

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 4th June, 2013**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood – For election of Chairman
 " P. Abbey.
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " F. Purdue-Horan

1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor J. Stockwood, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Mrs. T. Kerry, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor P. Abbey, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

4.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

5.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March, 2013, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

01 Folio 6972/7.01 – Land at Wynhill

The Clerk had registered Bingham Town Council's interest with Nottinghamshire County Council re. land at Wynhill for potential new allotments.

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7.00 ACTION POINTS:

See Appendix 'A'.

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

01 Linear Walk

(a) Quotation for Steps

This quotation is to be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee, along with results from enquiries with the developers re. assistance.

(b) Footpath Surface

Stones from the Grizzled Skipper project have been moved and used for remedial works to the footpath. Clerk to investigate remedial works required for footpath.

(c) Update on A.G.M.

Notes of the Annual General Meeting have been received.

02 Wallenfels

(a) Closure of Gate at Mallard Close - Update from R.B.C.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed the results of its consultation regarding closure of the access gate at the end of Mallard Close. The Borough Council's decision was not to close the access gate at this stage. Bingham Town Council considered the responses and other suggestions, and did not support closure, moving the Park or removing items of equipment. Members supported Rushcliffe Borough Council's decision and would continue to monitor the Park and work with partner agencies. The matter will remain under review.

(b) Request for Seat – Update

The police had responded, confirming that a seat would have a negative impact on the area and they would not recommend installing one. Councillors accepted this advice, and the Clerk would write to resident who submitted the request.

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02 Wallenfels continued.....

(c) Complaint Received

A complaint had been received, along with a request to lower the age limit for park and no ball games on the grassed area. A Councillor confirmed the police had been seen visiting the site at approximately 10.00 p.m. in the evening (after the park was supposed to be closed) and, at that time, there were no problems. Councillors did not support lowering the age limit or banning ball games.

03 Carnarvon Play Area

(a) Monitoring of Camping and Complaint

No overnight camping had taken place whilst the play area had been monitored. However, a complaint had been received regarding the goal end screen in relation to noise and young people climbing on top of the basketball nets and damaging them with a hand-held tool. The Clerk to check and ensure screens were in order and if any damage had occurred. Awaiting receipt of annual inspection reports.

(b) Request for Additional Bin

A request had been received for an additional bin to be erected on the wooden fence around the play area. It was agreed to await the annual inspection report and refer to next meeting.

04 Wychwood Play Area

(a) Quotation for Wall Repair

A quotation had been received for repairs to the wall. It was agreed to await the annual inspection report and refer to next meeting.

(b) Request for Seat and Bin

It was agreed to await the annual inspection report and refer this item to next meeting.

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05 Cogley Lane Play Area – Request for Improvements

A letter had been received regarding the state of the play area in general and requesting for it to be upgraded. Noted.

06 Wynhill Sports Ground

(a) Pitch Marker Posts

Clerk to reaffirm that Councillors prefer temporary marker posts and suggest B.R.U.F.C. applies to grant-funders.

(b) Complaints re. Motorbikes

The Community Committee is liaising with the police over this problem.

07 Butt Field

(a) Request for Improvements

A request had been received for improvements to be made to the verge at the side of the new tarmac drive. The area to be monitored.

(b) Request for Additional Litter Bins

It was agreed to install labels on the current bins as these are for both general litter and dog waste.

(c) Annual Inspection Report

The Chairman referred to the report on Butt Field, along with the Sports Pavilion, provided by the Clerk. To summarise, both areas were well kept. Steam-cleaning of chairs and carpet is undertaken twice a year, along with shower areas receiving anti-bacterial cleaning. Kitchen tiles are to be steam-cleaned and the Clerk requested that the power room is not to be used for storage. Certificates, fire extinguishers and first-aid kits were readily available and on show.

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07 Butt Field

(d) Membership of Butt Field Working Group

Butt Field Working Group members to be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recreational & Cemetery Committee Chairman, Recreational & Cemetery Committee Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee. A meeting to be arranged to discuss outstanding grant, water, project, grounds maintenance and lease, etc.

