

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th November, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend David Harper, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

**MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS:**

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

- 1.00 23rd September, 2009.** Attended a meeting at the home of Mr. F. Hardy and met a group who is keen to have an input into next year's Summer Fair. This matter will be referred to the Promotions Working Group.
- 2.00 1st October, 2009.** Attended a Special Meeting of the Town Council for the Nottinghamshire Primary Care Trust and LiftCo to explain the latest delay with plans for a Health Centre.
- 3.00 9th October, 2009.** Attended an informal meeting with members from the Butt Field Sports Clubs.
- 4.00 18th October, 2009.** Attended the Bingham Town Council's Civic Service at the Methodist Centre. The Mayor thanked the Reverend Christine Perry, the Reverend David Harper, Town Clerk and all who helped with the service and reception afterwards. The collection amounted to £....., and, together with the sum collected at the Summer Fair, will go to the Stroke Association.
- 5.00 23rd October, 2009.** Travelled to Ypres in Belgium to be present at the Menen Gate for the last post ceremony held each evening.

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- 6.00 24th October, 2009.** Attended the official unveiling of the memorial erected by the Sherwood Foresters at Tyne Cot for those who died fighting on the Western Front. The Mayor also went to the Passchendale Memorial Museum where the Sherwood Foresters have donated some new exhibits; there is a mock-up of the trenches in order to give an idea of what they were like. The Town Mayor returned home the next day and recorded her thanks to Councillor Purdue-Horan for organising the travel arrangements and escorting her to this very moving event. Both Councillors were invited to represent Bingham following the Town Council's donation to the Memorial Fund.
- 7.00 2nd November, 2009.** As President of the Twinning Association, invited to welcome the visiting party from Wallenfels on the 25th Anniversary of when the Charter was signed, and, on behalf of Bingham, received a picture from Wallenfels to mark this occasion.
- 8.00 3rd November, 2009.** Supported the Mayor of Gedling's Charity Event at the Goosedale Centre in Papplewick.
- 9.00 5th November, 2009.** Attended a small, informal gathering for Councillors to meet the Twinning Group and their hosts. The Mayor was pleased to present the visiting party from Wallenfels with an embroidered picture map of Nottinghamshire, which also marked where Bingham was. The Mayor would like to thank those Councillors who were able to come to The Old Court House on this occasion and also the staff for organising the reception.
- 10.00 8th November, 2009.** Attended the Remembrance Service at St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church and was privileged, on behalf of the Town Council, to lay a wreath to remember those from Bingham who fell in the wars.
- 11.00 9th November, 2009.** The Women of Influence Lunch was held at the East Midlands Conference Centre, and the Mayor was pleased to be able to attend such a prestigious event.

Finally, the Mayor had one more very special duty to perform. At the end of two distinguished years as the Mayor of Bingham, Councillor Purdue-Horan would have expected to have received a Past Mayor's badge. Unfortunately, this was overlooked at the time and has since been forgotten about, but, of course, not by Councillor Purdue-Horan who has commented that he feels naked at civic functions. On behalf of the Town Council, Councillor Mrs. Stockwood sincerely apologised and was now extremely pleased to remedy this omission.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor F. Kerry declared an interest in Folio 6060, Item 9.04, St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church.

### **1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Hall and C. Lancaster.

### **2.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September, 2009, and the Special Meeting held on the 1st October, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### 01 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising to report.

### **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 – Folio 6123/6125 – 15th September, 2009.

02 Community Committee – Folio 6126/6130 – 15th September, 2009.

03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee, Folio 6131/6134 – 29th September, 2009.

#### Folio 6131, Item 2.01, Butt Field Pavilion

An amendment was made to this item which should read '*Bingham Leisure Centre*' and not '*Butt Field Pavilion*'.

#### Folio 6132, Item 3.01 (d), Directional Signage

Councillor Hull queried whether or not the signage for Butt Field Sports Area was in situ. The Clerk to confirm.

#### Folio 6132, Item 3.01 (c), Quotation for Pavilion Sign

This recommendation to be referred to Policy & Resources Committee.

04 Planning Committee , Folio 6137/6140 - 13th October, 2009.

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### **3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

05 Environment Committee, Folio 6141/6144 – 13th October, 2009.

Hedge at Newgate Farm

Councillor Eagles confirmed that the Crown Estate had still not addressed the hedge.

Folio 6143, Item 8.02 – Bus Parking

Councillor Davidson reported that the two bus companies were still causing serious problems to traffic flow when buses were parked up.

06 Policy & Resources Committee, Folio 6145/6154 – 27th October, 2009.

Folio 6147, Item 10.01 – Commemoration of Victoria Cross Veteran, Harry Churchill Beet

It was agreed that this item should be moved to Private & Confidential matters.

Recommendations were made to approve the following:-

- (a) Folio 6145/Item 3.00 – Budget Report ‘A’ up to the 30th September, 2009.
- (b) Folio 6145/Item 4.00 – Accounts presented.
- (c) Folio 6146/Item 5.00 - Accounts paid.
- (d) Folio 6146/Item 6.02 – Payment of £500 to Robert Miles School towards the school’s centenary celebrations.
- (e) Folio 6146/Item 7.02 – The sign for the Sports Pavilion to be addressed by the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee.
- (f) Folio 6147, Item 7.03 – The allotment sign to have “Authorised Personnel Only” added to it.

It was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Reports and Recommendations of all the Committees and Working Groups referred to be approved.

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#### **4.00 OTHER REPORTS:**

##### 01 County Councillor Martin Suthers

###### (a) Health Centre

Councillor Suthers confirmed that no definite conclusion had been reached regarding the new Health Centre, and it would appear that the business case would not be presented to the November board meeting. The Mayor confirmed that an announcement may be made at the end of next week.

###### (b) Design & Technology Block, Toothill School

Councillor Suthers confirmed that this block had been brought into service this week.

###### (c) Cherry/Church Streets

It was reported that Cherry and Church Streets had been resurfaced, with Market Street being addressed next week.

##### 02 Other Councillors' Reports

There were no other reports received for consideration.

#### **5.00 PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE:**

This item had been addressed within the Community Committee Minutes.

#### **6.00 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR:-**

##### 01 Newton Community Liaison Group

Councillor J. Stockwood was proposed as Bingham Town Council's representative.

##### 02 Police Liaison Officer

The Chairman of the Community Committee, Councillor F. Purdue-Horan, was proposed as Bingham Town Council's representative.

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

##### 01 Letter from Tesco Noted.

##### 02 Letter from a Resident This letter relating to scrap collection was noted and referred to the Community Committee.

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

01 Mr. P. Smith

The author of the letter referred to under Correspondence was acknowledged as being present, and the Town Council's Police Liaison Officer, Councillor Purdue-Horan, said he would bring the matter to the attention of the police.

02 A lady resident said she felt the Town Council should be doing more regarding the Health Centre; it was felt that the new Health Centre should not be sited at the top of a hill. The Mayor responded by suggesting the Town Council was also against siting it at the top of a hill. However, Councillors felt it was more important that Bingham acquired a new health centre, irrespective of its location. The Mayor then made reference to the results of the public consultation which had taken place. After a lengthy discussion, Councillor Suthers agreed it was essential that Bingham did get a new Health Centre as the existing one was far too small for the current size of the town.

**9.00 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 STAFFING MATTERS**
- 02 OLD COURT HOUSE**
- 03 CIVIC AWARDS**
- 04 COMMEMORATION OF VICTORIA CROSS VETERAN**
- 02 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....