

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: R Bird (Chair), S Hull, 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: 1 Staff, 3 Public and 1 Press

**1. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councillor Bird was proposed as Mayor by Councillor Vallance and seconded by Councillor Hull, Councillor Bird was, therefore, duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Costello was proposed as Deputy Mayor by Councillor Stockwood and seconded by Councillor Purdue-Horan, Councillor Costello was, therefore, duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bird – declared a personal interest in any items relating to the Vale First Responders.

Councillor Hull – declared a personal interest in item 19 – relating to the ash tree in the allotments.

Councillor Costello – declared a pecuniary interest in item 15 – as it relates to Toot Hill School.

Councillor Davidson – declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13 – former allotment and skate park sites and specifically one of the companies contacted to survey the contaminated land.

Councillor Shelton made the Council and public aware that he would be recording the first part of the meeting.

**5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- A member of the public confirmed that since the last meeting of the Full Council, she had made formal complaint to Rushcliffe Borough Council. As Mr Harvey had since resigned, they had confirmed he cannot be investigated and she felt it unfair that one Councillor had been left to face the situation.

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- Another member of the public asked for assistance from the Council in liaising with Toot Hill School over the diversion of the footpaths. Although the resident understood the safety reasons for securing the school during its operational hours, as the School was originally a community college, a compromise should be sought to allow access to the playing fields outside of the schools opening times.

A vote was taken and it was agreed to move item 15, after item 6 on the agenda to allow discussion of the second point raised. The minutes have been written up in agenda order.

## **6. MINUTES**

It was agreed to amend the previous minutes to include a full recorded vote for a number of the agenda items item as requested by Councillors Langford and Purdue-Horan.

Which were:

Item 4 – Minutes – 9 Councillors agreed; Councillor Langford against

Item 6b – Personnel Committee Minutes – 9 Councillors agreed, Councillor Langford against

Item 7a – Events Working Group Notes – 5 Councillors agreed: Councillors Bird, Hull, Vallance, Davidson, Orr with 4 Councillors against: Councillors Stockwood, Shelton, Costello and Purdue-Horan and Councillor Langford abstaining

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of 10 October 2017 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true record, subject to the amendments above.

## **7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor updated Council that he had undertaken the following as Deputy Mayor:

- Attended the Rosie May Foundation fundraiser in Car Colston
- Positive Futures, celebration of achievement awards at Trent Bridge.
- Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation.
- Remembrance Parade and Service.

The Mayor also updated Council on the resignations of Alan Harvey and Alison Langford.

## **8. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(a) Resources – 17 October 2017, Folios 8733 – 8745. It was noted that Alison Langford had resigned prior to the Resources meeting therefore the apology should be removed from the minutes.

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted, subject to the above amendment.

(b) Planning Committee – 24 October 2017, Folios 8746 – 8748

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

## **9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Police Priority Setting Meeting – 19 October 2017

Councillor Bird updated Council that three main priorities discussed were security of homes, cars and valuables, anti-social behaviour and speeding. The Run, Hide, Tell campaign was noted with reference to potential terror attacks in the UK. To view the clip Councillors were sign-posted to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

## **10. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS**

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Hull reported:

- That she along with Rushcliffe Borough Councillors Stockwood and Davidson had met with the Senior Planning Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council, handling the application for 317 houses, west of Chapel Lane. The points raised had been noted and fed back to the developer. They were currently awaiting feedback from the developer.

County Councillor Purdue-Horan reported:

- That he had secured a meeting with Nottinghamshire's Director of Education with reference to the additional 317 houses, it was considered that 21 pupils could be placed at Carnarvon Primary School but St Peters School, East Bridgford was not an option as they are at capacity.
- The Adult Social Care meeting, held in October had discussed a move towards charging in advance for elected services to save costs.

Borough Councillor Stockwood reported:

- That Rushcliffe Borough help to fund the Positive Futures initiative in the area.
- A large application for a site at Clifton would mean that the Borough could meet his housing needs targets.

## **11. ELECTIONS**

- a) It was noted that the election for 2 Councillors in the West Ward and 1 in the East Ward, would take place on 16th November 2017.
- b) It has been confirmed that an election had been called for 1 Councillor in the West and 1 Councillor in the East.
- c) **RESOLVED:** to accept the printing and postage costs of poll cards should the wards be contested.

## **12. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk had drafted a letter of authorisation to Natwest for the application of a credit card, updating of signatories and an arrangement request for telephone banking. The letter was **AGREED** and signed by the signatories.