08 Future Provision of Facilities for Young People

The results of the recent questionnaire were presented, and, following a discussion, it was agreed to contact Toothill School regarding the possibility of siting an outdoor gym or youth shelter near to the Youth Centre. The Clerk to obtain more information on outdoor gym equipment and youth shelters.

09 Estimates Re. Options for Use of Contaminated Land

Estimate regarding a car park on the contaminated land area was £632,000 and an all-weather pitch - £706,000. Butt Field Sports Club had been contacted and confirmed it did not have a business plan re. an all-weather pitch project.

The Clerk to contact the following in relation to all of the contaminated land area:-

- Rushcliffe Borough Council re. funding and project for an all-weather pitch.
- The Crown Estate re. consideration of Bingham Town Council-owned land as their preferred car park.
- Network Rail re. its interest in use of the area.

10 Request to Support Public Use of Open Space

The Clerk to confirm to Toothill School that the Town Council supports the retention of public use of field at the top of Tythby Road.

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9.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD:

01 Working Group Membership re. Review of Cemetery Rules

A meeting had been arranged for 6.00 p.m. prior to this meeting.
Membership of the Working Group to be as that previously.

10.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:

01 Car Parking

Complaints had been received regarding inconsiderate parking around the garage area of Carnarvon Place. Clerk to write to all allotment holders, requesting consideration to residents.

02 Consideration of Change of Renewal Date for Tenancy Agreements

Following a request at the Annual Meeting for consideration to be given to changing the renewal date of allotments to January, Councillors

RECOMMENDED changing the date to January. The Clerk confirmed that this would take effect from 2014 as the current renewals terminate on the 31st March, 2014.

11.00 PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD:

Plans for the forthcoming year:-

01 Council's Own Land:

- (a) Introduce an annual tree survey which will be proactive re. tree management.
- (b) Increase support for biodiversity.
- (c) Secure open spaces to prevent trespass.

02 Leased Facilities:

- (a) To address outstanding problems.
- (b) Annual review of leases and to ensure conditions being adhered to.
- (c) Review leases to ensure relevant and up-to-date.

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11.00 PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD continued.....

03 Play Areas:

- (a) Annual inspections.
- (b) Develop planned maintenance to renew Wychwood, Carnarvon Close and Cogley Lane; recreate a teen play area and create a new play area for Mill Hill.

04 Linear Walk:

- (a) Maintain footpath and steps.

05 Cemetery and Churchyard:

- (a) Update cemetery rules and enforce them.

06 Allotments:

- (a) Pursue opportunities to create new allotments.

12.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Newark & Sherwood Play Support Group

The Clerk confirmed that the above support group was providing a Play Day to be held on the 9th August, between 1.00 and 4.00 p.m. at the Rugby Club site. The Clerk to include this in the Town News.

02 Play Sessions

Notification that play sessions would be held for six weeks from the 6th June, 2013, between 3.30 and 5.30 p.m. at the Surestart Centre in Bingham.

- 03 The Chairman also reported on an R.B.C. Positive Future Scheme which would include Bingham West Area. Agreed to invite a representative to a future meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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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	On-going. Survey should have been undertaken in May 2013. Report awaited.
	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. – Purchase of kitchen equipment.	£496.00 outstanding. Councillors queries whether or not this should be reviewed.
Folio 6560	B.F.S.C. – New water supply	B.F.S.C. applying for additional grants.
Folio 6561	Bio-diversity	Report received from N.W.T. and considered by Committee.
Folio 6688	Free-Running facilities - Wynhill	Consulting with young people in partnership with N.C.C.
Folio 6688	R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Folio 6721	BFSC – reviewing of lease to include access road; Wind turbine and old pavilion.	Additional Butt Field Working Group to be arranged.
Folio 6722	Wallenfels- Disabled parking and possible closure of access to footpath at end of Mallard Close.	Consultation ended 22 nd March; awaiting results.
Folio 6723	Rugby Club – Review of lease	Copy sent to Councillors, July, 2012.
Folio 6971/7.01	Contaminated Land	Estimates required for different uses.
Folio 6972/6.04	Request for a seat at Wallenfels/Wades Way	Clerk to liaise with police/consultation with residents.
Folio 6972/7.01	N..C.C. Land at Wynhill for Allotments	On-going. B.T.C.'s. interest registered at N.C.C.