

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 7th July, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood – Town Mayor in the Chair
 " G. Davidson
 " P. Abbey
 " R. Barnett
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " J. Eagles
 " A. Hall
 " F. Kerry
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " C. Lancaster
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " A. Shelton
 " J. Stockwood

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend Christine Perry, were said prior to the start of the meeting. Also, a one minute's silence was held in memory of John Bradley, a former Town Councillor, who died recently.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, welcomed Councillors Purdue-Horan and Davidson back to the Council meeting following their recent hospitalisation.

MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS:

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced she had attended the following events:-

- 1.00 10th May, 2009.** Made an informal visit to Sunrise Junior Badminton Club.
- 2.00 16th May, 2009.** Attended the Presentation Ceremony at Bingham Town Youth Football Club.
- 3.00 19th May, 2009.** Attended the Open Day at Beauvale Nursing Home and performed the opening of the recently refurbished twenty year old establishment.
- 4.00 20th May, 2009.** Received the keys to the new pavilion on Butt Field.
- 5.00 7th June, 2009.** Together with the Deputy Town Clerk, held an interview on Radio Eye, advertising the Town Fair.
- 6.00 13th June, 2009.** Attended Bingham Town Fair where over £150.00 was raised for the Stroke Association, this year's Town Mayor's Charity.
- 7.00 14th June, 2009.** Supported the Open Garden Day held in Bingham to raise money for the Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

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MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS continued.....

- 8.00 26th June, 2009.** Attended the start of the Works Ceremony for the A46 Newark to Widmerpool Improvement Scheme.
- 9.00 27th June, 2009.** Attended the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Butt Field Club House which was performed by the Right Honourable Kenneth Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Nigel Clough.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Davidson declared an interest in Folio 6067, Item 09/00909/FUL, Land to rear of 9, Cherry Street.

Prior to the formal meeting commencing, representatives of the Bingham Twinning Association presented the Mayor with a sculptured figurine which had been presented to them by Bingham's Twin Town of Wallenfels. Members of the Bingham Twinning Association requested that the figurine be displayed within the Council Chamber, along with the Twinning Charter. The Town Mayor gave thanks for the figurine and said she was looking forward to seeing fellow Twinning Association members later on in the year when, hopefully, members from Wallenfels visit Bingham.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

2.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 5th May and 23rd June, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Due to his spell in hospital, Councillor Purdue-Horan abstained from this vote but thanked everyone for their good wishes and went on to congratulate Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood on being appointed Town Mayor and offered his full support.

3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes, and the following recommendations were made:-

- 01 Planning Committee – 12th May and 9th June, 2009.
Reference was made to the fact that Rushcliffe Borough Council had granted a six day licence for a fruit and vegetable stall on the Market Square without any consultation with the Town Council. Town Councillors objected to this and agreed it should be an agenda item for the Full Council. (Folio 6065, Item 8.00, refers).

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3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

- 02 Community Committee – 12th May, 2009. (Folio 6065/7.02).
It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition again this year.
- 03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 26th May, 2009. (Folio 6062/5.01).
On the subject of vandalism at the Hill Drive allotments, it was agreed that letters should be sent to tenants, requesting the importance of keeping the gates locked.
- 04 Environment Committee – 9th June, 2009. (Folio 6072/7.03).
The Clerk confirmed that discussions were being held with David Wilson Homes regarding the grassed areas within their new housing development. Councillor Purdue-Horan thanked the Chairman of the Environment Committee, and fellow members, for all their hard work on that Committee.
- 05 Policy & Resources Committee – 16th June, 2009.

Recommendations were made to approve the following:-

- (a) Folio 6073/4.00 – Budget Report 'A' up to the 31st May, 2009.
- (b) Folio 6074/5.00 – Accounts presented.
- (c) Folio 6074/6.00 – Accounts paid.
- (d) Folio 6074/7.00 – Payment of £500.00 Grant Aid to Victim Support.

Other items recommended by the Policy & Resources Committee were either items under Private & Confidential or separate agenda items at the Full Council meeting.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that all the Reports and Recommendations of the Committees be approved.

4.00 OTHER REPORTS:

- 01 County Councillor Martin Suthers

Councillor Suthers was unable to attend but it was reported that he had been dealing with current Bingham issues such as traffic and parking etc. Councillor Purdue-Horan wished to congratulate Councillor Suthers on his recent appointment as Deputy Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, and the Clerk to write to Councillor Suthers with the Town Council's good wishes.

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5.00 COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP:

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented a generic plan (6247 KO2 Rev. A) of the proposed Community Centre, along with a brief outline as to how it had been arrived at. The plan was subject to amendment, and merely a starting point to go forward, and, as yet, was not site-specific as a definitive site had not yet been agreed. This was also dependent on the siting of the Health Centre. Councillor Purdue-Horan estimated that the cost would be in the region of £1.5m for building only and would be subject to public consultation later on in the year. Some Councillors expressed the importance of consultation in order to identify current need and expectations of members of the public. Consultation should take place at the beginning rather than end of the design stage.

6.00 WALLENFELS PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP:

Councillor Barnett confirmed that representatives of four companies had submitted plans and given presentations based on site visits and meetings. The working group of Councillors Barnett, Abbey and Shelton

RECOMMENDED to the Policy & Resources Committee Jon Walker Timber Products Limited as the preferred supplier. Once approved, then public consultation would take place on the proposed plans.

The Mayor thanked the working group for its hard work and a vote was taken. It was

RESOLVED to approve Jon Walker Timber Products Limited as the preferred supplier.

7.00 BUTT FIELD SPORTS GROUND:

01 Outstanding Pitch Works

It was agreed to grant approval to the Butt Field Working Group to progress pitch works as per the quotation from Fine Turf dated 23rd June, 2009, as follows:-

(a) Item 1 @ £825.00 + Clubhouse reinstatement works items
1 – 6 @ £4,850.00.

(b) The matter of rabbit netting to be referred back to the Butt Field Working Group for further recommendations to be made.

02 Dog Signage

Under Standing Orders, no further decisions can be made until after six months of the original decision which means a further decision cannot be made until September, 2009. Bingham Town Council is awaiting confirmation of a date from the Dog Owners' Group for a meeting.

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7.00 BUTT FIELD SPORTS GROUND continued.....

02 Dog Signage continued....

Councillors, in general, felt that further consultation should have taken place prior to the original decision and that lessons have been learnt.

Councillors also went on to congratulate members of the Dog Owners' Group for how they have handled their complaints and progressed the issue. The Town Mayor said she felt the matter was being addressed by all parties in a positive manner. A petition and a letter had been received from the Group.

03 Wind Turbine Planning Application

The Clerk confirmed that a quotation for the bat survey had been received, and, after consultation with Rushcliffe Borough Council's Planning Officer it was

RESOLVED to accept the lowest quotation which had been received.

04 Outstanding Utility Bills

The Butt Field Sports Club had requested reimbursement of the following utility bills:-

(a)	Electricity	-	£774.04
(b)	Gas	-	£75.30
(c)	Water	-	£132.36

It was

RESOLVED to approve reimbursement to the Sports Club, and the Clerk to confirm whether or not any charges can be passed on to contractors.

05 Application for Assistance for Funding of Tables and Chairs

It was agreed that this item should be dealt with under Private & Confidential matters.

8.00 BINGHAM R.U.F.C.

An application had been received asking for permission to use the playing field for two fundraising events – a Beer Festival in June, 2009, and a car boot sale towards the end of July or beginning of August, 2009. It was

RESOLVED to grant permission for both of these events to take place. The Clerk to write to the Rugby Club but requesting that there is no clash with the date of the Town Fair.

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9.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Notification had been received of the granting of a licence for a stall on the Market Square on days other than a Thursday. Councillors expressed disappointment that the Town Council had not been consulted and felt that such an issue should go through the planning process. The general feeling was that the Town Council supported local shops and did not want to seem them boarded up, especially around the Market Square. The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council had apologised for not consulting the Town Council. Bingham Town Council's long-term views of the Market Square would be referred to the Community Committee to be held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2009.

02 A letter had been received from the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Peter McGowan, expressing his thanks for the invitation to the Town Fair which he had subsequently thoroughly enjoyed.

03 A letter had been received from the Borough Council, inviting the Town Council to assist with fundraising for the Mayor's Charity Appeal which is the Neonatal Unit at the Nottingham University Hospitals' Trust.

04 Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy

Comments to the Clerk by 31st July, 2009.

05 Tesco

Notification had been received that Tesco would be holding public consultations at The Old Court House regarding a possible store on the Sercon site, parallel to the railway line. A meeting had been held with Bingham Town Council and Borough Councillors. However, at this stage, no formal planning application had been received.

10.00 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:

01 A representative from the Dog Owners' Group thanked Councillors for listening to the Group. However, it was felt there were still issues to be addressed, i.e. signs on the bridleway and extension to access of free doggy bags which the Town Council provides. The Clerk was trying to arrange a meeting with the Group at which any outstanding problems would be addressed.

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10.00 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL continued.....

- 02 A resident expressed concern over the balancing pond on the proposed Wallenfels play area site. Councillors confirmed that the play equipment would be erected on the opposite side of the path within the green space. Another resident was pleased at the proposed new play area.
- 03 Residents expressed concern over the approach to the proposed Community Centre. However, Councillor Purdue-Horan went on to say it was hoped that a successful partnership, along similar lines to that with the Butt Field Sports Club, could be replicated in the approach to the Community Centre.
- 04 Concern was stated by some people about the proposed Tesco store as it was felt that local shops would be the casualties.
- 05 Reference was made by some residents about the huge problem of buses travelling along Cherry Street and Market Street. One resident also complained about traffic mounting the pavement near to the Halifax Bank on Market Street. It was agreed to refer this item to the Environment Committee.
- 06 A representative from the Butt Field Sport Club confirmed the opening weekend had been a great success and had surpassed all expectations.

11.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.”

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 OLD COURT HOUSE**
- 02 BUTT FIELD SPORTS CLUB**
- 03 BAT SURVEY**
- 04 COGLEY LANE FENCING**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-