## **13. FORMER ALLOTMENT AND SKATE PARK SITES**

**RESOLVED**: to approach Environmental Health for permission to clear the site.

**RESOLVED**: to apply for preliminary planning permission to ascertain the requirement level for testing before proceeding with a quote.

#### **14. MOORBRIDGE BRIDLEWAY**

It was **AGREED** to look at the access road proposed by Rushcliffe Borough Council before proceeding with any plans to take on the liability and costs of the Bridleway.

#### **15. PLAYING FIELDS**

**RESOLVED**: that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Toot Hill School and Councillors to discuss access to the playing fields outside of school opening times.

#### **16. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**RESOLVED**: that the Clerk be given delegated powers to instruct a Health and Safety Consultant and Personnel Consultant. Councillors to raise any queries in relation to the quotes with the Clerk within two weeks, after this time, the Clerk will accept a quotation.

#### **17. PERSONNEL**

This item was discussed and resolved within item 16.

#### **18. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

- a) **RESOLVED**: to the disposal of the van at a sale price of £475
- b) **RESOLVED**: to remove the van from the asset register
- c) **RESOLVED**: to purchase a John Deere Gator
- d) **RESOLVED**: to purchase a second utility vehicle rather than a van. The Clerk was given delegated powers to purchase at a maximum cost of £16,000. It was also **RESOLVED**: to trade in the Flemming Roller and Marshall trailer no longer in use against the purchase of the utility vehicles.

#### **19. TREE**

The large ash tree sited at the allotments has been diagnosed with bracket funghi and has been classified at the end of its life. A query was raised regarding responsibility of the tree, as the Town Council rents the land from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

**RESOLVED**: that the Clerk has delegated powers to accept a quotation for removal of the tree, after advice of responsibility had been sought.

**RESOLVED**: to seek advice on a suitable hard wood tree and potential alternative locations in Bingham to plant a new tree.

## **20. PAYMENT APPROVAL**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the payment of £2726.98 to Blachere Illumination.

## **21. DRAFT REVIEW OF NCC'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

It was suggested that individual Councillors could make comments, should they so wish.

## **22. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) A52 Funding for Upgrade Meeting with MP Robert Jenrick – Councillors had been issued with the correspondence via email and any Councillor wishing to attend should confirm to the office.
- b) 822 Bus Review Meeting – confirm to the office if any Councillor wishes to attend.
- c) Letter regarding parking in Bingham – a fine had been issued due to using the incorrect machine. Councillors were assured by Rushcliffe Borough Council that anyone making a genuine mistake and who appealed would not be fined.
- d) Further letter about the confusion of Needham Street and Union Street ticket machines – Rushcliffe Borough Council have placed more visible stickers to explain the separate car parks. It was also being arranged for the Ticket Machine nearest the vets to be moved higher, so was more visible.
- e) Musters Road letter of overgrown trees – it was agreed to ask the tree surgeon to inspect the area and trees before responding.
- f) Email regarding Poppies for 2018 on lampposts – Councillors confirmed that plans were already being discussed by the British Legion for this item.
- g) Letter from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service – there is a public consultation on the introduction of mixed crewing and alternative crewing that will close on 17 December 2017.

## **23. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk updated Council on the following:

- Personnel Committee Meeting 21 November 2017 – to be rescheduled and an events meeting be held on this date.
- Projects for year ending 31 March 2019 – The Clerk reminded Councillors to submit any project ideas for budgeting purposes.
- Risk Management – To be reviewed, Councillors were asked to identify any risks.
- SLCC National Conference – The Clerk and Deputy Clerk had attended and it was felt to have been beneficial.
- Saltex Exhibition – The Deputy Clerk and Head Groundsman had attended the event which had proved insightful for the planning of equipment.
- Town and Parish Forum – The Clerk and Councillors Bird and Costello had attended the Forum organised by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

## **24. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Minutes of a meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.00pm

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 10 October 2017 – **RESOLVED:** that the notes be approved.
- 02 Warner’s Paddock – an update on progress was provided to Council
- 03 Concerns raised by a member of the Public at 10 October 2017 meeting – **RESOLVED:** to update the member of the public on changes being implemented by the Council
- 04 Insurance recommendation - **RESOLVED:** to send letters to two former Councillors
- 05 Freedom of Information request – an update on progress was provided to Council

Meeting Closed at: 10:11pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: .....