

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 19 March 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Stockwood (Chair), F Purdue-Horan, P Moskwa, and G Williams

Officers: S Pyke (Clerk) and J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 8 Members of the Public, Lee Sycamore (Playpark Consultant) and Councillors A Shelton and Jim Costello.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor S Orr due to work commitments and Councillor Jane Costello due to illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in items 6, 7 and 8, as Chair of the Bingham Community Parks Project.

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in item 4 as a member of the Bingham Rugby Club and Scouts and in item 13b as he knows the resident.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application items as a County Councillor.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 January 2019, Folios 9171 to 9178 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Item 13c was taken after item 3, the minutes remain in agenda order.

4. RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WYNHILL SITE AND FURTHER ACTIONS

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.16pm to allow representatives of Bingham Rugby Club to update the Committee.

The representatives from the Rugby Club updated the Committee on their plans to find a cost-effective solution to increase the offering and provide a better community facility at the Wynhill site. Three consultation meetings had been held with the current users. A flood light survey had now been completed. It was hoped to phase the re-development to keep the site in operation for users. A letter is to be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council to engage in initial planning advice, the Town Council would be copied into this correspondence.

The Committee responded that the re-development plans would be on all agendas for the Committee and the Rugby Club's consultation with all the users is welcomed. Further updates on timescales and costings would be brought back to Committee as plans

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developed. The VAT for the project was noted as an area that would need further investigation.

5. TO CONSIDER MATTERS IN RELATION TO BINGHAM TOWN SPORTS CLUB

- a) Grounds maintenance costs to 31 March 2019 – the costs were noted.
- b) Quotation for grounds maintenance provision for 6 or 12 months –

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.54pm for a representative of the Bingham Town Sports Club to confirm that they would be supplying the seed and fertiliser for the forthcoming year again.

It was agreed to **RECOMMEND:** to the Policy and Resources Committee that up to a 12 month maintenance contract with 30 days' notice be agreed. An invoice for a contribution of £3,067 be sent to Bingham Town Sports Club.

6. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME AT CARNARVON

The Clerk updated the Committee that the equipment installation was coming to an end and the ground surfacing would commence week beginning 25 March.

The playpark consultant confirmed that he would attend the inspection and snagging meeting. Residents are to be thanked by letter for their patience and to the Police to advise of the playpark's re-opening. Temporary signage was being arranged and a thank you was expressed to County Councillor N Clarke for the donation of £500 towards a scooter rack for the play park.

It was agreed that the Bingham Community Parks Project would place an agreed short list of park names onto Facebook for a vote for the winning name. They would also be making the arrangements for the official opening, set for 6 April 2019.

7. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME AT WYCHWOOD ROAD

- a) Recommendation of preferred design for the refurbishment

The playpark consultant updated the Committee on the results of the selection process and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: be selected as the preferred supplier for the refurbishment of Wychwood Road, subject to funding.

- b) Third-party funders contribution of £5,267.50 (10.75% of £49,000) to WREN –

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8. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME AT COGLEY LANE

a) Lease Progress –

The pre-application advice to Historic England had been received and they were in support of the refurbishment of the existing play area. Full consent was required and an archaeological watching brief would be requested. Proceeding to design for a baseline scheme. The final heads of terms had been received and the lease was being prepared. A thank-you was expressed to County Councillor F Purdue-Horan for the donation of £500 toward the scooter rack for the play area.

b) Local Improvement Scheme Grant –

It was agreed to **RECOMMEND:** that the grant application to the Local Improvement Scheme for £18,950 be supported towards the refurbishment of the play area.

9. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL TREE SURVEY

The Committee noted the report. The work would be completed where possible by the ground staff, if not then the tree surgeon would carry out the works as there is budget provision. Flail arm cutting quotes for Wynhill and the Sounds Banks would be brought back to Committee once obtained.

10. TO NOTE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPECT OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO TREES

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee on the criminal damage to trees at the Linear Park and Wynhill which have been reporting to the Police. A crime number had been obtained for the criminal damage and the incidents are to be investigated.

11. TO NOTE THE DONATION OFFERED TO THE FRIENDS OF BINGHAM LINEAR PARK IN RELATION TO A BENCH

The Committee welcomed the contribution toward a bench(es). The Committee would appreciate input from the Friends of Bingham Linear Park. The benches would be added to the asset register after installation and would be maintained by the Town Council.

12. TO RECEIVE A REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

A review from June 2017 was noted and this was to be updated with the new equipment purchased. The smaller items have been repaired or replaced within budgets, but larger items of equipment would require reserve expenditure.

13. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- a) The development of an additional cricket square -

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Bingham Rugby Club is to be approached regarding the possibility of creating a cricket square. The representatives of the Rugby Club indicated that they would welcome discussions about this possibility and the recent request for a petanque pitch.

b) Noise from Carnarvon play park on Monday 25 February 2019 -

A letter regarding noise during the construction was noted by the Committee. The Clerk had spoken to Rushcliffe Borough Council to confirm that noise regulations had not been breached and the Clerk is to write a letter to the resident, addressing their concerns.

c) Continuity of sport provision –

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.04pm to allow representatives of the sports clubs that use Bingham Leisure Centre to address the Committee.

Some of the sports clubs were concerned about the continuous use of sports facilities when the new Leisure Centre is constructed on the Chapel Lane site. The clubs requested reassurances regarding the use of the outdoor facilities that would not be available at the new site. User groups were being consulted by the Leisure Centre but not all clubs were included.

The Committee responded that negotiations were taking place between Rushcliffe Borough Council, Parkwood Leisure and Toot Hill School. It was hoped that a similar agreement to the Rushcliffe Arena would be reached to keep community access. It was agreed that a letter would be written to the Manager of Bingham Leisure Centre, requesting that all groups, including badminton, indoor cricket, hockey, archery and athletics be invited to the user group meetings along with a representative from Bingham Town Council.

14. 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”

Councillors Jim Costello and A Shelton remained in the Council Chamber.

The following matters were discussed and recommendations made:

- Update from meeting with FA Foundation, Nottinghamshire FA and Butt Field Sports Club

RECOMMEND: to the Policy and Resources Committee that £50,000 be earmarked for a grant to Butt Field Sports Club, with any costs spent on ongoing maintenance deducted from this amount.

RECOMMEND: that the Clerk monitors the grant application.

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Meeting Closed at: 9.56pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

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- That the Grant Application to the Local Improvement Scheme for £18,950 be supported towards the refurbishment of the play area.