

Mayor's Announcements prior to the commencement of the Full Council Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday, 5th July, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

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

- 1.00 Saturday, 21st May, 2011.** Together with the Deputy Town Mayor, attended the B.R.U.F.C. 40th anniversary celebrations.
- 2.00 Friday, 27th May, 2011.** Attended funeral of Bingham Town Council's Head Groundsman, Brian Gardner, at Wilford Hill.
- 3.00 Tuesday, 7th June, 2011.** Attended Annual Town & Parish Conference held at Ruddington.
- 4.00 Thursday, 9th June, 2011.** Police held meeting to inform the Town Council of their actions concerning Wallenfels Park.
- 5.00 Saturday, 11th June, 2011.** Attended Bingham Town Fair.
- 6.00 Wednesday, 22nd June, 2011.** Attended N.A.L.C. Councillor Training at Epperstone to update and refresh.

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PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood – Town Mayor in the Chair
 " A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " J. Eagles
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " F. Kerry
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers

Opening prayers, lead by Councillor Eagles, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P. Abbey and Mrs. J. Marshall.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 17th May, Folio 6496, and 21st June, 2011, Folio 6525, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION):

There were no matters arising for information to report.

5.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Committee reports were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee – 31st May, 2011, Folio 6506

Councillor F. Kerry presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

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5.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(b) Community Committee – 31st May, 2011, Folio 6510

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented his report. The promotions working group and community building working group meetings were scheduled for the 18th July, 2011, at 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. After a brief discussion, it was agreed a business case would be prepared as soon as possible for the proposed community building.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(c) Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 7th June, 2011, Folio 6514

Councillor J. Stockwood presented his report. Toothill School was looking into applying for diversion orders in relation to public footpaths which run through the school grounds. These were subject to an official process and there would be wide consultation prior to determining the outcome.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(d) Planning Committee – 14th June, 2011, Folio 6520

Councillor F. Kerry presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(e) Environment Committee, 14th June, 2011, Folio 6522

Councillor Harvey presented his report. The problem of long grass on Rowan Close continues. The grass is no longer being cut by the Borough Council despite being having been done so for several years. The Clerk to request Rushcliffe Borough Council to cut it without prejudice.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(f) Policy & Resources Committee, 21st June, 2011, Folio 6531

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented his report and it was

RESOLVED:-

01 To approve Budget Reports 'A', 'B' and 'C'.

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5.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(f) Policy & Resources Committee, 21st June, 2011, Folio 6531 continued.....

02 To approve the quotation for £1,298.40 for end of season reseeding, etc. at the Rugby Club site; this figure to be charged to Property/Land Reserve.

03 To approve grant aid as follows:-

Friends of Linear Park - £190.63

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - £315.00. It was recommended
Organiser also applies to Bingham United Charities.

Note release of £1,500.00 to B.R.U.F.C. re. the previous year's application for funding.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Reports and Recommendations of the Committees and Working Groups referred to, including Private & Confidential matters, be approved.

6.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

County Councillor Suthers gave a brief report, including:-

- (a) Confirmation that Toothill School Footpath Diversion Orders were being processed and access from the 'bird' estate to the school was being investigated.
- (b) Grass Cutting – The number of cuts had been increased to five (which was still one less than previous years). Pilot schemes to provide additional grass-cutting by parishes in other areas were being monitored.
- (c) A bus-parking scheme was being implemented – Phase 1 being the clearway scheme.
- (d) Street Lighting – Complaints in relation to street lights being switched off overnight were being monitored and addressed accordingly.
- (e) Moorlands – The future of this facility was positive as it had been included for improvements.
- (f) New Health Centre Scheme – Access from Newgate Street car park was being addressed, and terms and conditions had been agreed by Nottinghamshire County Council. The current library will be extended to incorporate any displacement of services due to other areas which may have to be demolished.

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6.00 OTHER REPORTS continued.....

02 Councillor Purdue-Horan

Councillor Purdue-Horan made a brief reference to the Annual General Meeting of Butt Field Sports Clubs on the 9th June, 2011. The previous Chairman, Chris Branson, had stood down due to personal commitments and Councillor Purdue-Horan wished Mr. Branson to be formally thanked and recognised for all his hard work in developing Butt Field Sports Grounds. Mr. Branson had worked with the Town Council to secure the necessary funding and oversee the project. The current Chairman of Butt Field Sports Clubs is still Mr. Steve McRobie. The Clerk to write to Mr. Branson.

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Mobile snack bar application, A52 (eastbound), Bingham. No objection.

02 Reverend Lorraine Mellor

A meeting had been arranged with the Methodist Minister, the Reverend Mellor, on the 27th July, 2011, at 7.00 p.m., to which all Town Councillors are welcome.

03 Best Kept Village Competition

Despite positive comments by the judges, Bingham has unfortunately not made it to the next round of the competition,

04 Nottinghamshire County Council

Advance notice of N.C.C. Waste Core Strategy Consultation, 22nd July to 16th September, 2011.

05 RCAN

RCAN, working in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, to put together a bid to improve broadband coverage in the county. The Clerk had completed a questionnaire on behalf of the Town Council and a letter of support also to be sent.

8.00 OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Prior to taking questions from the public, the Mayor reported on the current situation in relation to Wallenfels Park. (See Appendix 'A').

- 01 Various members of the public expressed their comments about Wallenfels Park. Whilst they did not accept that anti-social behaviour should be tolerated, they were upset at the removal of the Devil Island swing. Members of Mallard/Goldcrest Close felt that, due to their proximity to the park, their complaints were valid. The Mayor confirmed that the Devil Island swing was an all-inclusive piece of equipment, i.e. aimed at able-bodied and less able-bodied people alike.

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9.00 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 matter was discussed:-

STAFFING MATTERS

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-

Announcement

Bingham Town Council has requested the Recreation & Cemetery Committee to conduct an initial impact assessment of the new playground on Wallenfels Park, this also includes a temporary decision to disable the Devils Island Swing for a period of 12 weeks, to be reviewed in September. This followed a meeting arranged by the Police at Bingham Police Station with some residents and some councillors invited to address a number of issues alleged to have arisen and it was at their suggestion that this course was taken as much of their resources had been directed at stemming the antisocial behaviour perceived to be associated with this particular item of play.

The Council would wish always to support the Police and assist in tackling the antisocial behaviour and crime but also reluctantly recognised that this action would curtail the summer season enjoyment of many, of this, the most popular item on the park.

Some residents have indicated they would wish for the Park to be relocated. However it is clear from the overwhelming response received by Bingham Town Council that many other residents of the Birds Estate deeply appreciate the facilities provided for local children that residents were told would be provided when the estate was first built in 2000.

Bingham Town Council has fulfilled the condition of a Section 106 legal agreement negotiated by Rushcliffe Borough Council to provide a park in this area. One of the original builders, Wimpey Homes finally transferred the land to Rushcliffe Borough Council, who in turn have transferred part of Wallenfels Park to Bingham Town Council in 2010. The fairly recent transfer of the land to Bingham Town Council gives the Council permitted development rights to place this park here having due regard to the guidance which is available as to the siting of parks. Accordingly, there was a long period of consultation when plans were available for inspection in the Town Council Chamber.

All other parties involved will provide information to this Council to help with the impact assessment which is being carried out. All communications sent to this Council will assist with this process.