

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman
 " R. Bird
 " Mrs. J. Costello
 " G. Davidson
 " K. Hayes-Heath
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. E. Hutchison
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " Mrs. A. Langford
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " A. Shelton
 " Mrs K. Vallance

In attendance:

17 Members of the public

Prayers, led by the Reverend Tony Jones, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

1.00 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Stockwood said it had been a busy Christmas period and wished everyone a Happy New Year

2.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Councillor A. Harvey and Mrs. S. Orr.

3.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Mrs. Hull declared an interest on Folio 8535, Item 12 (c), Overgrown Allotment.

Councillor Mrs. Hutchison declared an interest in Confidential Business Note No. 105/3, Grounds Maintenance – Streetwise Contract.

Councillor Purdue-Horan declared an interest in Folio 8536, Item 13 (d), Police & Crime Commission budget details.

Continued.....

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.**
continued.....

4.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Queries were raised and answered in respect of:-

- Poor condition of the existing play areas
- Residents having to travel to other areas for recreation which is not good for local businesses.
- Anti-social behaviour
- Possibility of having a bike track/skate park and adult gym area
- Smaller parks and swings on the estate to the top right of Tythby Road (Redrow Homes)

Councillors responded and agreed the need for improved recreational facilities for Bingham residents. After the Community Led Plan was published, Councillor Mrs. Kerry asked for four members of the public to put together a community group to gather support and gain understanding of what the residents would like to see. Displays of new potential recreational equipment were shown but, to move forward with any proposal, the Town Council needs to gather more information from a wide section of the community. Questionnaires will be going to local schools and nurseries, and it was suggested that a community group be formed to help drive the ideas forward. The public was asked to support setting up a community group so it can find out the needs of all Bingham residents so that plans reflected what was required to suit all needs and to look at fund raising ideas and grants available.

Other queries were raised, including the item relating to Warner's Paddock and the reasons for it being confidential. Comments were made regarding the new structure of meetings being weak, and a suggestion was made that a time limit be set for Observations from the Public.

The parking by buses adjacent to Toothill School was raised, and the Council responded that the Deputy Mayor had written to the Head of the school, pointing out the Health & Safety issues.

Comments were noted about the availability of Minutes and lack of publicity, and suggestions of having a voluntary Press Officer.

A query was also raised regarding letters sent to allotment holders asking for opinions on self-management. Councillors confirmed that allotment holders were being asked for their views before taking the proposal further.

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.**
continued.....

5.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the of the Full Council meeting held on the 13th December, 2016, Folios 8512/8522, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

(a) F 8514/ 9.01 – County Budget Deficit

Alter from '£54m' to '£50.4 million'

6.00 MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Mrs. Hull gave an update on behalf of the Deputy Mayor as follows:-

(a) F8515/9.00 – Chapel Lane Safety Issues

Letters had been sent to all agencies regarding the safety issues on Chapel Lane.

(b) F8518/12.00 – Annual Town Meeting

The Methodist Centre has been booked for the Annual Town Meeting & Civic Awards Presentation on the 8th April, 2017.

(c) F8519/14.00 (d) – Streetwise Contract

An initial meeting with the ground-staff has now been held.

(d) F8519/15.00 – Festive Window Competition and Sponsors

Certificates were delivered and thankyou letters issued to all sponsors.

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.**
continued.....

7.00 COMMITTEE MINUTES:

All Committee Minutes were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following:

(a) Planning Committee Meeting - 13th December, 2016, Folio 8509

Councillor Hayes-Heath presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted

(b) Planning Committee - 3rd January, 2017, Folio 8522

Councillor Hayes-Heath presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted, Councillor Hayes-Heath presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted subject to additional comments being added itemising the main areas of objection to Planning Application 16/02996 – Police Station Site.

(c) Personnel Committee – 3rd January, 2017, Folio 8527

Councillor Mrs. K. Vallance presented her report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

8.00 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

01 County Councillor Purdue-Horan

Councillor Purdue-Horan told Councillors that he had made it into the queue of N.C.C's. Full Council to discuss the Chapel Lane safety issues. Councillor Purdue-Horan was asked by Councillor Mrs. Langford if he was able to find out if private individuals could cut back hedges along Chapel Lane if the County Council is unable to do it

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.**
continued.....

8.00 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS continued.....

