

Minutes of the **Statutory Annual Meeting of Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 5th May, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Davidson – Town Mayor in the Chair

" P. D. Abbey
 " R. Barnett
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " 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 D. Harper, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR:

Two nominations were received for the position of Town Mayor and a vote took place as follows:-

Name	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
Cllr. Mrs. Stockwood	Cllr. R. Barnett	Cllr. A. Hall	7 For
Cllr. G. Davidson	Cllr. J. Eagles	Cllr. P. Abbey	6 For

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood was, therefore, duly elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Two nominations were received for the position of Deputy Town Mayor and a vote took place as follows:-

Name	Proposer	Seconder	Votes
Cllr. A. Shelton	Cllr. F. Kerry	Cllr. J. Stockwood	7 For
Cllr. G. Davidson	Cllr. Mrs. S. Hull	Cllr. J. Eagles	6 For

Councillor A. Shelton was, therefore, duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A. Shelton declared an interest in respect of Folio 6047/(e) (i) - Bingham Bowling Club, 6047/(e) (iii) - Neighbourhood Watch and Twinning Association – 6047/(e) (ii).

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3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor F. Purdue-Horan.

4. CIVIC AWARD PRESENTATION:

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, invited Councillor Davidson to present the award to Mr. Richard Tyas as the latter had been unable to attend the presentation ceremony at the Civic Reception held in February, 2009.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

It was agreed that Committee membership should remain as per 2008/09, with Councillor Davidson becoming a member of the Planning and Environment Committees. The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor are members of all Committees as per the Standings Orders. (See attached marked 'A').

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

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

It was agreed that membership should remain as per 2008/09, noting that the Bingham Twinning Association representative is always the current Town Mayor rather than a named Councillor. (See attached marked 'B').

7. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Committee reports were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on the 17th March and 7th April, 2009, be accepted.

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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(b) Community Committee

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 17th March, 2009, be accepted and to:-

- (i) approve summarising of the 2001 Feasibility Study with a view to producing an A5 leaflet for all households in Bingham.
- (ii) approve the decision not to hold a Garden Competition in 2009 but to support 'Bingham Open Gardens' by including the event in the Town Fair programme.

(c) Recreational & Cemetery Committee

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 17th March, 2009, be accepted. It was also agreed to accept the contract variations re. the Butt Field Project and to approve the installation of an eco-driver and monitoring equipment, along with the commercial dishwasher. The Clerk to chase the situation re. the wind turbine planning application and also Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the objection to signage for Butt Field sports field.

(d) See 8 (a) above

(e) Environment Committee

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on the 7th April, 2009, be accepted and to approve support of the Greening Campaign by including it on the Town Council's website and in the Town News.

It was agreed that the suggestion that a seat be installed on the former micro-recycling site on Porchester Road should go back to Committee as certain Councillors had received objections.

Councillor J. Stockwood confirmed he had attended the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group meeting and gave a brief report on this.

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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(f) Policy & Resources Committee

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 21st April, 2009, be accepted. It was agreed to approve Budget Report 'A', Accounts for Payment (Report 'B') and Accounts Paid (Report 'C'). It was also agreed to approve the use of Bingham Town Council's logo only on documents which Bingham Town Council has been actively involved in producing.

Grant aid was approved as follows:-

- (i) Bingham Bowling Club - £150.00 for a ditch liner.
- (ii) Bingham Town Youth Football Club - £300.00 for commemorative penants.
- (iii) Neighbourhood Watch – to fund cost of four meetings at Old Court House at a total cost of £100.00.
- (iv) Victim Support – this application to be referred to the next Policy & Resources meeting.
- (v) Bingham Open Gardens - £25.00 towards printing costs.

Commemorative gifts were approved as follows:-

- (i) Bingham Cricket Club – Retrospective costs of £85.00 for a certificate to be presented to Lille Cricket Club.
- (ii) Twin town of Wallenfels for the purchase of a painting to be presented to Wallenfels during the year. (Slight amendment to original Minute).

Notts. Family History Society – To approve permission to record cemetery information with a proviso that the Town Council receives a copy of all data produced.

(g) Other Reports

Martin Suthers gave a brief report of his involvement with various topics relating to Bingham at Nottinghamshire County Council level.

9. INSURANCE QUOTATION:

It was

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from WPS for combined insurance from the 1st June, 2009, including a three years' Long Term Agreement at a cost of £3,170.03.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 01 Accounts and audit information received. Inspection period will run from 1st June, 2009, to 26th June, 2009.
- 02 Invitation received for Mayor to attend opening of Beauvale Care Centre, Moor Lane.
- 03 Invitation to Councillors to attend Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service.
- 04 Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council re. pre-order consultation about the diversion of footpath in connection with Design & Technology block at Toothill School. No objections.
- 05 Letter from a resident requesting permission to purchase old Moor lane allotment site. Agreed to refer to Policy & Resources.

12. OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

(a) Twinning Association

A representative requested that the Twinning Charter should be displayed.

(b) There was general disappointment on the appointment of the Town Mayor.

13. 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:-

P&C 004 - BUTT FIELD PROJECT

P&C 005 - COGLEY LANE FENCING AND CROWN ESTATE.

It was agreed the Clerk to try to arrange two separate meetings with Al Hanagan, one in the evening for all Councillors as a general update on everything, and a separate meeting to discuss the allotments.

P&C 006 - MEETING WITH DEVELOPER

P&C 007 - STAFFING MATTERS

It was

RESOLVED to approve the above P&C 004 to P&C 007 Minutes.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:

Mayor's Announcements prior to the commencement of the Statutory Annual Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday, 5th May, 2009, at 7.00 p.m.

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

1.00 8th and 9th April , 2009. Attended public meetings regarding the announcement of the preferred site for a Health Centre.

2.00 29th April, 2009. Attended A.G.M. of the Bingham Twinning Association.

The Town Mayor thanked all the staff of the Town Council for their work during the past year and also Councillor Mrs. Stockwood for her support as Deputy Town Mayor, together with all of the Councillors for their hard work over the last twelve months.