

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 31st July, 2012**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Stockwood  
" P. Abbey.  
" Mrs. A. Bryan  
" Mrs. J. Marshall  
" Mrs. T. Kerry  
" F. Purdue-Horan

Also in attendance: Mrs. M. Stockwood

**1.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**2.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th May, 2012, 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):**

There were no Matters Arising out of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th May, 2012, for information to report.

**5.00 B.H.T.A. - PRESENTATION RE. ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEST PITS:**

The Chairman welcomed Peter Allen, the Chairman of Bingham Heritage Trails Association, to the meeting who gave a brief background in relation to the request to dig an archaeological test pit on the copse at the junction between Tythby Road and Mill Hill. Mr. Allen confirmed that grant-funding had been secured and several test pits had already been dug in and around Bingham. Health and safety precautions are taken on board when undertaking the work and insurance is in place. The area will be reinstated immediately on completion of the dig. Councillors approved the request.

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**6.00**     **ACTIONS POINTS:**

See Appendix 'A'.

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

**01**     Update on Grounds Maintenance, including Trees, Shrubs and Linear Park

The Chairman confirmed that a quotation for £1,275.00 had been obtained and the work undertaken. The reports received had been prioritised and some held back until the next financial year. The Clerk confirmed that the tree surgeon was surveying the trees and would provide a written report once all of Bingham had been surveyed.

Regarding the Linear Walk, a quotation of £525.00 had been obtained for work to flail both sides from Nottingham Road up to the new A52 bypass. It was agreed that the work be undertaken.

**02**     Grant Application Update

The Clerk confirmed that the grant application had been successful, and £15,000.00 had been secured for a goal-end screen on Carnarvon and Wychwood Road Play Areas.

Following the consultation, two responses had been received in relation to Carnarvon Play Area. One referred to owners allowing dogs to foul the area and the other was a request to ensure the screen was not near Granby Court. (The screen would be parallel to the existing tall fence which is inside the perimeter fence).

Ten responses had been received in relation to Wychwood Road Play Area (several of these from the same resident), and a few were opposed to the screens. Others felt that the area should be left for the younger age group and a few supported the idea of a screen. The screen would replace the existing basketball net. In view of the responses, Councillors requested both the police and Rushcliffe Borough Council to be asked whether or not they still supported the project. Councillors also felt that there should be additional trees/bushes planted to deter balls being kicked directly at fences.

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**03 Butt Field Access Road**

All contractors had advised against scraping the current surface and relaying as they felt it would degenerate just as quick and not represent value for money. The Clerk confirmed that quotations had been requested from three contractors. However, only one quotation had been received at present. This was in the sum of £22,060.00, plus V.A.T. for resurfacing the approach road, car park and drive down to the pavilion. Clerk to confirm expected lifespan of new surface and refer to Policy & Resources Committee. The Clerk also to make enquiries about the costs of capping off both the old allotment site (Moor Lane) and the skateboard park area which is contaminated land.

**04 Play Area Inspection Reports**

Play Area Inspection Reports had been received and all areas were deemed a low risk. The Clerk will address any maintenance issues.

**05 Cogley Lane Play Area – Disabled Access**

A complaint had been received about the disabled access to Cogley Lane Play Area. The Clerk had met the resident on site to view the problem they were confronted with when trying to access the park on a mobility scooter. The Clerk is investigating a solution and will report to Councillors if alterations can be done in house by the Town Council's grounds staff.

Dog walkers have also been seen on Cogley Lane Play Area; Clerk to report to Dog Warden.

**06 Play Areas General – Update on Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour at all Play Areas**

In response to an enquiry from the police, asking what steps the Town Council is taking to combat anti-social behaviour at the play areas, the Chairman reiterated decisions made by the Council, i.e. working with partner organisations such as Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and the police. Nottinghamshire County Council had been requested to change the bus shelter on Grantham Road near Wallenfels Play Area to that of clear perspex in order that people were clearly visible. Councillors agreed that further trimming of the boundary bushes/trees was required around the rear of the bus shelter. Graffiti was removed as soon as possible after the Town Council being made aware of the vandalism.

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**8.00**     **MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD:**

01     Review of Cemetery Rules

The Clerk had undertaken background work in respect of decorated graves in the new area of the cemetery. It was agreed that a working party be formed to clarify and update cemetery rules and regulations. Members of this working party to be Councillors P. Abbey, Mrs. A. Bryan, F. Purdue-Horan, Mrs. T. Kerry, J. Stockwood and Mrs. M. Stockwood. In the meantime, any replies to letters, including complaints received, to include information that the rules and regulations are being reviewed, and, once finalised, will be freely available.

02     Letter re. Tree in Cemetery

As above, a letter to be sent to resident that rules and regulations are being reviewed and that until such time as this has been completed, no permissions are being granted.

**9.00**     **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01     Wallenfels Visitors

It was noted that there will be visitors from Wallenfels camping on Butt Field Sports Ground from the 11th to the 18th August, 2012.

02     Funfair on Wynhill

The date of the funfair is subject to change. Councillors expressed concerns that the Fair would not present a problem to residents if on site longer than it is normally.

03     Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group – Parish Nature Reserves

Noted.

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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<b>FOLIO REF.</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</b>
Matters arising	Toothill School – Proposed Footpath Diversion Consultation.	Once consultation commences, meet with walking groups prior to responding.
	Planned maintenance of play areas	To develop planned maintenance programme.
6517 Item 7.01 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Cemetery seats to be rubbed down	Commenced – Good results.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – Purchase of kitchen equipment.	On-going - £496.00 outstanding.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – New water supply	On-going
Folio 6561	Bio-diversity	R.B.C. Officers to report back
Folio 6562	Wychwood Road Play Area	Grant funding had been secured.
Folio 6688	Free-Running facilities - Wynhill	Clerk to contact N.C.C. Youth Services. Young people also to be kept updated.
Folio 6688	R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Clerk had contacted RBC & BTC would be invited to future meetings.
Folio 6721	Wind turbine – Update	On-going
Folio 6722	Wallenfels – R.B.C. Officer's suggestions	On-going. Clerk to investigate quick-growing shrubs.
Folio 6723	Rugby Club – Review of lease	On-going. Copy sent to Cllrs. July 2012.
Folio 6723 Item 8.01	Church Wall	Investigations on-going