

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, of Bingham Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Stockwood (Chair), P Moskwa, Jane Costello, R Bird and G Williams

Officers: S Pyke (Clerk)

Also in attendance: Councillors: F Purdue-Horan and A Shelton

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Orr due to personal reasons.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 February 2018, Folio 8806/8807 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. QUOTATION FOR MEMORIAL KERB VAULTS**

The quotation from Granart to install 18 new kerb vaults was accepted.

**5. UPDATE FROM BINGHAM COMMUNITY PARKS PROJECT**

Councillor Paul Moskwa provided a high-level project plan for the refurbishment of three play parks as a discussion point. This project will be in partnership with the Bingham Community Parks Project group. At the commencement of the project there is a reliance on the Town Council's resources. Timings will be need to be further discussed.

**6. UPDATE FROM FA AND BINGHAM TOWN SPORTS CLUB MEETING**

a) Maintenance provision – the Town Council is not looking to support Bingham Town Sports Club beyond this current year and has awarded this year's pitch maintenance contract to the FA's preferred supplier. The contractor is making preparation so that he is responsive to the mowing regime. This will give Bingham Sports Club time to make their own maintenance provision going forward.

b) Lease – there is a requirement for a new lease going forward so that there is clarity on the collective responsibilities between the Town Council and Bingham Sports Club; and to enable the Town Council to progress its project to provide long-term car parking.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that our solicitor is instructed to progress a new lease. The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that it should fully explore its legal options.

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The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council will continue to be receptive to meetings between the FA Foundation and Bingham Sports Club and that if requested the Council will consider a one-off grant request in support of Bingham Sports Club becoming self-sufficient in its provision of the site.

**7. INSPECTION REPORT FOR THE PAVILION LEASED TO BINGHAM SPORTS CLUB**

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the storage challenges as the Club continues to grow. Otherwise, the report was noted.

**8. BINGHAM RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB'S CHANGE OF STATUS**

There was no objection to the club's change of status.

**9. HIRE OF GROUNDS WORKS COMPANY FOR WYNHILL**

Water has been pooling near the club house since last summer. Severn Trent Water has investigated and they cannot find the source of the water.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that grounds work companies are contacted to provide a quotation to investigate the problem.

**10. INFORMATION SIGN IN THE VICINITY OF TITHBY ROAD STEPS FOR LINEAR PARK**

There was support for the sign to be sited at the top of the Tithby Road steps. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Grounds Staff should liaise with the Bingham Friends of the Linear Park to identify the best location.

**11. MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LINEAR PARK**

There was support for a new Management Plan and it was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council accept the offer made by the Bingham Friends of the Linear Park to compile the Management Plan.

**12. QUOTATIONS FOR CEMETERY FENCE**

It was agreed to change the specification for the replacement cemetery fence. Updated quotations are to be sought from the contractors who had already submitted their charges.

**13. DEBRIS AT THE ALLOTMENTS**

The contractor can no longer remove the debris as the contamination has leached into the soil. Specialist quotations are to be sought and brought back to Council for their consideration.

**14. PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

- a) Mirror on Cemetery Drive – this request has been raised by a resident. There was a similar request a few years ago which was followed up. Nottinghamshire County Council advised against a mirror being sited. It was agreed that the question would be asked again.

The Council has a number of large plans it wishes to progress over the coming year such as the refurbishment of the play parks; the development of a long-term car park; advancing the Linear Park environmental credentials; making improvements to the Wynhill site as well as moving along the need for a community hall.

There are also a number of smaller projects and improvements the Council will be working on such as boundary issues; a review of cemetery costs; looking at an on-line mapping system as a register to maintain land and assets; a new twinning sign and planting a new friendship tree.

There is also a desire to identify potential future projects such as a play area at the top of Mill Hill and improving cycling provision.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Fence repair request – It was **RECOMMENDED** that a contribution toward the cost of the repair be made.
- b) Tree request on land off Moorbridge Road – The Committee would like to hear Western Power’s alternate options, as they are loathed to agree to the cutting down or crown reduction of trees. There was also concern at the on-going expense of keeping the trees and shrubs away from the diverted power lines.

Meeting Closed at: 9:04pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: .....