

Minutes of the **Statutory Annual Meeting of Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 6th May, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- 1.00 25th April, 2008.** Attended a meeting with Crown Estate representatives.
- 2.00 16th April, 2008.** Attended A.G.M. of Bingham Twinning Association held at the Bowls Club.
- 3.00 28th April, 2008.** Accepted an invitation to celebrate twenty-eight years of Nursery.

The Town Mayor also referred to events generally during his past year of office and gave a general synopsis of activities.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Councillor Mrs. Maureen Stockwood proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A. Shelton declared Code of Conduct interest in respect of Folio 5824/4.03 (b).

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood declared a Code of Conduct interest in agenda item 8 (letter from Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust Limited).

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1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR:

Councillor George Davidson was **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. S. Hull and **Seconded** by Councillor F. Kerry.

No further nominations were made and Councillor Davidson was duly elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Davidson thanked the Council for his election.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillor Mrs. Maureen Stockwood was **Proposed** by Councillor A. Hall and **Seconded** by Councillor J. Eagles.

No further nominations were made and Councillor Mrs. Stockwood was duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood thanked the Council for electing her.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies of absence received.

4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Shelton, **Seconded** by Councillor Eagles, and **RESOLVED** that the Committee membership for the ensuing year be determined as follows:-

Community Committee

Councillor A. Hall.
" Mrs. S. Hull
" Mrs. J. Marshall.
" F. Purdue-Horan

Environment Committee

Councillor R. Barnett.
" J. Eagles.
" A. Shelton.
" J. Stockwood.

Planning Committee

Councillor A. Hall.
" S. Hull.
" C. Lancaster
" J. Marshall.
" A. Shelton.
" J. Stockwood.

Recreation & Cemetery Committee

Councillor P. Abbey.
" R. Barnett.
" A. Bryan.
" F. Kerry.

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4. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES** continued.....

Policy & Resources Committee

The elected Chairmen of Community, Environment, Planning and Recreational & Cemetery Committees.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 42, the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are members of all the above-mentioned Committees.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:-

Butt Field Sports Club Management Committee

Councillor F. Kerry.

Friends of Linear Park

Councillor J. Eagles.

Bingham Twinning Association

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, Town Mayor.

Trustees of Wycombe House

Councillor J. Eagles.

6. **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February, 2008, and the Special Town Council Meeting held on the 25th March, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(a) **Planning Committee**

It was **Moved** by Councillor Shelton, **Seconded** by Councillor Hull, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on the 4th March, 1st and 15th April, 2008, be received.

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7. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(b) Environment Committee

It was **Moved** by Councillor Eagles, **Seconded** by Councillor J. Stockwood, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on the 4th March and 22nd April, 2008, be received.

(c) Special Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee

It was **Moved** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, **Seconded** by Councillor Purdue-Horan, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings of the Special Meeting of this Committee held on the 11th March, 2008, be received.

(d) Recreational & Cemetery Committee

It was **Moved** by Councillor Kerry, **Seconded** by Councillor Purdue-Horan, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 18th March, 2008, be received.

(e) Community Committee

It was **Moved** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. Hull, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 1st April, 2008, be received.

(f) Policy & Resources Committee

It was **Moved** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. Marshall, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 15th April, 2008, be received and its recommendations to Council be adopted.

8. OTHER REPORTS:

County Councillor Suthers reported that he had been pressing for a meeting concerning Moorlands, and updated the Council generally on this matter.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation from the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust Limited to nominate buildings for entry in the Harry Johnson Award 2008 was reported. It was agreed that if Councillors wished to make a nomination, they should let the Town Clerk know as soon as possible.

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10. OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

(a) Butt Field Project

Mr. McRobie thanked Councillor Purdue-Horan on behalf of Bingham Town Youth Football Club for all his help and support during his term of office, especially in relation to the Butt Field Project.

(b) Community Centre

Mr. Fowler enquired as to when negotiations with the Methodist Church might start. The Town Mayor indicated that the Community Building Working Group would be reconstituted at the first Community Committee meeting, and that all matters relating to negotiations would then be addressed by the Working Group.

(c) Eco Town

Mr. Fowler expressed the hope that the town's Borough Councillors would do their best at the forthcoming Rushcliffe Borough Council meeting and enquired if the public would be allowed to comment at that meeting and whether all Town Councillors were going to observe. The Town Mayor replied that the public could not participate and it was not known, at this time, how many Town Councillors would be able to attend.

11. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

12. BUTT FIELD PROJECT TENDERS:

The Council considered a report and recommendations from the Butt Field Project Working Group meeting held earlier that day concerning tenders received for the proposed new sports pavilion.

It was **Moved** by Councillor Kerry, **Seconded** by Councillor Purdue-Horan, and

RESOLVED that:-

1. The lowest priced tender (with correction on the preliminaries), submitted by Beaufort Construction Limited be accepted to incorporate a ground source heating system.
2. Grant aid applications be made to help offset the extra costs of the ground source heating system.

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12. BUTT FIELD PROJECT TENDERS continued.....

3. The costs of dealing with the contamination issue and additional testing be noted, and the Policy & Resources Committee be asked to determine how reserves need to be adjusted and/or explore the possibility of utilising Community Chest funding to meet the contamination work costs.
4. The Working Group be informed that every opportunity to make realistic savings in the project must be made in order to minimise costs from now on.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.