

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: F Purdue-Horan (Chair), J Stockwood, M Stockwood, S Hull, R Bird, G Williams, Jim Costello, J Best, A Shelton and P Moskwa.

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

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Clarke

Members of Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Orr for personal reasons, Councillor Jane Costello due to holiday and Councillors Davidson and Vallance due to illness. Best wishes were passed to Councillors Davidson and Vallance.

Councillor Best was welcomed back following her absence because of illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 August 2018 (Folios 9048 to 9052), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor, subject to an agreed amendment clarifying those Councillors who had attended and those that had sent their apologies.

5. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The were no Mayor's announcements due to the Mayor being absent.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Community and Environment Committee, 4 September 2018

A query was raised regarding the Civic Awards, that were agreed at the Committee meeting on 10 July 2018 under confidential business. The Communities and Environment Chair responded.

The Clerk confirmed that a review of the Civic Award process, would be on the next agenda for the Community and Environment Committee.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

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(b) Recreation and Amenities Committee, 18 September 2018

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

Item (d) and (e) were taken before item (c), but the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

(c) Policy & Resources Committee 9 October 2018

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted, including the addition of Councillor J Stockwood to the Car Park Working Group

(d) Planning Committee, 4 September 2018

It was noted that Councillor Bird should be listed as in attendance and item 4 should read unadopted.

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting of this Committee be noted. The minutes would be updated to reflect the above amendments.

(e) Planning Committee, 9 October 2018

It was noted that item 4 should have the word 'home' added to the agenda item title.

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting of this Committee be noted. The minutes would be updated to reflect the above amendment.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor J Stockwood

Confirmed that he had attended meeting on 12th September 2018, with the Positive Futures team and updated the meeting on their activities in Bingham.

Positive Futures is run by Trent Bridge Community Trust and provides a range of services in Rushcliffe through funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council and other grant sources.

In Bingham, Positive Futures now supports/delivers;

- Positive Futures Talent - 1 to 1 in-school mentoring
- Positive Futures activity programme - activities during the school holidays
- Ready for Work Job Club for help with CVs and job applications
- YouNG programme for skills and attributes to succeed in work

A full report had been emailed to all Councillors.

Councillor Bird

Had attended the Police Priority Setting meeting on 11 October 2018 and updated the Council that thefts from vans was discussed along with a message to van owners to remove all tools

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and make it known that the van is empty. A capture van and car are being used to identify criminals with the use of built-in cameras and smart water. The crime priorities noted for Bingham were anti-social behaviour, traffic issues and robbery.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke

It was noted that Councillor Clarke had requested highways work for Bingham West Roads, a decision on which roads would receive work had yet to be approved.

The Town Council was encouraged to comment on the consultation relating to unitary status, the deadline for comment is 31 October 2018.

The traffic issues being experienced in the Chapel Lane area were being taken up with highways and Rushcliffe Borough Council, to check on any planning conditions placed on the Chapel Lane development.

County Councillor F Purdue-Horan

It has been confirmed that several Registry Offices are to be closed to save the County Council £13,000 per annum. Bingham is one of the service offices due to close. It is valued by the villages as well as residents of Bingham. West Bridgford would be the closest location.

Comment was made that it was an appalling decision to save a very small amount of money, that would adversely impact the residents of outlying villages. A strong letter of dis-satisfaction should be sent. It was also noted that the Urbed's Masterplan, Brilliant Bingham report expressed the importance of Bingham as a hub for the local villages.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Nottingham County Council expressing the Town Council's views on the closure decision. The Clerk to draft a response for approval by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor S Hull

At Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Meeting, on 11 October 2018, the Committee agreed outline planning permission for 400 houses off Shelford Road, Radcliffe. There will be provision for an Infants school and Health Centre. In the south east corner of the site, it is planned to have a footbridge over the railway line to link into a site that butts onto the A52. The application for this site for 240 dwellings will be submitted in the near future. There is now a total of 920 dwellings due to be allocated for Radcliffe on Trent, increasing the pressure on the A52 making it more gridlocked than it is at present.

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor J Stockwood

Rushcliffe Borough Council will be reviewing the current car parks in Bingham, in early 2019. Any views that the Town Council wishes to be considered regarding the management of the car parks, should be come forwarded to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

9. PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning application 18/02272/VAR Land West of Chapel Lane Bingham – Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 17/00761/FUL to allow for changes to reservoir design and amendments to Car Dyke headwall.

The Council discussed the alterations to the size of the reservoir. Some considered that the Town Council's previous views had been considered and a permanent body of water had now been included. Other views were that it was still not what the Town Council has originally been shown at 46% of the original size.

It was proposed by Councillor Shelton and was seconded by Councillor M Stockwood that the Town Council do not object to the application. 4 in favour.

It was proposed by Councillor Jim Costello and was seconded by Councillor Bird, that the Town Council object to the application. 4 in favour.

There were 2 abstentions.

The casting vote was made by the Chairman in favour of the first proposal by Councillor Shelton.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council do not object to the planning application.

10. BRILLIANT BINGHAM MASTERPLAN

RESOLVED: that the Masterplan be taken to each Committee for consideration before returning to Full Council for final comment.

11. AUDIT

- (a) Unqualified final decision – the conclusion of the Audit and decision was noted.
- (b) Response – it was agreed that poor service had been received, with the Clerk having to return to the office on a Friday evening and again on Saturday to receive the interim report. The final report decision was not completed within the timescales and there was no proactive communication.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write with reference to the poor service received.

12. INVOICES

RESOLVED: the first invoice from the Playpark consultant for £2,940 be paid

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Nottinghamshire County Council meeting on 23 October 2018 relating to the potential Local Government re-organisation will be attended by the Mayor and Clerk
- (b) Letter from Councillor Kay Cutts MBE relating to the A614/A6097 Corridor Improvements was noted by Council

14. CLERK'S REPORT

No Clerk's report was presented.

15. 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:-

- Confidential notes from the meeting of the Full Council held on 21 August 2018

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.

- Confidential notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 9 October 2018.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

Meeting Closed at: 8.05 pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: