

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 21st September, 2010, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan – Chairman
 " A. Hall
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " A. Shelton
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July, 2010, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

01 Matters Arising

No news had been received regarding the clock project (Folio 6323, 3.02). Clerk to follow up.

2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Report of the Community Building Working Group

(a) Community Hall

It was reported that the Council was considering a property which had been recently offered on the open market for sale or rent. The buildings consist of Chancel House (located to the rear of Church House), and Church House, on East Street. If the Council agrees to pursue the site, existing tenancy agreements would be honoured and the Town Council would take advice on the planning issues of access, impact on neighbouring properties and traffic. The Council continues to have talks with landowners regarding the availability of land.

(b) Contaminated Land

Awaiting further report on cost of removal of contaminated land.

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01 Report of the Community Building Working Group continued.....

(c) Health Centre

The Town Council is disappointed to report the cancellation of a meeting by the P.C.T. at very short notice.

Doctors would like to pursue the development of their own site but are dependent on views of the other partner organisations.

(d) Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish/Town Council Forum - 'Big Society', 21st September, 2010.

Councillors Purdue-Horan and Mrs. M. Stockwood attended this event at which the Big Lottery was represented. There was a possibility that the Borough may not have received its share of lottery funding. It was indicated that funding may be available if the Town Council wished to develop the community building project and found that partners were not forthcoming. It was pointed out that, following cuts proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council, viability of local services such as the library may be under threat and the Town Council should monitor developments closely.

3.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Report of the Promotions Working Group

Preparations were underway for the Christmas Fair. Stalls were being booked on a first-come, first-served basis. An urban artist would be booked to decorate panels on Santa's grotto with a festive scene, and the cost of this would be borne from the Divisional Fund of Borough Councillors Mrs. M. Stockwood and Purdue-Horan.

Businesses are being invited to sponsor the Christmas Fair with a payment of £50.00 which would purchase an advertisement in the new, larger flyer distributed to all households.

4.00 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE (EMERGENCY PLANNING):**

Nottinghamshire County Council had issued a template which was used as a basis to complete Bingham's Emergency Planning document, the final version of which will be registered with the County Council. The Council was looking to finalise the project in the New Year.

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4.00 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE (EMERGENCY PLANNING) continued...

Councillors felt that the County Council had been very helpful in providing clear guidance. The Town Council's key role in the Emergency Plan would be to communicate information.

5.00 BINGHAM 2020:

The Community Committee would appreciate contributions from Councillors on how best to consult with residents in the New Year. Suggestions included:-

- Display in the Library
- Display in The Old Court House
- Town Council News

6.00 BUTTER CROSS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Representatives from B.H.T.A. had been invited to the next meeting of the Promotions Working Group on the 27th September, 2010.

Suggestions for a suitable event included a musical/dining evening on the Market Square during the Town Fair week.

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 E-mail re. New Food Growing Initiative (distributed to all Councillors)

Clerk to send a letter of support, in principle and pass information on to Bingham Garden Club.

It was also agreed that a letter should be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council, supporting efforts to retain the Farmers' Market in Bingham.

02 Bingham & District Area Partnership Group – Event on 30th October, 2010, 12 – 3.00 p.m.

Noted.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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