

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 13th January, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Ten members of the public.

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend Graham Coleman, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors F. Purdue-Horan and A. Shelton declared an interest in Folio 5974, Item 6.03, Grant Aid, Bingham Twinning Association.

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood declared an interest in Folio 5974, Item 7.02, C.P.R.E.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Eagles.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- 1.00** Monday, 1st December, 2008, attended Health Centre public meeting at the Methodist Hall.
- 2.00** Wednesday, 3rd December, 2008, attended official opening of the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church.
- 3.00** Sunday, 7th December, 2008, attended carol concert in the parish church which also marked the end of the Christmas Tree Festival.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS continued.....

4.00 Friday, 19th December, 2008, attended Bingham Choral Society's Christmas Concert who also hosted Barker College Choir and Orchestra, Sydney.

5.00 Saturday, 20th December, 2008, attended Carols under the Butter Cross (thanks to the Folk Club and especially David Downs for the P.A. system).

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.00 MATTERS ARISING: (For information):

There were no matters arising for consideration.

3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes as follows:-

- 01 Planning Committee –18th November and 9th December, 2008.
Councillor Shelton reported the Minutes were self-explanatory and these were agreed and accepted.
- 02 Community Committee –18th November, 2008.
Councillor Purdue-Horan gave a brief report and confirmed that the Community Building Working Party group had referred an item to the Policy & Resources Committee re. an additional expenditure of £1,500.00 for a detailed plan of a community centre. Also that the renewal of the Civil Licence for The Old Court House was £1,250.00. Refer to notes on Policy & Resources Committee.
- 03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 25th November, 2008.
Councillor Kerry gave a brief report and answered queries. Dog-fouling on Butt Field was an issue which required addressing. The wind turbine grant applications had been successful and a flood-lighting planning application was in progress. An objection to the flood-lighting application was to be addressed at the next meeting.

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3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

- 04 Environment Committee – 9th December, 2008.
Councillor J. Stockwood gave a brief report and update. The glass recycling project by Rushcliffe Borough Council would be addressed by Cabinet and a decision made by March, 2009.
- 05 Policy & Resources Committee – 16th December, 2008.
Councillor Purdue-Horan gave a brief report and the following recommendations were approved:-
- (a) Folio 5963 – Agreed to request up to £120,000.00 from the Community Chest held by Rushcliffe Borough Council to fund the costs attributed to contaminated land at Butt Field.
 - (b) Folio 5963/4 – Civil Ceremony Licence and Increase in Hire Charges. It was agreed to renew the Civil Ceremony Licence at a cost of £1,250.00 and also to increase the hire charges for The Old Court House Council Chamber and meeting room by fifty per cent, i.e. Council Chamber hire charge from 1st April, 2009, to be £15.00 per hour and commercial rate at £9.00 per hour for Meeting Room. All other criteria based on above figures.
 - (c) Folio 5963/6 – Budget & Precept 2009/2010. The Civil Licence Fee was amended to read £1,250.00 instead of £1,200.00 within The Old Court House budget which sits within finance. This increased the overall budget to £184,720.00 from £184,670.00. It was agreed to request a precept of £184,720.00 from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

4.00 OTHER REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

01 Health Centre

It was

RESOLVED that Bingham Town Council would not make a formal decision on the siting of a new Health Centre.

02 Amendment of Standing Orders re. Substitution of Members on Planning Committee

In line with previous amendment it was

RESOLVED to formally adopt the following, that

“Bingham Town Council allows substitution of Committee members for Planning meetings to enable the meetings to go ahead.”

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4.00 OTHER REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION continued.....

03 Model Publication Scheme

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the Model Publication Scheme (copy attached to main copy of Minutes), as produced by the I.C.O.

5.00 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2009/2010:

As above, the precept was set at £184,720.00 and all Committee budgets were approved as follows:-

	Budget 2008/2009	Budget 2009/2010
<u>Revenue</u>		
Allotments	950	950
Cemetery	105	-395
Community	850	850
Depot	75170	65820
Environment	5040	6300
Finance	65800	75300
Old Court House	12925	16025
Promotion	14330	15080
Recreation	3790	4790
	178960	184720

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept the Policy & Resources' recommendations of the individual Committee budgets and to set a precept of £184,720.00.

6.00 GRANT AID APPLICATIONS - FOLIO 5963/8:

The following grant aid applications were agreed:-

- 01 The sum of £190.63 to Friends of Linear Park to cover insurance costs.
- 02 Vale First Responders - £350.00
- 03 Bingham Twinning Association – Councillors felt they were unable to grant this request as they felt it did not meet the criteria for grant applications.

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7.00 SUBSCRIPTIONS:

It was agreed to renew the following:-

- 01 Society of Local Council Clerks - £187.00
- 02 C.P.R.E. - £28.00
- 03 Local Council Advisory Service - £305.00

8.00 REFERRAL FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - FOLIO 5964/10.00:

- 01 Referral to Full Council with no further recommendations; the request to seek approval to incur £1,500.00 costs to obtain a detailed plan for a community centre was referred back to the Community Committee.

9.00 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR - FOLIO 5964/11.00:

This matter is to be taken under Private & Confidential.

10.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

- 01 Folio 5964/12.01 – Memorial Tree

It was agreed that a letter received in connection with the planting of a tree in Bingham Cemetery would be addressed by the Mayor, Chairman of Recreational & Cemetery Committee, Town Clerk and Groundsman.

- 02 Bingham Conservation Generic Management Plan

There were no formal comments on the Plan to register.

- 03 Street Lighting Column

A letter had been received about the siting of a street lighting column on the footpath leading from Cogley Lane to Manor Road. A Rushcliffe Borough Council monitoring form had been given to the resident and it was also agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Environment Committee and police.

- 04 Eco Town

An e-mail had been received confirming that R.A.F. Newton was to remain on the list of possible sites and was going forward to the next stage.

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11.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- 01 The effectiveness of the Town Council was queried in relation to the glass recycling project. The Town Mayor responded accordingly.
- 02 A representative of the Butt Field project confirmed that grant-funding had been secured in relation to a wind turbine to the tune of approximately £31,000.00 on top of funding for G.S.H.P. Floodlighting applications were in process. The representative also stated disappointment on the decision not to support the grant aid application from the Twinning Association. An e-mail invitation to Councillors to join the Football Club on its twinning trip was offered to members. The Mayor thanked the representative for all his hard work in relation to the Butt Field project.
- 03 A resident raised a query re. interactive speed signs and an article in the 'Bingham Diary'. Councillors confirmed that Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed Bingham had been included in next year's budget.
- 04 A resident queried a glass recycling site and requested its removal from Mill Hill. A Councillor responded by confirming that Rushcliffe Borough Council's Streetwise always responded quickly to any problems and it was felt that the site should remain. Another resident supported the removal of the site, despite not living near to it, and felt the answer was to support kerbside collections.

6.00 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:-

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR
CIVIC AWARDS
C.C.T.V.**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

