

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee of Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 28th January, 2014**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman
 " P. Abbey
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " F. Purdue-Horan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood
 7 Members of the Public
 1 Press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November, 2014, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

01 F7153/6.02 – Butt Field Sports Ground

A further meeting with Butt Field Sports Club would be held in April in relation to the standard of grounds maintenance required.

5.00 ACTION POINTS:

See Appendix 'A'.

F6972/7.01 – Request for Mirrors on Cemetery Drive

It was agreed that no further action was necessary in connection with this item.

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

01 Carnarvon Play Area – Goal-End Screen - Update

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated to allow a resident to speak.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES continued.....

01 Carnarvon Play Area – Goal-End Screen – Update continued.....

The Chairman confirmed that a site meeting had been held with a resident and a preferred location plan had been presented by him. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a public consultation be undertaken with residents on the boundary of the play area and young people with a view to the goal-end screen being re-sited several feet in front of its current location, i.e. facing the same way. The tall chain link fence to remain in situ.

02 Request for an Information Sign on Linear Walk

The Clerk to liaise with Bingham Heritage Trails Association for further details on an information sign similar to those in the town centre and at Crow Close.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated to allow a representative of the Allotments Association to speak.

01 Introduction to Newly-formed Hill Drive Allotment Association

The Chairman welcomed the Chairman of the Hill Drive Allotment Association to speak who gave a brief account as to how the Association had been formed and confirmed that the majority of allotment tenants were members of the Association and requested all their contact details. The Clerk confirmed that whilst this information could not be provided direct, the Allotment Association Chairman's details could be included in a letter to tenants, along with the guidance notes regarding security from Pc. Mathias.

A request was made to make the end gate the general access gate to the allotments rather than the central one, and it was agreed that this could not present a problem.

The Committee Chairman confirmed that, at present, there was not a dedicated area for the burning of rubbish.

The request for notice boards was noted and would be addressed on receipt of the details of the notice boards. Councillors Davidson and Purdue-Horan offered grant-funding from their Borough Council Community Grant Scheme funds.

The Clerk would contact Rushcliffe Borough Council (as the landlord) regarding the problem of access via the boundaries of the properties on to the allotments to try and secure the boundary.

The Clerk to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding a free solar lights scheme.

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8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD:

01 To Summarise Progress on the Review of Cemetery Rules

The Committee Chairman gave an update on the Cemetery Rules & Regulations Working Group meeting held immediately prior to the Recreational & Cemetery Committee. The Chairman confirmed that the consultation on the Cemetery Rules & Regulations would end on the 30th April, 2014.

9.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 E-mail re. Running Track Facilities at Bingham Leisure Centre

The Chairman confirmed that an e-mail had been received complaining about the state of the running track facilities at Bingham Leisure Centre. Borough Councillors confirmed that the matter was being investigated by the Borough Council and it was aware that the facilities were deemed to be of a standard for training only and not competing. Noted.

02 Friends of Bingham Linear Park

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January, 2014, were presented. Noted.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

FOLIO REF.	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Matters Arising	Toothill School – Proposed Footpath Diversion Consultation.	To date no official footpath diversion has been submitted to N.C.C.
	Tree Maintenance	Only cemetery cherry trees outstanding.
	Planned Maintenance of Play Areas	To develop planned maintenance programme.
6517 Item 7.01 6 th June 2011.	Cemetery seats to be rubbed down	Commenced - Good results.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – New water supply	B.F.S.C. applying for additional grants.
Folio 6688	Outdoor teen facilities	Awaiting response from Toothill.
Folio 6688	R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Folio 6721	B.F.S.C. – Reviewing of lease to include access road; wind turbine and old pavilion.	Meeting held 23 rd Oct. 2013
Folio 6722	Wallenfels - Disabled parking and possible closure of access to footpath at end of Mallard Close.	On-going – Awaiting response from N.C.C.
Folio 6723	Rugby Club – Review of lease	Meeting held 9th October, 2013
Folio 6971/7.01	Contaminated Land	Awaiting responses from Network Rail/Crown Estate.
Folio 6972/7.01	N.C.C. Land at Wynhill for Allotments	On-going. B.T.C's. interest registered at N.C.C.
	Cemetery Rules & Regulations, including headstone maintenance.	Consultation ongoing until 30 th April 2014..
	Request for mirrors on cemetery drive	NCC ceased installation due to distorted view and false impression of distance given. DFT generally refuse installation.
	Allotment Association	Clerk to check boundary access issue and free solar lights with RBC.

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DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:	28 th January 2014 6pm
NATURE OF MEETING:	CEMETERY RULES & REGS. WORKING GROUP
IN ATTENDANCE:	J.Stockwood; M.Stockwood; F.Purdue-Horan; P.Abbey; G.Davidson & T.Kerry
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None

		TO BE ACTIONED BY
1.	Apologies – A. Bryan	
2.	Notes of previous meeting 30 th July. 2013 noted.	
3.	Agreed to replace the Rowan Tree which had died previously (refer to next to the last outstanding action point).	LH
4.	Agreed consultation to continue until 30th April 2014.	
5.	All outstanding requests to be considered after consultation closed with exception of item 4 above. Noted receipt of a Petition, acknowledge an online petition & request from Donna Lowe to install wooden grey surround and infill with slate.	
6.	Agreed once Rules & Regulations approved then the fact the extension of the cemetery is a lawned cemetery to be reinforced at each enquiry and Funeral Directors informed and families to be requested to sign BTC forms confirming this.	
8.	Any further requests would have to be put to committee & BTC permission sought.	
9.	In relation to graves currently decorated Chairman confirmed that individual meetings had been held if requested & whilst some families had agreed to comply others were adamant that they would not.	
10.	In the event permission was granted for decorating the length of the grave then the kerb would have to be right angles & true straight lines.	
11.	Clerk to identify any firms which undertook provision of wooden/composite surrounds for graves. Clerk to investigate composite surrounds.	LH
12.	Concerns were expressed re wooden surrounds rotting over a period of time. Agreed if wooden surrounds were permitted then an agreement would have to be signed by relatives confirming that if the surround deteriorated then they would be given 6 months to replace it and if work not undertaken BTC would remove it and return grave back to grass.	
13.	Councillor MS expressed disappointment that personal comments had been made both verbally and online in relation to a family grave.	
	Date of next meeting : the	