

PRESENT:

Councillors: R Bird (Chair), S Hull, A Langford, F Purdue-Horan, S Orr, A Shelton, G Davidson, K Vallance, J Costello and J Stockwood.

Officers: S Pyke (Town Clerk), J Riddle (Office Manager).

Also in attendance: 5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor A R Harvey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- A member of the public asked to read her transcript regarding a situation that she wished to bring to the attention of Bingham Town Council, as a concerned member of the public.

Councillor Davidson commented that he was present at the meeting referred to but had not made the arrangements. The location of the meeting was chosen as there had not been any available rooms at the Old Court House. He confirmed that he would apologise for attending this meeting but felt it not appropriate to discuss further at this time.

Councillor Bird confirmed that the information would be looked at and any appropriate actions from the Council would be taken. Councillor Purdue-Horan also confirmed that the matter would not end here and would be investigated.

- Another member of the public wanted to compliment the Town Council on the changes to the parking on Union Street and Needham Street. He commented that the changes seem to have met with positive feedback and parking spaces were available when needed. He also commented that Newgate Street car park was now more difficult to park in and this was a concern for patients visiting the surgery, specifically those who are disabled and suggested this should be monitored.

Councillor Vallance confirmed that Newgate Street had not been chosen as this may have resulted in a higher number of vehicles trying to park on residential streets around the town. Councillor Davidson noted that people using the car parks had not realised that the machines for each car park were separate. Using the wrong ticket machine would result in parking ticket.

Councillor Vallance confirmed that she had raised queries with Rushcliffe Borough Council and could confirm that motorcycles and disabled drivers do not require a ticket from the parking machines. The signs that are currently in place will be made clearer and moved in height so that car park users understand that the two car parks are separate and the correct machine should be used for a ticket. If it was a persistent issue, a new

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parking order to re-name the car parks as one, could be completed, but this has cost implications. The situation would be monitored closely by Rushcliffe Borough Council once the signage is more prominent. Councillor Davidson confirmed that anyone receiving a ticket for using the incorrect machine should appeal.

- A further query on a potential play park for the Mill Hill/Mallow Road area was raised and was anything happening.

Councillor Purdue-Horan confirmed that a Community Play Parks group had been set up in July 2016, as a result of comments originating on Social Media. Councillor Purdue-Horan confirmed that there was no further news on Mill Hill at present and the Council. Councillor Bird confirmed that the group is a community group.

4. MINUTES

The Town Clerk asked for Councillor's agreement to move the discussion of a footnote to the Private and Confidential section. The Clerk's request was accepted.

An amendment was requested to Folio 8719, to remove the second resolution under item 11, up to an additional £1,000.

Councillor Bird commented that Councillor Harvey had sent a note asking for the previous minutes to be amended to reflect that on Item 14 the Town Clerk was to copy the original test reports for Councillor Davidson.

Councillor Davidson confirmed that the Town Clerk has given him the information and based on his experience the contaminated land would require re-testing.

RESOLVED: The minutes of 12 September 2017 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true record, subject to the amendments above.

Councillor Langford requested a record of the vote: 9 in favour; 1 against, no abstentions

Councillor Costello updated members on Folio 8720, item 15, Wallenfells Band. Councillor Costello has received a letter from the Market's Manager who confirmed that the incident had been investigated. All traders had been spoken with and a letter of apology from the traders had been sent to the band.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last Full Council Committee meeting, The Mayor updated Council that he had undertaken the following:

- Met with Sandy Paley, Head of School at Toot Hill Academy
- Met with RCAN to update on NDP issues (*see Council agenda item 7(b)*)
- Met with Football Association as part of Butt Field Sports Club 3 year Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise
- Held 1 Mayor's Surgery
- Attended Civic Service and Reception

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Planning Committee – 26 September 2017, Folios 8722 – 8723

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

- (b) Personnel Committee – 26 September 2017, Folios 8724 – 8726

Councillor Purdue-Horan asked Councillors to consider amending the first recommendation on Item 6, Folio 8724 to include "For all employees of Bingham Town Council required or requested to consider agreeing to a change to the Terms of the Contract of Employment, independent legal advice is made available to each employee, funded by Bingham Town Council, if they wish to seek such advice."

It was proposed by Councillor Davidson and seconded by Councillor Purdue-Horan to refer this back to the Personnel Committee for consideration.

Councillor Purdue-Horan asked for a record of the vote: 9 in favour and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: The Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted, subject to the referral of item 6 back to the Personnel Committee.

7. WORKING GROUPS

- (a) Events Working Group Notes – 26 September 2017

The recommended booking form criteria proposed was discussed by members.

Councillor Purdue-Horan asked for a record of the vote: 5 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention

RESOLVED: To accept the booking form criteria.

The notes having been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and approved.

- (b) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference –

The draft terms of reference were discussed and it was agreed that several items would require further clarification.

RESOLVED: To refer the Terms of Reference to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and a meeting should take place prior to the first Public Consultation on 31 October 2017.

8. LEAD MEMBER FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: To defer this decision until the Council has new Councillors in place.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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Councillor Costello updated members on the issues surrounding delays in East Midlands Ambulance and Paramedic support. It was confirmed that our MP, Robert Jenrick, was seeking to table this discussion in Parliament. Anyone experiencing delays with East Midlands Ambulance and Paramedic support should be encouraged to report the incidents direct to Robert Jenrick.

10. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

County Councillor Purdue-Horan reported:

- That he was still looking into the yellow lines on Long Acre East discussed at the last Full Council meeting.
- The County Council had agreed a motion to Government over the cancellation of the railway line electrification north of Kettering.

Borough Councillor Stockwood reported:

- That Rushcliffe Borough Council had received a reserved matters planning application for the first 317 dwellings off Chapel Lane, Bingham.

Borough Councillor Davidson reported:

- That at Full Council it was agreed that future housing developments will include play space and for kicking a ball around.
- That he attended the Strategic Growth Board meeting for Rushcliffe but that there was not much detail at a local level as yet.

11. ELECTIONS

It was noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed there had been calls for an election for the three vacancies advertised.

- a) **RESOLVED:** that the Town Council accept the cost of Poll Cards should both wards be contested.

12. EXTERNAL AUDIT

Councillors noted conclusion of the External Audit and the unqualified status. Staff were thanked for their work.

13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillors were updated that 35 new sets of lights were required for the trees that sit in the brackets above shops and businesses in the Town. An initial costing exercise indicated costs in the region of £700 - £900.

RESOLVED: To purchase new lights up to a cost of £1,000.

14. WALLENFELLS PARK

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- (a) **RESOLVED:** To proceed with the laying of the hedge along Grantham Road side of the Park and that the height and method used for the other three sides would be determined by the Grounds staff and Councillor Stockwood after consultation with neighbouring properties and a site visit.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** To proceed in principle with the quotation from the contractor.

15. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

- (a) The Clerk updated Council that the Grounds staff had recently taken some second hand maintenance equipment on loan to determine its suitability. Whilst the equipment was not appropriate, the exercise had given the Grounds staff a clearer steer on preferred options. Further investigation was required at this stage before putting recommendations to Council.
- (b) No acquisition to take place at this stage therefore no upper limit considered.

16. DEFIBRILLATOR IN MARKET PLACE

- (a) It was agreed in principle that the Council would be willing to take on the ownership of the defibrillator. However, it first needs to establish the current status of the defibrillator and the legality of who owns the red telephone box the equipment resides in.
- (b) It was not appropriate at this stage to consider the inclusion of the defibrillator on the asset register.
- (c) It was not appropriate at this stage to consider insuring the defibrillator.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Council had received a request for the scattering of ashes at Butt Field Sports Ground. The Clerk confirmed that the Butt Field Sports Club had been approached and they had confirmed their support.

Without setting a precedent, the Council agreed that on this occasion they had no objection, as permission had been sought in a fitting way.

18. CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk flagged to members that the Council needed to consider projects for 2018/19 for the upcoming budget planning.
- Cluster planning training to be arranged for the Planning Committee with interest also from Radcliffe On Trent Councillors to join the session. Any other Councillors interested in attending should contact the Clerk.
- Reminder that the Clerk and Office Manager will be attending the SLCC National Conference on 18/19 October 2017.
- Reminder of the Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on 31 October 2017.

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- Two Councillors had currently agreed to attend the Town and Parish Forum on Thursday 9 November 2017, anyone else wishing to attend to confirm to the Clerk.
- To note the office Christmas and New Year Closure from the afternoon of 22 December 2017 until 2 January 2018.

19. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

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”

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 Confidential Notes from Council meeting held 12 September 2017
- 02 Warner’s Paddock Lease
- 03 Staffing Matter
- 04 Issues arising from Decisions of Personnel Committee on 26 September 2017
- 05 Footnote relating to 12 September 2017 minutes

Meeting Closed at: 9:55pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: