

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, 29th July, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	F. Kerry - Chairman
"	P. Abbey
"	A. Bryan
"	G. Davidson
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor R. Barnett.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th May, 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2.00 PROVISION OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE:**

The possibility of providing exercise equipment for pensioners was discussed and it was suggested that an article in this connection should be placed in the September/October edition of the Town News.

**3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES:**

01 Land at Grantham Road

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood enquired about the position re. land at Grantham Road and reminded members that it had been agreed to name this area "Wallenfels" after Bingham's twin town.

The Town Clerk presented a letter dated 16th July, 2008, received from Rushcliffe Borough Council, and it was agreed to request a more detailed map due to the fact that there was a balancing pond/tank underground with inspection chamber(s).

It was agreed to confirm the availability of budget and get play equipment quotations. It was also agreed to set up a working group, comprising of Councillors Abbey and Kerry.

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02 Rushcliffe Play Partnership Meeting

The Clerk reported on a meeting of the above held on the 23rd July, 2008, confirming that additional funding was available but the deadline for 2008/09 was 4th August. There was approximately £54,000 available for 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11, and this is to be included in a bid for monies from Rushcliffe Play Partnership for 2009/2010.

03 Wynhill

The Clerk confirmed a suggestion of grind rails had been put forward for this year's funding from Rushcliffe Play Partnership. This was due to the fact that grind rails had been included on original project plans for this area. It was agreed that Councillors Kerry and Barnett and the Town Clerk should follow this through.

04 Disability Discrimination Act

Councillor Abbey reported on an enquiry from someone with a disabled child, and it was agreed to look into the play areas from a Disability Discrimination Act point of view.

05 Butt Field

The Clerk reported on various matters, including the fact that the terms and conditions for the WREN application had been received, along with the request for a cheque for £1,320.00 and an invoice for professional fees from Agrostis for £3,525.00.

Additional background information was reported by a representative of the Football Club.

Draft tender documents had been received re. fencing quotations. However, the Chairman had a query re. Network Rail's side of the area, and it was agreed that this would be addressed before issuing the quotations.

In connection with the football pitches on Butt Field, it was brought to the Committee's notice that one of the goal posts have been removed and the holes which remain cause a hazard with tripping. It was agreed to speak to Mr. Steve McRobie about the holes being capped after removal of the posts.

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**4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:**

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The Clerk confirmed that photographs had been taken of the cemetery. It was agreed that Councillor Kerry and the Town Clerk should confirm the original capacity, plots taken and those remaining, and also obtain population figures for previous years in relation to the number of plots used.

**5.00 DOG CONTROL - UPDATE**

It was agreed to chase Rushcliffe Borough Council's Dog Warden and also request the Town Council's Head Groundsman to log complaints in connection with dog fouling.

**6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 D. Shepherd

An e-mail had been received in connection with the Rugby Club area and dogs.

02 Campaign to Protect Rural England

Letter received saying that Bingham had come first in its category of the Best Kept Village Competition.

03 John Murray

An e-mail had been received in connection with the Linear Walk and an emergency incident which had arisen on the Walk. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to contact Carter Jonas re. emergency access to the area and also speak to the adjacent farmer to discuss the possibility of addressing the emergency access situation.

04 Mrs. Barnes

Letter received reporting sighting of a suspicious character on Wychwood Play Area. It was noted that this had already been reported to the police, along with other anti-social matters.

05 Wicksteed

A letter had been received re. the wet pour on Wychwood Play Area (complaint re. 10522). Wicksteed confirms that a kerb edging should have been installed on installation of the wet pour. It has now repaired this twice but has told the Town Council that any future work will have to be invoiced. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Rushcliffe Borough Council re. further advice.

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06 Allotments

A letter had been received from an allotment plot tenant in reply to one sent by the Town Council reminding them of the terms of the Tenancy Agreement in connection with cultivation. The reply confirmed that the plot had not been held by the holder for very long and was being tended to on a regular basis.

**7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS - NEW SITE**

Discussion took place on the progress so far of identifying a new site and the next steps to be authorised. It was agreed that a letter received from Carter Jonas in this connection to be referred to the next meeting of the policy & Resources Committee.

**8.00 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 public and Press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.”

The following matters were discussed:-

**01 TRACTOR**

An update was given on the current position in connection with purchasing an additional tractor. It was agreed to purchase a new tractor from Platts Harris on a leased basis as per quotation.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: .....

