

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 12th January, 2010**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS:

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

- 1.00 20th November, 2009.** Attended the Rushcliffe Supports event held at the Methodist Centre. This was very well supported by many agencies who were specifically highlighting what can be done for the over fifties.
- 2.00 4th December, 2009.** Switched on the lights on the Christmas tree in the Market Place and declared the Christmas Fair open. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Rushcliffe also attended the Fair.
- 3.00 6th December, 2009.** Attended the Annual Awards Presentation Evening for the Bingham Penguins.
- 4.00 19th December, 2009.** Attended the Town Council Carol Concert under the Buttercross. The occasion this year was also memorable for the degree of chill factor.
- 5.00 23rd December, 2009.** Distributed the cup and certificates of merit to the winners of the Festive Window competition.
- 6.00 5th January, 2010.** Together with Councillor Purdue-Horan, attended the assembly held for Year 7 pupils at Toothill School. This was the start of the work the pupils are doing towards designing a new clock to overlook the Market Place which, it is hoped, will be unveiled at the next Summer Fair.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Purdue-Horan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Folio 6199, Item 4.05, Dog Bags.

Councillor A. Shelton declared an interest in Folio 6195, Grant Aid, Royal British Legion.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Hall.

2.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following insertion:-

01 Folio 6155, Mayor's Announcements, Civic Service, 4.00

“.....collection amounted to **£174.63**”.

3.00 MATTERS ARISING:

01 Folio 6159, Item 4.01 (a) – Health Centre

There had not been an official announcement from the P.C.T. confirming the site of the Health Centre.

02 Folio 6159, Item 6.02 – Police Liaison Officer

The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Purdue-Horan, as Police Liaison Officer for the Town Council, would communicate matters both from and to Bingham Town Council.

4.00 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 6161 – 17th November, 2009.

02 Community Committee – Folio 6165 – 17th November, 2009.

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4.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee, Folio 6169 – 24th November, 2009.

Folio 6170, Item 2.01 – Wind Turbine on Butt Field

It was

RECOMMENDED to the Policy & Resources Committee to support, in principal, the wind turbine project.

Folio 6172, Item 2.02 – Use of Butt Field by Wallenfels Visitors

It was

RECOMMENDED to the Policy & Resources Committee to support the use of Butt Field Sports Area by Wallenfels visitors for camping, subject to strict policies being in place.

04 Planning Committee , Folio 6175, 8th December, 2009.

05 Environment Committee, Folio 6178, 8th December, 2009.

Folio 6179, Item 4.00 – Hanging Baskets

It was

RECOMMENDED that the Council enters into a three year contract with Plantscape for the same number of baskets in order to secure a ten per cent discount each year, plus an additional discount of £500.00 during 2010/11. Approved.

Councillor Purdue-Horan left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed.

Folio 6179, Item 5.00 – Dog Bags

It was

RECOMMENDED that the free dog bag service be withdrawn from 2010/2011, with a view to reassessing at the setting of budgets for 2011/12. This recommendation was not voted on in isolation; however, all Committee reports and recommendations were approved at the end of this Agenda item. At the setting of the budget for 2010/2011, no provision was made for funding the dog bag service.

Councillor Purdue-Horan returned to the meeting.

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06 Policy & Resources Committee, Folio 6183, 15th December, 2009.

Recommendations were made to approve the following:-

- (a) Budget Report 'A' up to the 30th November, 2009.
- (b) Accounts presented. The Chairman also congratulated the Town Clerk on obtaining the CiLCA Certificate
- (c) Accounts paid.
- (d) Butt Field Wind Turbine – Approved reapplying to grant-funders.
- (e) Use of Butt Field by Wallenfels visitors for camping – Approved subject to stringent Health & Safety policies being in place.
- (f) Setting of budget – see separate Agenda item.
- (g) £500.00 grant aid awarded to Bingham Youth Theatre Community Interest Company.
- (h) Subscriptions – S.L.C.C., C.P.R.E. and L.C.A.S.
- (i) Appointment of Internal Auditor.
- (j) Adoption of Risk Management Policy.
- (k) Wallenfels Play Area Quotation – Approval given to Option 2 (see attached).
- (l) Mayor confirmed meeting to be held with St. Mary & All Saints Church representative on the 1st February, 2010, in connection with memorial to Victoria Cross veteran.

It was

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

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5.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor Martin Suthers

Councillor Suthers was not in attendance at the meeting.

02 Other Councillors' Reports

Councillor J. Stockwood gave an account on progress so far of the Newton Community Liaison Group which he attends on behalf of the Town Council. He also referred Councillors to an e-mail containing various internet links available on line.

6.00 BINGHAM 2020 - "SHAPING OUR FUTURE"

Councillor Purdue-Horan gave a brief account of these proposals (see attached).

It was

RESOLVED to set up a 'steering group' with clearly defined tasks, deadlines and terms of reference. Each Committee would have 'Bingham 2020 – Shaping our Future' as an Agenda item to discuss the areas relevant to them.

7.00 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2010/2011

The following budget was approved for 2010/2011:-

	Budget 2010/2011
<u>Revenue</u>	
Allotments	2950
Cemetery	-100
Community	1350
Depot	83275
Environment	5000
Finance	93150
Property Development	23000
Old Court House	17200
Promotion	15120
Recreation	9790
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It was

RESOLVED to set a precept of £250,735 for 2010/2011.

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8.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

- 01 Rushcliffe Borough Council
Letter re. Civil Parking Enforcement noted and referred to Environment Committee.
- 02 Resident
An e-mail of a copy letter sent from a resident to the P.C.T. regarding siting of the new Health Centre forwarded to all Town Councillors. Noted.
- 03 B.R.E.A.D.
Letter requesting a meeting with the Town Council referred to Community Building Working Group.
- 04 Resident
Letter received in connection with lack of gritting in icy conditions. Referred to Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 05 Resident
E-mail received about provision of allotments. Already acknowledged.
- 06 Nottinghamshire County Council
Letter regarding Emergency Planning. Referred to Community Committee.
- 07 1st Bingham Scout Group
Letter reminding Councillors the Group is still looking for land for a Scout Headquarters. Referred to Community Building Working Group.
- 08 Nottinghamshire County Council
Letter re. 2010/2011 budget proposals and reminder that consultation ends on 22nd January, 2010. Any comments on proposals can be made via N.C.C. website.

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

- 01 Mr. S. McRobie
- Mr. McRobie gave a further update on the current situation regarding grant applications in relation to the wind turbine. The Mayor replied by confirming the planning application was valid for three years and revised grant applications should be submitted. If at any stage additional funding over and above grant applications was received, then a further decision would have to be made at the point once the net cost was known.

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02 Bingham Town News

A resident suggested this could be more informative. Reference was made to the 2010/2011 budget and also the proposed new Health Centre. The Mayor confirmed that the Health Centre was being driven by the P.C.T. Councillor Purdue-Horan reported in support of next year's budget and the reasons behind it, and also confirmed the Town News was due to be discussed at a meeting to be held on the 18th January, 2010.

03 Bingham Dog-Walking Group

A member of this Group referred to an e-mail which had been submitted. The Mayor confirmed this had been received and would be addressed by the relevant Committee.

10.00 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 BUTT FIELD**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-