

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 25th March, 2014**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman  
 " P. Abbey  
 " Mrs. A. Bryan  
 " G. Davidson  
 " Mrs. T. Kerry

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

6 Members of the Public  
 1 Press

**1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillor F. Purdue-Horan.

**2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January, 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

The Clerk will be arranging a meeting of the Butt Field Working Group in April in relation to the standard of grounds maintenance required.

02 F7208/6.01 – Carnarvon Play Area Goal-End Screen

The consultation on re-siting the goalpost at Carnarvon Play Area has begun and is advertised on the play area, the website, noticeboards, in the library and to neighbouring properties, and is due to end on the 17th April, with the results being available at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

03 F7209/6.02 – Information Sign on Linear Park

The Clerk is corresponding with B.H.T.A. and the Friends of Linear Park about the content and costs of a possible information sign for the entrance to the park.

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**04 F7209/6.03 - Allotments**

The Clerk has sent a letter to allotment tenants informing them about the new Association.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has explained that the distribution of a batch of two hundred solar security lights was a one-off offer two years ago and is no longer available.

The Town Council is waiting for the Allotment Association to make progress on its proposed notice-board.

**05 F7210/9.01 – Correspondence**

Councillor Abbey reported on a Leisure Centre Forum meeting at which the running track issues were discussed. All outstanding issues had been resolved with the exception of lighting problems which were still being addressed.

**06 Cemetery Rules & Regulations Working Group**

The Clerk has investigated the supply of composite grave surrounds, a policy for headstone maintenance and the replacement of the dead Rowan tree. The Town Council has also received further responses to the on-going consultation on the cemetery rules from members of the public and a local funeral director. These matters will be considered further at the next Cemetery Rules & Regulations Working Group meeting.

**07 Matters Relating to Committee Responsibilities – Update**

- Community Committee planting poppies at the Nottingham Road entrance to the Linear Park to commemorate centenary of First World War.
- Environment Committee arranged for Network Rail to survey land at Butt Field and discussions on sale of land at Langtry Gardens.
- Full Council has formed a Car Park Working Group which may consider the potential for use of the contaminated land at Butt Field as a car park.
- Environment Committee considering changes to the footpaths around Toothill School and the suggestion for a new footpath into the Linear Park.
- Policy & Resources Committee action list includes reviewing the leases of the sports clubs.

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**5.00 ACTION POINTS:**

See Appendix 'A'.

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

01 To Consider Warner's Paddock as a Site for Public Use

The following suggestions for Warner's Paddock as a site for public use were discussed

(a) Cemetery Extension

While the current capacity at the cemetery is adequate for the foreseeable future, in the long term, the Council could consider a cemetery extension necessary.

(b) Nature Park

Warner's Paddock could become a park as it is centrally-located in the town.

It was agreed to put forward the above ideas to the Crown Estate, as landowner, at the meeting which is currently being arranged by the Mayor.

**7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:**

01 Matters Raised by Allotment Tenants - Update

The Chairman commented on thefts from the allotments which were noted. The Clerk is addressing a report of damage to the perimeter fence. The Clerk is also corresponding with Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the boundary of the site. The correspondence refers to legal matters that need further investigation, and the Clerk will update a subsequent Committee meeting.

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

01 Cemetery Management Issues – Update

The Committee received a report on the problems in the cemetery caused by recent bad weather. Additionally, land drains have been discovered on site, and partly dug graves will suddenly become water-logged if a drain is present in the same location. The Clerk is noting where these issues occur in order to minimise the risk of future problems. Concerns of a local funeral director were noted and the matters raised have been addressed.

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**01 Cemetery Management Issues – Update continued.....**

The Committee also noted correspondence regarding the treatment of pre-birth deaths as a suggestion for change that could be considered at the next Cemetery Rules & Regulations Working Group meeting.

**9.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**01 E-mail re. Parking on St. Mary's Road**

The e-mail was noted and the Committee agreed that the Clerk would investigate signs for the gate to St. Mary's Road to request sports ground users use the provided car park, and signs on the car park barrier to indicate that the barrier would be locked when facilities were not in use.

**02 Friends of Linear Park**

The Minutes of the Friends of Linear Park meeting had been received and were noted.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.32 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: .....

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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.	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 to be held in April
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	On-going
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 <sup>th</sup> April 2014..
	Allotment Association	Clerk to check boundary access issue and free solar lights with RBC.