

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, 18th March, 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:**

It was

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd January, 2008, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

(a) Butt Field Sports Ground

The Chairman reported that the planning permission for the Clubhouse at Butt Field had come through and that the Working Group had met with the architect who was arranging for the works to go out to tender.

It was noted that there were likely to be some additional costs to the Town Council in relation to the contaminated land issue. These were yet to be quantified but related to requirements of the approval from the Borough Council and the Environment Agency to deal with the contamination. One issue related to removal of the existing soil and the other involved remedial work requiring the importation of topsoil.

The planning application had been submitted for the fencing proposals. During discussion on this issue, Standing Orders were suspended to enable Steve McRobie to advise the Committee that Network Rail was likely to be assisting, via its Community Fund, with the funding of fencing abutting the railway. It was

**RESOLVED** that progress on this matter be endorsed.

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(b) Dog Control Orders

It was noted that a meeting was due to be held between the Acting Town Clerk, the Committee Chairman and representatives from Rushcliffe Borough Council to progress this issue.

(c) Crow Close Fencing

It was noted that further to reference Minute Folio 5760/2.01 (a), quotations were being obtained once the Chairman and Clerk had determined the specification.

(d) Wynhill Play Area

Reference was made to repairs to the safety surfacing at this play area and it was

**RESOLVED** that the current situation be verified.

**3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:**

The Chairman reported that, together with the Town Clerk, he had selected plot holders from the vacated Moor Lane allotments by lot to be offered the vacant allotments at Hill Drive.

The situation concerning the potential land swap to establish new allotments to replace those closed at Moor Lane due to the contaminated land was discussed and it was

**RESOLVED** that the Crown Estate be contacted to establish the current situation and to progress this matter.

**4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:**

Nothing substantive relating to the cemetery was reported.

**5.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was reported from a resident of Bowland Road concerning the playing of football on the Wychwood Road Play Area. The circumstances and issues raised by the correspondent were outlined

In response, members were generally of the opinion that effective resolution of the matters raised would be difficult, although removal of one tree (the smaller one) near to the fence concerned might help. A replacement tree would be planted elsewhere.

A notice to encourage ball games to be played within the new teen area would be provided and information on the facilities available at Wychwood Road Play Area publicised in the Town News.

Additionally, the resident would be asked to monitor the situation. It was

**RESOLVED** that a response be made along the lines discussed.

**6.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:**

It was

**RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as publicity of business yet to be transacted will be prejudicial to the public interest as it involves receiving advice from outside sources.

**7.00 CONTAMINATED LAND - UPDATE**

It was reported that the relevant determinations had been received. It was

**RESOLVED** that Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Environment Agency be advised that the Town Council is not responsible for the contamination, and a request be made that this fact be acknowledged and placed on their records.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

