

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of
Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on
Tuesday, 29th September, 2009, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | P. Abbey |
| " | R. Barnett |
| " | Mrs. A. Bryan |
| " | F. Kerry |
| " | A. Shelton |
| " | Mrs. M. Stockwood |

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES:

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th July, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (For information):

01 Butt Field Pavilion

The Clerk confirmed that the sports hall floor had been repaired and that the hall was open. However, a long-term solution to the problem with the floor was being addressed.

3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES, INCLUDING BUTT FIELD:

01 Butt Field Project

(a) Folio 6097/3.01 (a) - Wind Turbine

The Clerk confirmed receipt of a letter from Mr. Norman Jowett at Rushcliffe Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to him and confirm that the Town Council would accept the Borough Council's recommendations.

(b) Folio 6098/3.01 (b) – Update on Beaufort's Contract

The Clerk confirmed that Wood & Weir were now in a position to release final figures for the Pavilion Contract and these should be received shortly.

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01 Butt Field Project continued.....

(c) Quotation for Pavilion Sign

A quotation of £145.00, plus V.A.T., had been received for a sign showing the Bingham Town Council name and logo. It was

RECOMMENDED that this should be accepted.

(d) Folio 6097/2.01 - Directional Signage

Nottinghamshire County Council confirmed that the sign on the street lighting column on Chapel Lane opposite Moorbridge Road should be in place by the end of October, 2009.

02 Folio 6098/3.02 - Wallenfels Play Area Site – Update on Public Consultation

There had been a successful public consultation which had generated concerns from some residents on Goldcrest Close. The Clerk confirmed receipt of fifty-two completed questionnaires which, to date, had not been fully analysed.

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow residents to speak

Councillor Barnett responded to the points raised in the letter received from residents of Goldcrest Close. He confirmed there had been no intention of deception but merely confusion as to where Nightingale Way ended and Goldcrest Close began. The correct properties had been taken into account; the open space in question was not Crown land as it had been handed over to Rushcliffe Borough Council and was now subject to being transferred to Bingham Town Council. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Stockwood reported that the area had been designated as a play area as long back as 1999.

The residents referred to N.P.F.A. Minimum Standards re. Local Equipped Play Areas (L.E.A.P.) and Neighbourhood Equipped Play Areas (N.E.A.P.), and the relevant buffer zones. Suggestions were also made that there were too many pieces of equipment for an area of that size.

Councillors confirmed that any issues raised would be addressed following the consultation and thanked the residents for participating in it. Following further investigations, residents would be contacted prior to any installation on the open space. Councillors felt it was necessary to address all concerns before going ahead.

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Standing Orders were reinstated.

3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES, INCLUDING BUTT FIELD continued.....

03 Folio 6098.3.03 - Update on Meeting with Dog Owners' Group

The Clerk gave a brief account of the meeting held on the 6th August, 2009. Generally, it had been a positive meeting; the signs erected in March would be removed. 'No Dogs Beyond This Point' signs would be considered at the Policy & Resources Committee re. their reinstating.

04 Referral from Full Council/Community Committee Regarding Movement of Vehicles on Rugby Club Site

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Committee had agreed to write to the Club about the disturbance. However, it was for this Committee to look at the possibility of erecting a barrier to prevent cars accessing the car park area, and Councillor Abbey offered to go and look at the recently erected barrier outside the Birds shop on Market Street.

05 Play Area Working Party

The Clerk confirmed the need to set up a working party to visit all Bingham Town Council 's play areas to identify maintenance work required. It was suggested that Councillors Kerry, Abbey and the Town Clerk to be on the Working Party.

4.00 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

01 F6098/4.01 – Request for a Seat

This matter was still outstanding awaiting a response from resident.

5.00 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS, INCLUDING:-

01 A request had been received to obtain a quotation for the necessary sign for Hill Drive allotments.

6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Letter from Resident Regarding Wallenfels Play Area Site

This matter was dealt with under Item 3.02 above.

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6.00 CORRESPONDENCE continued.....

02 (a) Cogley Lane Play Area

An e-mail had been received from a resident requesting planting of trees in this area. Councillors felt that, due to the fact that the area was an heritage site, there was limited scope for developing it.

(b) Play Equipment

A letter had been received from a young person requesting play equipment for older children.

03 South Nottingham Hockey Club

An e-mail had been received from the above Club inquiring into the possibility of hockey facilities being incorporated on Butt Field, be it the old allotment site, skateboard park or within the edge of Butt Field. Toot Hill School was currently being used for hockey activities. Councillors felt the cost of utilising either the former Moor Lane allotment site or skateboard park would be prohibitive due to removal of the contaminated soil to a specialised site.

In view of the various factors concerning the above sites and the uncertainty of the new health centre location at this moment in time, Councillors felt they could not make any firm decisions.

7.00 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 Press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.”

There were no confidential items for consideration

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: