

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 9th September , 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor G. Davidson– Town Mayor in the Chair  
 " P. Abbey  
 " R. Barnett  
 " Mrs. A. Bryan  
 " F. Kerry  
 " C. Lancaster  
 " Mrs. J. Marshall  
 " J. Stockwood  
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: County Councillor M. Suthers and two members of the public.

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend Christine Perry, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Mrs. A. Bryan and G. Davidson declared an interest in F5911, Item 3, No2Newton.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Eagles, A. Hall, Mrs. S. Hull, Mrs. J. Marshall and A. Shelton.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced that he had attended the following functions:-

- 1.00** Sunday, 13th July, 2008, attended Nottinghamshire County Council's Civic Service at Southwell Minster.
- 2.00** Thursday, 29th July, attended meeting with P.C.T.
- 3.00** Thursday, 31st July, 2008, visited Keyworth Health Centre.
- 4.00** Tuesday, 5th August, 2008, welcomed Wallenfels' Youth Football team to Bingham.
- 5.00** Wednesday, 20th August, 2008, presented 2008 Open Garden Competition awards.

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**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the special meeting held on the 8th July, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes as follows:-

Planning Committee – 15th July, 2008.  
Agreed.

Community Committee – 15th July, 2008.  
It was reported that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood would be attending the Parish Planning Seminar to be held at Rushcliffe Borough Council on the 17th September, 2008.

The micro-glass recycling sites were being monitored. However, there did not appear to be any major issues.

In connection with Christmas lighting, it was

**RESOLVED** to accept both the REMCO and Nottinghamshire County Council quotations for these. Agreed.

Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 29th July, 2008.  
Councillor Purdue-Horan suggested there would be a need for public consultation re. the play area which was being planned at the bird estate on Grantham Road. Agreed.

Planning Committee – 12th August, 2008.

Environment Committee – 12th August, 2008.  
Agreed.

Policy & Resources Committee – 26th August, 2008.  
A grant aid request for No2Newton had been referred to this Full Council meeting.

It was

**RESOLVED** to accept the tenders from Midway Fencing for the Butt Field area, along with Network Rail's quotation, including their contribution.

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## **2.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....**

Policy & Resources Committee – 26th August, 2008, continued.....

Councillor Purdue-Horan thanked the Clerk for the action taken following the I.T. problems incurred, and it was

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve items 1 – 4 on the Clerk’s Report submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee. In connection with Item 5 regarding website issues, it was agreed that this should be referred to the next meeting of the Promotions Working Group.

Councillors Mrs. Bryan and Davidson, declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

## **3.00 GRANT AID APPLICATION:**

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood took the Chair for this item.

A request had been received from No2Newton for a donation. The Clerk had confirmed the Officers’ contact details and bank account status re. the application for grant aid towards publicity and communications. It was

**RESOLVED** to support and approve a grant aid donation up to a maximum of £500.00.

Councillors Mrs. Bryan and Davidson returned to the meeting.

## **4.00 BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD:**

It was agreed that Councillors Davidson, Mrs. M. Stockwood and the Clerk should address the positioning of the sign which had been awarded to Bingham in being placed first in its category in the competition with a view to installing it within the paved area, outside The Old Court House, subject to services not running through it.

## **5.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **01 Bingham Rugby Union Football Club**

B.R.U.F.C. had requested a letter in support of its funding applications to WREN and other Organisations. The Town Council is happy for the Club to refurbish the pavilion and it was agreed that Bingham Town Council would consider any application which was made from the Club. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter confirming support on all three matters raised.

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**6.00 ANY OTHER REPORTS:**

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

Councillor Suthers reported on a P.C.T. meeting next week and said that projects to be given top priority would be confirmed.

The timetable to be implemented by East Midlands Trains in December, 2008, meant he would be presenting a petition from Aslockton and Whatton next week as trains would no longer be stopping at Aslockton and this, in turn, could cause parking problems for Bingham.

Councillor Suthers confirmed that it was still top priority to have R.A.F. Newton withdrawn from the Government's list as a site for an ecotown.

£1,000.00 available for GSHP on Butt Field.

Speed gun funding was still available.

**7.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

The following issue was discussed:-

Glass Recycling Micro-sites

A representative of residents living close to the recycling site at Mill Hill read out a letter which had been drafted to the Borough Council and Town Councillors.

**8.00 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."

There were no items of confidential business presented for discussion.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.09 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

