

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Clark and 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Hayes-Heath and J Costello.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hutchison – declared a non-pecuniary interest in anything relating to Butt Field.
Councillor Bird – declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda 13, Hire of the Court House.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A representative from the Rugby Club thanked the Councillors who had assisted with the Party on the Pitch and updated Councillors on the success of Little Ruggers that Bingham Rugby Club run. The Club is looking at ways to improve its facilities and through the Rugby Football Union the Club had won a defibrillator with training being provided by the Community Heartbeat Trust.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Full Council Committee meeting held on the 8 August 2017 Folios 8696/8704 having been circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

Councillor Purdue-Horan requested an amendment to Folio 8700, Item 10. 'Bingham representative on the Growth Board' to be replaced with 'Nottinghamshire County Council representative on the Bingham and Radcliffe Growth Board'

RESOLVED: The minutes were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as a true record, subject to the amendment.

It was agreed by Councillors to note a clarification, in the 11 July 2017 minutes, under Councillor Purdue-Horan's County Councillor report instead.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor congratulated Clare Williams and her team on the Bavarian Beer Festival and showed members a slate from the roof of a Wallenfells Church Tower, presented to him and accepted on behalf of Bingham Town Council from the Burgermeister of Wallenfells..

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm

An incident that occurred on the Market Place where the Wallenfells band were spoken to rudely by traders had been reported by Councillor Costello who had written to Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding this unacceptable incident.

The Mayor read out the resignation from Councillor Kerry

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

- Met with Leader and Chief Executive of Rushcliffe to discuss Long Term Parking arrangements
- Met with RCAN to update on Neighbourhood Development Plan issues
- Held 3 Mayors Surgeries
- Presentation to winners of Bingham Town Council Town Guide competition
- Attended Merchant Navy Flag Day at Kelham Hall
- Attended the 8th Bavarian Bierfest at the Leisure Centre – twice
- Attended the Battle of Britain Commemoration Service and reception organised by Newark Town Council.

6. DEPUTY MAYOR

- (a) To consider whether to elect a new Deputy Mayor
A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** to appoint a new Deputy Mayor
- (b) To elect a new Deputy Mayor-
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Bird as the Deputy Mayor.
- (c) To sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
Councillor Bird signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Planning Committee – 29 August 2017, Folios 8705 – 8706

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

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

Councillor Harvey asked for it to be minuted that he had requested to seek the support of the local parishes for speaking at Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Committees and this had been omitted from the 25 July 2017 minutes. This was agreed by Council.

- (b) Resources Committee – 29 August 2017, Folios 8707 – 8714

Councillor Hutchison requested an amendment to her declaration of interest on Folio 8707, 'non-pecuniary' to be amended to 'pecuniary'.

The Minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved subject to the amendment.

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

8. WORKING GROUPS

(a) Community Facilities Working Group Notes – 29 August 2017

The notes having been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and approved. The Mayor advised members that a meeting of the Working Group would be called shortly to discuss allotment site issues with Rushcliffe Borough Council Officers.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Notes – 4 September 2017

The notes having been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and approved. The Mayor asked for any members wishing to join the Steering Group to contact him. Councillor Hull commented that she had previously agreed to join; an additional Councillor stepping forward would benefit the Steering Group. The Mayor advised that the Terms of Reference for the Steering Group would be submitted to the October meeting of Council.

(c) Constitution for the Play Parks Community Group

RESOLVED: that The Play Parks Constitution be agreed in principle, subject to the Clerk and the Chair of the Play Parks Group agreeing the wording around the section of the constitution relating to finance.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

(a) Growth Board Markets Meeting

Councillor Hutchison gave a report on the meeting she attended on behalf of The Mayor. It was confirmed that Rushcliffe Borough Council would not stand in the way of eateries and licenced premises using the square. The idea of pop-up shops had been discussed but it was noted that the existing retailers would need to be consulted. The Mayor said he would not support the suggestion from Rushcliffe Borough Council to use some of the Community Chest to help update the electrics on the Market Place and he would raise this at the next meeting of the Growth Board.

Councillor Bird asked if Bingham Town Council should give consideration to taking over the management of the Market Place. The Mayor commented that this may be appropriate at some future point.

(b) Friends of Linear Park Meeting

Councillor Shelton raised a query about the markers that are to be installed on the Linear Walk. The Office Manager explained that the staff are working their way down to gain access with vehicles to complete the work. The Office Manager also updated Councillors that a meeting was being arranged for the Friends of Linear Park and the Grounds Staff to discuss the mowing report sent in by the group.

(c) Car Parking Update

Councillor Vallance reported that the Trent Barton event on the Market Place on Saturday 9 September, had seen two parking bays, totalling 16 spaces used for buses.

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm

Rushcliffe Borough Council had known about the event and had apologised for not contacting Bingham Town Council and for future events they will contact Bingham Town Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has given some initial feedback on the parking on the Needham Street and Union Street parking. The social media comments had shown a 90% positive reaction to the installation of the 2 hour free parking. Borough Council staff have been present to help residents during the first few weeks of parking. The free spaces noted are showing a positive turnover. The amnesty from the traffic warden given during the initial introduction had now ended and could not be extended.

Councillor Bird reported an issue for motorcycles, as motorcycles cannot display a ticket he had queried the rules for motorcycles, Rushcliffe Borough Council are yet to provide a response.

(d) Cycling

Councillor Bird reported that he had sent out a series of letters, as previously discussed and so far had received 3 replies, all of which were positive. He will be arranging a meeting for a date in October which will be circulated to members.

10. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

County Councillor Purdue-Horan reported:

- The faded white lines at the Tithby/Nottingham Road traffic lights are to be re-painted.
- The Bingham's Children's Centre had reported a large number of thanks and praise from attendees to the Party on the Pitch event, particularly the improved parking arrangements on the rugby field.

County Councillor Purdue-Horan clarified that the minutes of the 11 July, Folio 8684, one amount of £500 had been donated by himself towards play facilities and a further £500 had been donated by County Councillor Neil Clarke towards security fencing.

County Councillor Clarke reported:

- He had given monies locally but he still had funds available for allocation and any Councillor knowing of good causes should ask them to contact him.
- The Travellers currently sited at Newton had been given the due process to invite them to leave.
- The budget for pothole repairs has been increased by £1.27 million and before he submits a priority list at the end of September, areas of concern should be reported to him for addition.
- There was also £125,000 in budget for the road linking Bingham to Langar and he would be campaigning to have substantial repairs to this road because of its increasing use by buses and HGV's.

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm

Councillor Hull queried a footpath on Long Acre East, reported in April that is in regular use by someone who is partially sighted, this area was marked out in April but had yet to be repaired.

Borough Councillor Davidson reported:

- That he would be attending and speaking to object to the Derry Lane plans at the Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 14 September. Officers have recommended acceptance of the plans.

Borough Councillors Hull and Stockwood had no report.

11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor Hutchison reported on the cost for the three bespoke lights to be made for Bingham Town Council. The Clerk reported that only £233.12 was left in the budget for lighting and therefore the costs would need to be met from Reserves. The Clerk noted that permission and stress testing had not yet been sought with Rushcliffe Borough Council

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £3,147.00 from Blachere Illumination, the cost to be met from Reserves.

Councillor Hutchison reported that as she was not aware of the remaining budget but requested that entertainment should be booked for the Christmas Market along with a corresponding budget of £1,000 budget.

As this was not an agenda item, The Mayor asked if Councillors wished to take this item under consideration and Council agreed. This was against the Clerk's advice.

The Town Clerk and the Office Manager noted that the sum in question could be within the budget but would be confirmed.

RESOLVED: That up to an additional £1,000 to be met from Reserves, should there be insufficient funds remaining in the Christmas Market budget for entertainment.

12. WYNHILL

- (a) **RESOLVED** that a new Rugby Club lease would be considered.
- (b) **RESOLVED** to grant permission for the use of anti-vandal paint on the pavilion.
- (c) **RESOLVED** to give permission for the siting of an additional container.

13. HIRE OF THE OLD COURT HOUSE

Councillor Bird reported that the Trent and Vale responders had amalgamated and a central area for training would be Bingham. Two rooms would be required, one for training new responders and one for current responders. It would usually be the third Thursday each

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm

month and Councillor Bird would be happy to open and lock the facilities to avoid costs to the Council.

RESOLVED: to offer use of the two meeting rooms to the First Responders for 1 year at no charge.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter received from Allen Graham, Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council
Queries were raised in relation to the exit of the road, parking restrictions on the road so that access to the allotment site would not be blocked and would the public engage in using the land as a car park.

Tests on the land would need to be carried out first to ascertain whether the site could be used for long term car parking.

It was agreed that the letter was an initial starting point and that consultation with Rushcliffe Borough Council was required to discuss the potential further.

- (b) Letter from Robert Jenrick

A letter regarding the proposed closure of the Newark Police Station Custody Suite was discussed and the impact this may have on the Nottingham Custody Suite and consequent affects on policing in South Notts. It was agreed that the Mayor would respond concerning the potential impact on the local area.

- (c) Poacher Line

An email from the Community Rail Partnership Officer regarding Bingham Station was discussed. It was agreed that an initial approach would be made to discuss any potential benefit for Bingham.

15. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk made the Council aware of the following:

- Wallenfells Brass Band playing on the Market Place, Thursday 7 September 2017
David Mitchell, Executive Manager Communities from Rushcliffe Borough has confirmed that an abusive incident is being investigated.
- Land Security
A resident has made contact to raise awareness that there are travellers in the area & to confirm that our land security checks are current. The Clerk had now made contact with the Rugby Club, Butt Field Sports Club, Streetwise and had updated the Grounds Staff.
- Rugby Club Defibrillator
The Rugby Club had won an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It will be placed externally on the building and will increase coverage for the community.

17. 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 Town Clerk’s Contract

Meeting Closed at: 8:34pm

.....
CHAIRMAN

Date: