, £50 for the second and £25 for the third, so £159 + VAT per inspection, whether it is monthly (recommended) bi-monthly and so on. Discussed.

Cllr. Fouracres proposed go ahead with use of Mid Devon as a regular contractor bi-monthly. All agreed by show of hands. Clerk to action.

9) Charter Fair – to receive an update from the latest Charter Fair Committee meeting. Cllr. White reported that a main act is still work in progress. Thanks to Ed Tanner for organising the music. Received a

£1000 Locality Grant towards the marquee for the childrens area. County Cllr. Chesterton has been thanked for actioning this grant.

10) Bampton Hall – to receive an update from the Hall Committee meeting held on 23rd May. The proposed meeting for the community on 28th June cannot now go ahead in the Community Hall. Now suggested a Saturday morning stall, in Brook Street, 22nd June, 9.30-12.30pm.

11) PLANNING:

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

None.

Planning Decisions:

- i. 23/00118/MFUL Erection of 18 affordable dwellings following the demolition of 10 existing dwellings with associated vehicular and pedestrian access, parking, landscaping and associated works. (subject to numerous conditions)
- ii. 24/00024/HOUSE Erection of single storey rear extension, Spring Cottage, West. Street, Bampton. APPROVED
- iii. 24/00378/FULL Erection of a replacement dwelling, Ringwood, Old Tiverton Road, Bampton APPROVED
- iv. 24/00305/FULL Erection of a dwelling and associated works, 7 South Molton Road, Bampton REFUSED
- v. 24/00379/FULL Erection of a replacement dwelling, Five Levels, Old Tiverton Road, Bampton APPROVED

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Scovell & Son – waste clearance (to Cllr. Fouracres)	£200.00	BACs
	Community Hall – hall hire 28th June	£30.00	BACs
	Employment May	£840.40	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans May	£350.00	BACs
	Countrywide grass cuts – May	£620.64	BACs
	LARC – room hire	£54.00	BACs
	S. Fouracres – noticeboard/lamp oil	£101.06	BACs
Income:	Locality Grant towards the Fair	£1000.00	Recd.

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account as listed above. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all agreed by show of hands.

13) Clerk's Report –

- a) Pump Track update. Birds nest check is to be done on the 7th June.
- b) SW Water and charges for toilets, Station Road. A check for leaks to be carried out.
- c) Planning enforcement and Class Q updates received from Mid Devon Council for information.
- d) Website – part completed and sent out to councillors for approval. Councillors to send photos to the Clerk. Comments and content suggestions still to be received.

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.

14) District Councillor Review – completed.

Items for Information

Cllr. Brooker informed about the application for an EV charger made late in 2023. The Government grant monies are being given to Devon County Council.

The next Council meeting is on 1st July 2024 at 7.00pm in the LARC building.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

NALC Bulletin pertinent to the BT switch to digital only phones (sent 22/05)