

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 22nd January, 2008, at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Kerry – Chairman
 " P. Abbey
 " R. Barnett
 " A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " F. Purdue-Horan

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence received.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November, 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of "1005" at F5711/2.03 (d) 2 and the substitution therein of "2005".

2.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES:

01 Matters Arising (For information only)

(a) Fencing at Crow Close (Prev. Min. F5708/2.02 (b))

The Town Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for permanent fencing around Crow Close. However, the Committee was of the view that the quotation received was high and for fencing at too high a level. Accordingly, it was **Moved** by Councillor G Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor F Kerry and

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtains further quotations and reports back.

02 Outstanding Matters

The Town Clerk reported on current outstanding matters and the Committee agreed actions as appropriate. A copy of the Outstanding Matters Schedule is attached at Appendix A.

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03 Butt Field Development

The Committee received a report from the Town Clerk on the development at Butt Field. Mr. Nick Cooper, the Council's consultant architect for the project, also informed members on key developments. The following matters were noted:-

(a) General Development

The contamination survey had now been completed and initial results were very much as expected. Topsoil would be required across some areas, and services would need to be screened appropriately. Any soil or tarmac lifted would need to be removed to an appropriately licensed site. However, there was an area for potential delay as Geodyne had recommended that both the local authority's Environmental Health Department and the Environment Agency should be sent copies of the report and asked whether they wished to challenge any of the survey findings or consider further surveys themselves. Mr. Cooper had arranged for Geodyne to contact the Environment Agency direct and the Town Clerk would liaise with Rushcliffe Borough Council's Environmental Health officers.

In respect of the new pitches, it was reported that there were drainage issues which needed to be addressed and the Clerk would take these up with Argrostis.

(b) The Pavilion

The Town Council had approved the resiting of the Pavilion at its last meeting and a planning consultation had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council to which members had raised no objections.

The Geodyne survey had highlighted the need for piling, or a similar process, prior to erecting the Pavilion, and this was initially thought to add up to £30,000.00 on to costs. However, Mr. Cooper explained that a cheaper solution had been found at under £10,000.00, although this would still be an additional cost to the project. The tenders for the erecting of the pavilion would be revised to take account of the needs for piling, although the issue of tenders would be delayed until such time as the Environment Agency and Rushcliffe Borough Council's Environmental Health Department had given their views on the contamination survey report.

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03 Butt Field Development continued.....

(c) Fencing

The Mayor and the Town Clerk had held a meeting with planning officers at Rushcliffe Borough Council with regard to fencing needs. Rushcliffe Borough Council Officers had taken the view that unless good reason could be proved to support the provision of a five-metre fence, a fence of such a height was unlikely to be approved. The Town Clerk was attempting to ascertain whether the land sale agreement between the Crown Estate and the Town Council included a specific height requirement for fencing..

(d) Lease

The Town Clerk reported that revisions had been made to the lease, and a copy had been forwarded to the Football Club's Secretary who had indicated a broad agreement to the revised version. The next step would be the formal approval by Full Council prior to signing and registration.

(e) Funding

The Town Clerk reported on additional costs that were arising in respect of the development, namely:-

- Piling (or similar) of pavilion
- Legal fees for lease and land purchase
- Additional cost in relation to new pitch development work

At a meeting of the Butt Field Working Group held prior to this meeting, it had been agreed that the Town Clerk would seek a further extension to the claw-back clause of the Football Foundation contract to the end of March, 2008. The Sports Club had detailed difficulties it was facing in respect of W.R.E.N. funding provision, which it was currently discussing with W.R.E.N.

It was **Moved** by Council F. Kerry, **Seconded** by Councillor P.Abbey and

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the following item:-

04 Ground Pump Heating System

Mr. Steve McRobie, Chairman of the Butt Field Sports Club, gave a presentation for the benefit of the Committee on the possible use of a ground pump heating system. It was possible that such a scheme could be utilised within the new pavilion project, or, if not, then at other future projects.

Following an informative presentation, and questions to both Mr. McRobie and Mr. Cooper, it was **Proposed** by Councillor Kerry and **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson that the report be noted and Mr. McRobie be thanked for presenting the scheme.

05 Building Better Communities – Adventure Park, Wynhill

The Town Clerk reported that the adventure park had now been completed, although there was a minor dispute in relation to the safety mat which officers were attempting to resolve.

06 Toot Hill Leisure Facilities

The Town Clerk reported that no formal response had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council with regard to its queries at the last meeting of the Committee but he was aware that the matter was being pursued by the Authority.

Users of the Centre had reported some improvement, although the Crèche facility was still not operational.

3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:

There were no matters arising to report relating to allotments.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

There were no matters arising to report relating to the cemetery.

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5.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL:

The Town Clerk reported that in considering the revenue budget at its meeting on the 11th December, 2007, Council had determined to rationalise its bins under one budget head to come under the Environment Committee.

6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Complaint Regarding Vehicle Use at Wychwood Play Area

The Town Clerk reported on a complaint received, alleging inappropriate driving by Town Council groundstaff on Wychwood Playing Fields. Whilst he did not uphold all areas of the complaint, the Town Clerk advised the Committee that a risk assessment as regards van driving did need to be undertaken. The Town Clerk would respond direct to the complainant.

7.00 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:

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 item was discussed:-

- 01 CONTAMINATION SURVEY**
- 02 ALLOTMENT LAND**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE AS AT 22.1.08

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Fencing at Crow Close	Further quotations to be sought.		5760/2.01(a)	22.1.08	
Football on Wychwood Road Amenity Area	None	Is now resolved.	5708/2.02(a)	13.11.07	Remove from list
Linear Park – Town Council Representative	Permanent representation still open to nomination.	Councillor Davidson acting as representative.	5709/2.03(b)(i)	13.11.07	Remove from list. (To be reconsidered at Annual Meeting).
Works to Linear Trail	Works commenced	Almost complete	5710/2.03(b)(ii)	13.11.07	Works almost complete - Remove from list
Adventure Park, Wynhill	Finishing works to safety mats may be required.	Five per cent of bill held in abeyance	5763/2.05	22.1.08	
Dog Control Orders	Seek urgent feedback from R.B.C.	Awaiting feedback from R.B.C.	5710/2.03(d)	13.11.07	
Leisure Facilities at Toot Hill	Request update from R.B.C.	Awaiting information from R.B.C.	5763/2.06	22.1.08	

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Cemetery Driveway – Implementation of Bollard	Implementation to be left to discretion of Town Clerk.	Bollard or collapsible bollard agreed	5713/4.03(a)	13.11.07	Remove from list
Allotment Land	Further talks to be held with Crown Estate	Awaiting commencement of negotiations with Crown Estate.	5764/7.02	22.1.08	
Butt Field Sports Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact R.B.C. Env. Health re. Geodyne Report. • Clerk to seek further extention from Football Foundation. • Clerk to try and ascertain deeds position re. height of fence. • Clerk to arrange for lease to be approved by Council. 	Pavilion works delayed pending outcome of discussions with Environment Agency and R.B.C's. Env. Health Dept.	5761/2.03	22.1.08	

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Correspondence – Complaint re. Grounds Staff Driving.	Clerk to respond to complainant and to undertake van risk assessment in near future.		5764/6.01	22.01.08	