02 Borough Councillor G. Davidson

The Mayor of Rushcliffe, Councillor Davidson, informed members that the Borough Council had now made the move to the new Arena site. Although there had been a few issues with regards to parking, the move had gone well and staff seemed happy with the new offices.

- 03 Councillor Mrs. Hutchison queried why, if West Bridgford had received new parking meters, no action has yet been seen in Bingham? Councillor Mrs. Hull confirmed that she will bring it up at the next meeting of the Growth Board on the 19th January, 2017.

9.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 Councillor R. Bird

Councillor Bird confirmed that there would be a Police Priority Setting meeting on the 16th January, 2017.

02 Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry

Councillor Mrs. Kerry handed members a questionnaire for play areas, designed by one of the companies who have completed some initial recreational designs. Members were asked to give opinions direct to her so that she could proceed with sending them out to schools and nurseries.

10.00 SETTING OF COUNCIL TAX - PROCESS:

This item is to be referred to the next meeting of the Resources Committee.

11.00 BINGHAM LINEAR PARK INSURANCE COSTS REQUEST:

The costs of the insurance were noted as being £115.15.

Councillor G. Davidson **PROPOSED**, Councillor J. Stockwood **SECONDED** and it was

RESOLVED to support and cover costs. All in favour.

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.** continued.....

12.00 **OPERATIONAL DECISIONS:**

(a) Tree Report

Areas of concern were discussed, including overgrown shrubbery and trees in the Wallenfels Park area. The main road and play park must be visible for safety. Councillor Davidson **PROPOSED**, Councillor Mrs. Hull **SECONDED**, and it was

RESOLVED that the tree surgeon be instructed to carry out all medium and low risk items on the tree report and he also be asked to do an additional inspection of the Wallenfels area.

(b) Request for Tree Works

It was

RESOLVED that the Town Council asks the tree surgeon to visit the resident and discuss his suggested reduction to see if that would be acceptable to the resident before proceeding with any works.

Standing orders were suspended for the next item so that a member of the public could ask a question regarding a plot. After confirmation that the allotment in question was not the one referred to by another member of the public, Standing Orders were then re-instated.

(c) Overgrown Allotment Complaint – Update

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Harvey, has visited the allotment with the Ground Staff and confirmed that a letter should be issued to the tenant.

(d) Rushcliffe Citizens' Listening Group – Update

All Councillors agreed that they would invite the Rushcliffe Citizens' Group to the next Council meeting to allow them to explain to members in more detail.

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.** continued.....

13.00 CONSULTATIONS:

(a) N.C.C. – Footpaths at Toothill School

Having declared an interest in this item, Councillor Mrs., Costello took no part in discussions.

Councillor Hayes-Heath **PROPOSED**, Councillor Mrs. Kerry **SECONDED** and it was

RESOLVED to support the new proposals regarding access.

(b) N.C.C. – One-way Traffic on Union Street

Councillor Mrs Vallance updated members that she had met a Bingham resident with reference to the proposals. It was noted that large delivery vehicles turning from Long Acre may struggle to access and also on the corner next to the Methodist Centre. The proposals may need to be refined in line with the concerns. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Vallance would contact Paul Hillier at Nottinghamshire County Council in order to arrange a meeting and to ask for these concerns to be considered. Bingham Town Council to have a holding objection while the issues are investigated.

(c) N.C.C. – Submission of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

The transport considerations of the proposed Shelford site were noted as a concern for Bingham residents. Members agreed to write to the County Council with their individual concerns.

(d) Police & Crime Commissioner – Budget Proposals

After discussion, It was agreed that members would write in with individual responses.

(e) R.B.C. – South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy Consultations

Members were urged to comment with individual responses.

Continued...../

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017**, at **7.00 p.m.** continued.....

Standing Orders were suspended at this point on the Agenda, as members of the public wished to comment further

Councillors noted comments on the lengthy Agenda and the item in connection with Union Street. Questions regarding and the allotments and communication were also discussed. Councillors Mrs. Kerry and Stockwood agreed to a meeting to discuss allotment concerns further.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

14.00 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:

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 PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS NOTE 102 FROM LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING.**
- 02 IT ISSUES - UPDATE**
- 03 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK - STREETWISE CONTRACT.**
- 04 WARNER'S PADDOCK**
- 05 BRIDLEWAY - UPDATE**
- 06 MATTERS ARISING FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.55 p.m.

.....
CHAIRMAN.

Date: