

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 4th November, 2014**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Davidson – Chairman
 " P. Abbey
 " A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " J. Eagles
 " T. Fox
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers

6 Members of the public
 1 Press

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, prayers, led by the Reverend Richard Tanner, were said.

A one minute's silence was held for ex Town Mayor and Councillor, Frank Kerry, and his wife, Joan, who had recently both died.

1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (as per list attached)

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. T. Kerry, Mrs. J. Marshall and Mrs. M. Stockwood.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

4. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September, 2014, (Folios 7407/7412), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no Matters Arising for information to record.

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Committee reports were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee, 9th September, 2014, Folio 7413

Councillor Mrs. S. Hull presented her report and it was

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

(b) Community Committee, 9th September, 2014, Folio 7416

Councillor A. Harvey presented his report and it was approved that the Christmas Competition be held in conjunction with the Bingham Advertiser.

It was

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

(c) Planning Committee, 7th October, 2014, Folio 7421

Councillor Mrs. S. Hull presented her report and it was

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

(d) Environment Committee, 7th October, 2014, Folio 7425

Councillor J. Eagles presented his report and it was

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

(e) Recreational & Cemetery Committee, 14th October, 2014, Folio 7434

Councillor J. Stockwood presented his report and it was

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

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(d) Policy & Resources Committee, 21st October, 2014, Folio 7439

Councillor Davidson presented his report and, with the exception of the recommendation re. the Moot House which was referred back to the Committee as a decision by Rushcliffe Borough Council had overtaken events, approved the following:-

- 01 Budget Reports 'A', 'B' and 'C' and 'D'.
- 02 Grant aid donation of £300.00 to Bingham Town Youth Football Club regarding fireworks.
- 03 Grant aid of £250.00 to Bingham Twinning Association towards hosting of Wallenfels Youth Band from 30th October to 1st November, 2014.
- 04 Risk Management Register, subject to addition of two additional points covering L2.
- 05 That there should be no further progress with the application to register the Moot House as an Asset of Community Value.
- 06 Removal of wording regarding updating the Constitution, Point 36.3, re. Recording of Meetings.
- 07 Christmas Office closure from the 24th December, 2014, to Thursday, 1st January, 2015.
- 08 Mr. D. Slight be appointed as Internal Auditor.

It was

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

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Reports and Recommendations of all the Committees and Working Groups referred to be approved.

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7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

County Councillor Suthers reported on the following:-

- (a) Councillor Suthers confirmed that because remedial works were behind schedule, the library would not now open until the end of January, 2015.
- (b) He acknowledged the opening of the Suthers Building at Toothill and reported that the school appeared to be taking more of a community view when making decisions, and, in the future, was looking at possibly building a theatre for both public and school use.
- (c) Concerns were expressed over the closure of the youth facilities and that the keys for the building at Toothill had now been handed back to Nottinghamshire County Council Property Services due to maintenance problems.
- (d) Additional parking spaces at Toothill had proved successful, thus relieving congestion elsewhere.
- (e) It was recognised that Positive Futures had been successful in other areas and trusted that they would achieve the same success for young people in Bingham
- (f) It was confirmed that additional funding for broadband had been made available by the government.

02 Borough Councillor Purdue-Horan

Nothing to report.

03 Borough Councillor J. Stockwood

Councillor Stockwood reported that the Rushcliffe Borough Council on-line planning portal had been re-launched and this was now more user-friendly with additional features.

04 Borough Councillor G. Davidson

- (a) Councillor Davidson reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council had reviewed polling stations in the Borough; the Town Pavilion had been retained for the next elections but may be reviewed later.

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- (b) Public comments had been taken on board re. plans for West Bridgford Leisure Facilities, and changes had been made in relation to indoor bowling and swimming pool changing facilities. Regarding leisure strategy in relation to the rest of the Borough, plans were in their early stages.

8. OTHER REPORTS:

01 Councillor T. Fox

Councillor Fox gave a brief report on the Community Led Plan in line with Appendix 'F' of the Policy & Resources Committee Minutes.

02 Councillor M. Barham

Councillor Barham expressed his concerns in respect of the recent public consultation by Lidl as it was poorly advertised.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Letter received confirming that the Moot House site has been added to Register of Assets of Community Value. Noted.

02 Boundary Commission

Notification received that Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire Consultation deadline is 19th January, 2015. Noted.

03 Nottinghamshire County Council

Notification that Nottinghamshire County Council Budget Consultation deadline is 16th January, 2015; this correspondence to be referred to Policy & Resources Committee.

04 Crown Estate – Update (Appendix 'A')

It was noted that, following on from enquiries made by Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry earlier in the year in her capacity as Town Mayor, regarding an Estate Review by the Crown Estate, the Warner's Paddock status had remained unchanged but the idea of it being a memorial garden could be included in any future re-assessment and discussions.

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10. OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:-

- 01 A resident reported that Bingham was not as tidy generally as it used to be. The Mayor requested that the resident report any specific issues to the Town Office which would then be reported to the relevant Authority.
- 02 The idea for Warner's Paddock to be a park was supported.
- 03 Parking – A resident felt that a full residents' consultation should be undertaken.
- 05 A resident said that play/recreational facilities should be progressed for Mill Hill Road/Tythby Road areas and a zebra crossing was necessary for both Mill Hill and Tythby Roads. Councillor Suthers would progress an enquiry regarding zebra crossings. The resident also offered to volunteer to support the Town Council with its work.

11. 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."

- 01 Private & Confidential Minutes 73 and 74 were approved.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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'Future Bingham' Update (as received from Crown Estate) November 2014

Overview

A formal consent for the Future Bingham housing, employment, and community infrastructure and various associated facilities and benefits was issued by the Planning Authority, Rushcliffe Borough Council, to The Crown Estate, shortly before Christmas 2013.

With the completion of an outline planning consent The Crown Estate was able to move forward to the next phase, of securing a development partner, and once this is completed the pre-preparation and detailed planning for implementing the Future Bingham plans can then proceed.

Only when a development partner is in place will The Crown Estate be in a position to re-engage with the plans and detail for the development and this will be undertaken with attention to consultation with - and feedback from - the Town Council and other stakeholders.

Recent Activity

During 2014 The Crown Estate has progressed with the process of selecting a lead development partner with whom to bring the proposals to fruition. The marketing and selection process should result in a preferred partner emerging during the course of 2015 and The Crown Estate expects to be in a position to provide a more specific timeline early in the new year. One of the first steps following the appointment of a development partner will be a meeting with the elected local representatives.

There has also been further technical research relating to drainage, sub soil investigations, and the ground work and infrastructure which will support the build out of the development and doing this work now should save time later in the preparation of detailed planning.

Other news

The lead planning and environmental consultant for The Crown Estate attended a meeting of the Town Council Parking Strategy Group in September. The Group were looking at how land to the north of the railway station relates to Town Council options for using its former allotment site as a car park and how financial support from the Future Bingham development contributions might help towards the costs.