

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 30th September, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	F. Kerry - Chairman
"	P. Abbey
"	A. Bryan
"	G. Davidson
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor R. Barnett.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th July, 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

01 Wind Turbine on Butt Field

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Steve McRobie to give an account.

There was a brief discussion re. the viability of a wind turbine at this location. Councillor Kerry felt that, without any grant funding, it was not financially liable but, with grant funding, it was. Steve McRobie commented that it could be installed at a later date but felt it would be more beneficial to incorporate it for the opening of the pavilion. The closing date for an E-on grant was this forthcoming Friday. It was noted that the turbine would be 15m tall, with 3 metre blades, and would be sited approximately where the line of trees were, near to the culvert (there was a dead tree within the line of trees and this would be an ideal position. A visual aid unit would be on display in the foyer of the pavilion to show the benefits of the eco systems in place.

Standing Orders were reinstated to allow a decision on the above.

It was

RECOMMENDED that the grants were applied for and, depending on the success of these, a wind turbine would be viable and a planning application submitted.

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02 Contract Variations

The Clerk submitted a summary (copy attached to file copy of Minutes) of all contract variations in relation to the Butt Field project, all of which had gone before the Butt Field Working Party Group. All the variations were accepted.

03 Grant Applications

Successful grant applications were as follows in relation to the ground source heat pump for the Butt Field project, and special thanks were given to Steve McRobie for all his hard work in submitting them:-

• Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 11	£18,792.73
• Community Sustainable Energy Programme	£10,291.74
• EdF Energy Green Energy Fund	£5,750.00
• Nottinghamshire County Council (Cllr. Suthers)	£250.00

Total: **£35,084.47**

It was noted that Councillor Suthers had donated £1,000.00 in total. However, £750.00 was going towards the wind turbine project.

04 Play Area on the Bird Estate – “Wallenfels” Site

The Town Clerk had requested a more detailed map and one had been received. However, this was still not of the required scale to enable further development on the project and the Clerk was asked to request a scaled, detailed map.

05 Contaminated Land Cost

The Clerk had identified costs so far as:-

• Access road	£4,614.20
• Geodyne (three separate invoices 2007/08)	£10,895.00
• Geodyne remediation certificate	£700.00
• HSSP letter re. Geodyne	£738.00

£16,947.20

Expenses yet to be incurred include tipping of debris, water main protection and Midwest soil import.

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3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

The Clerk reported that the remaining number of graves within the new cemetery area was 625.

4.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Hill Drive Allotment Tenants

A letter had been received from these tenants, along with various copy letters. A member of the public was also present at the meeting who wished to address the security issue on the Hill Drive allotments.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

Concerns were expressed about the fence panels being lifted, graffiti being written on sheds, the gate padlock not always being used and other issues.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Councillors agreed they would look into obtaining quotations for replacing the existing wooden fence panels with concrete plinths. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood also confirmed that a Borough Councillor was addressing the issue of lighting on Gardeners Close.

02 Mr. P. Kennedy

An e-mail had been received re. rabbits and dog walkers on Butt Field. It was agreed to try to address the issue of rabbits by using ferrets. The Clerk to obtain notes on previous meetings with Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding dog-walkers and also make enquiries about dogs on play areas to see if any further action can be taken.

03 RCAN

Notification received about climate change event to be held at County Hall on the 2nd October, 2008, at 9.30 a.m.

04 Jebbs Lane

Complaint received about a tree canopy overshadowing this lane. Nottinghamshire County Council to be contacted

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05 Play Equipment

An e-mail had been received about play equipment on the 'bird' estate. Concern was expressed that a play area should not impinge on the open space so as to prevent current recreational uses. Reference was also made to the placement of play equipment in relation to disabled access.

5.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:-

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and Press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw."

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 UPDATE ON TRACTOR FINANCING**
- 02 ALLOTMENTS**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:

