

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood – Chairman
 “ J. Ferguson
 “ A. Harvey
 “ F. Purdue-Horan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor A. Shelton
 1 Press
 1 Public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillors Mrs. T. Kerry and Mrs. S. Orr.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th January, 2016, 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 Friends of Bingham Cemetery - F8152/4.00

Meeting yet to be arranged.

02 Cemetery – F8153/4.00

Clerk is collating information from nearby cemetery providers regarding access to cemetery plots.

5.00 CLERK'S UPDATE:

Refer to Appendix 'A'.

01 Future of Contaminated Land – F8156

It was agreed after these Minutes that the contaminated land item be removed as it is now being dealt with by the Car Park Working Group.

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5.00 **CLERK'S UPDATE** continued.....

02 N.C.C. Land at Wynhill – F8156

This item will remain on the action list and the Clerk to contact the County about the time scale for its assessment of the land for development.

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

01 Butt Field Sports Club, including:-

(a) Update re. Drainage Project

The Chairman reported on a project being investigated by Butt Field Sports Club to include a new pavilion, purchase and preparation of new pitches and upgrading of existing pitches. The Chairman also confirmed that original improvements to pitch drainage occurred in three phases – drainage to the training area between the pavilion and the car park, drainage to the main pitch beside the pavilion and drainage to the new pitches furthest east from the pavilion.

The Clerk had provided Butt Field Sports Club with copies of the original specification regarding drainage works to pitches in order to assist when dealing with drainage engineers. Soil analysis had also been undertaken at the outset. Butt Field Sport Club would progress enquiries in order to develop a pitch repair project.

(b) Request for New Pitches

Butt Field Sports Club is utilising all current pitches to their maximum potential; therefore, some teams are having to deny new players access to the facilities as there is no room for further teams. Faced with this, Butt Field Sports Club is developing a five year plan to meet the expectations of sports players and to support Bingham Town Council's request to reduce ongoing expenditure and become self-sufficient. To this end, Butt Field Sports Club would require additional land east of the existing pitches for four new pitches and 'establishing' the same for sport. Butt Field Sports Club is also considering its own pitch maintenance equipment and personnel to cut down on costs using contractors. This would mean storage facilities required for the equipment. Advice and financial support is being sought from the Football Association as the F.A. is currently focussing on improving grass pitches in the community. Butt Field Sports Club is seeking further advice from other experts such as architects.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYING FIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES continued.....

01 Butt Field Sports Club continued.....

(a) Request for New Pitches continued.....

Another aspect of the five year plan is to replace the old pavilion with improved facilities for cricket players and for two of the new pitches to be artificial pitches for all season use. A new pitch layout could solve the existing drainage problem by building an artificial pitch instead of fixing the drainage; the Club is developing the projects for pitch repairs alongside the proposals for new facilities and considering all options for the way forward.

The Club would be seeking the Town Council's assistance with:-

- (i) Acquiring land for new pitches from the current owner.
- (ii) Funding for the pitch maintenance equipment as part of support for reducing the annual maintenance cost to the Council.
- (iii) Support for bids to the Football Association for grants.

The other aspects of the Club's plans for the future would be funded by the Club.

02 B.R.U.F.C. – Update on Meeting held on 22nd March, 2016, at 6.00 p.m.

Refer to attached notes of meeting (Appendix 'B'). Following further discussions, the following recommendation was agreed.

RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

To redraft the current lease either by extending current one or entering into a revised one for thirty years at a rent of £500.00, noting that trustees' names would be different.

New lease would be subject to further review in future in relation to the area of land available to B.R.U.F.C., i.e. whether two pitches were required. This would allow surplus land to be available for other community activities/organisations, e.g. scouts, dog exercise area etc.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYING FIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES continued.....

03 Linear Walk

(a) Request for Additional Footpath Marker

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated for this item only to allow a member of the public to speak

It was

RECOMMENDED to install a footpath marker at the specific location on the Linear Walk.

(b) Request for Signs re. Keeping Dogs Under Control

Noted.

(c) Way Forward re. Twinning Sign at Entrance to Linear Walk

Clerk to write formally to the Twinning Association regarding the current sign which requires refurbishing, and the Mayor to raise the matter at the Twinning Association's Annual General Meeting on the 20th April, 2016. Depending on the outcome, Clerk to write to Wallenfels requesting pictures of their sign, and also possibly entering into a joint project with the Twinning Association and Wallenfels. The intention is to have two similar signs.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

01 Remedial Works in Relation to Soil/Shrubbery Encroaching Up Boundary Fences

The Clerk confirmed that this work has now been satisfactorily undertaken.

02 Tree Roots

A Councillor raised the problem of tree roots lifting the path and moss on the paths. The paths are part of the capital programme.

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8.00 BINGHAM SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION - UPDATE:

The Chairman confirmed that the Scouts had to vacate their current premises on the 31st March, 2016. Previously, Bingham Town Council had offered to assist the Scouts by offering to accommodate a new build at Wynhill, providing the Scouts progress the project and were responsible for all fund-raising and grant applications etc. The Chairman understood that this matter was still ongoing, and the Town Council is awaiting an architect's design from the Scouts. The Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire County Council about the poor treatment given to the Scouts and also ask a representative to come to the Town Council to discuss the situation.

It was

RECOMMENDED that the Committee supports a long-term solution for Scouts' accommodation in Bingham and the Council's willingness to discuss ways of accommodating them at Wynhill.

9.00 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL LEISURE STRATEGY - UPDATE:

This was currently under review and would cover the next ten years, noting the last review was in 2011. Rushcliffe Borough Council would "open negotiations with the Town Council to provide a joint facility that could also serve the needs of a community hall within the same building on the basis of sharing costs". Clerk to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council, reaffirming that the Town Council is still interested in investigating a joint facility.

10.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Friends of Linear Park

Receipt of Minutes from the Friends of Linear Park was noted.

02 Notification received of sponsored dog walk being held on the 8th May, 2016. Noted.

03 Request received re. Geo-caching

Committee supported this initiative.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Date

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DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Outdoor facilities for all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess existing facilities - Consult on usage - Develop improvement plan
Standards of maintenance of Council-maintained land, including the Linear Park	Develop maintenance plan
Toothill School – Proposed footpath diversion	Respond to N.C.C. consultations.
R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Future of the contaminated land	Car Park Working Group is now progressing this matter re. possible provision of a car park.
N.C.C. Land at Wynhill	N.C.C. confirmed its land at Wynhill was in process of being assessed for sale as development land, i.e. maximum price.
Proposed Scout Base	Awaiting further information from Scouts.
Linear Walk Presentation Board and Twinning Sign etc.	Awaiting further information from Friends of Linear Park.

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DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:	22nd March 2016 6pm	
NATURE OF MEETING:	Meeting with BRUFC	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Councillors J. Stockwood, J.Ferguson BRUFC representatives J. Mitton, J.Perry	
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None	
		TO BE ACTIONED BY
1.	Apologies – None	
2.	JS began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and invited them to put forward items for consideration.	
3.	<p><u>Longer lease</u> BRUFC would like to review the lease and to have a lease period of 30 years outstanding as this is a matter grant giving bodies look for. In support of this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various remedial works had been undertaken over the years including refurbishment of the ladies and disabled toilets. Feedback generally positive. • 1,000 members of the public use the facilities per month. <p>BTC to consider a longer lease period in a <i>renewed lease</i> along with other matters identified in these notes</p>	
4.	<p><u>New signatories on behalf of BRUFC</u> New BRUFC personnel required to be appointed to sign the lease as previous members may have left or passed away.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Rent reviews</u> JS noted that the initial rent of £500 per annum had not been increased since the year 2000 and the 5 year rent reviews had not occurred. BRUFC felt that whilst acknowledging the fact the rent had not increased a considerable amount of funds (in the region of £15,000) had been spent on remedial work over the same period . BTC to consider <i>renewing the lease</i> based on £500 rent.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Bingham Scout Group</u> JS referred to the fact that Bingham Scout Group require a base for the long term future and suggested they could be accommodated on Wynhill site. BRUFC felt the Scouts could be accommodated easily be it in the vicinity of the Pavilion (due to services already being in place) or at the opposite end of the site. This lead to BRUFC being asked to consider if they required both pitches. JP/JM to raise this matter at future BRUFC meeting. JS suggested that this would allow other community activities to be held on the site eg. Dog exercise areas.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Other matters</u> BRUFC confirmed that there were a couple of paving slabs which require addressing. The metal grille over the bar was now in place. A request was made for 2 new flood lights on railway line side of the pitches was being investigated.</p>	BRUFC
8.	<p>JS to recommend to Recreation & Cemetery Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting of the current lease with new trustees names on and for a period of 30 years at a rent of £500. • In the future consideration be given towards further negotiations in relation to BRUFC giving up one of the pitches and Scouts being accommodated on site and/or community organisations. 	BTC
9.	The meeting closed at 6.45pm	