

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 21 August 2018 at 7.00pm

.PRESENT:

Councillors: Jane Costello, F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood, M Stockwood, S Hull, R Bird, G Williams, Jim Costello, A Shelton and K Vallance.

Officers: S Pyke (Town Clerk) and J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)
Also in attendance: 5 Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor G Davidson and J Best due to illness, Councillor S Orr who is attending another meeting and Councillor P Moskwa who is on holiday.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received at this time. Councillor Purdue-Horan later declared an interest as a County Councillor in item 16.

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded to review their Register of Interest forms.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Standing orders were suspended at 7.05pm

A member of the Bingham Heritage Trails Association thanked the Town Council and Councillors for their contributions towards the remembrance events that they were organising alongside the British Legion. It was also stated that Bingham Heritage Trails Association is not a campaign group and if the signal box is to be saved, they are willing to assist with preserving the heritage of the building but are neither in support or against it being saved.

Standing orders were re-instated at 7.09pm

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 24 July 2018 (Folios 9024 to 9026), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

It was agreed to move onto item 16a as members of the public had expressed an interest in that agenda item. The minutes reflect the original agenda order.

6. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Jane Costello confirmed that she had attended the following as Mayor:

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- Coffee morning at the Chestnuts Community Centre
- Dogs Trust opening event in Bingham
- Growth Board meeting held at the Methodist Church
- Informal gathering at Butt Field with the Chair of Bingham Twinning Association and Councillor G Williams, to welcome the Wallenfels Football Team

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Community & Environment Committee, 10 July 2018

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

(b) Recreation & Amenities Committee, 24 July 2018

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

(c) Policy & Resources Committee, 07 August 2018

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

(d) Planning Committee, 07 August 2018

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Bird

The Police Priority Setting meeting had been attended and the main priorities agreed were traffic and youth issues with motorcycles and drones. Drones would be a topic of discussion at the next meeting. The legalities are being investigated and a police response concerning drones is outstanding.

Councillor J Stockwood

Reported on the recent train meeting he attended and explained that the meetings were about parishes speaking with one voice to improve frequency of trains passing from Grantham to Nottingham. A public volunteer activity at Bingham station is planned and any further updates would be reported via the Community and Environment Committee.

9. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor J Stockwood

Reported that the Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan Part 2 had been sent to the Inspectorate which includes protection for local green spaces.

10. INVOICES OVER £2000 FOR PAYMENT

No invoices were presented for authorisation.

11. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: that the model Standing Orders and alterations contained be adopted.

12. PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

The Clerk provided the Town Council with the information regarding the two procurements options available to the Council.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be given authorisation to evaluate the best route to market in consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

13. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

The update regarding arrangements so far was noted.

14. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- a) **RESOLVED:** that Councillor M Stockwood and Councillor Jane Costello were appointed as the Town Council's voting delegates for the NALC Annual General Meeting 2018.
- b) No nominations were received for election of officers
- c) No nominations were received for election for the executive committee
- d) **RESOLVED:** that Councillor G Davidson be nominated for a long service award.

15. CONSULTATIONS

- a) Draft Nottinghamshire Local Minerals Plan – individual responses were encouraged.
- b) NALC's proposed constitution – no comments were made on the proposal.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Interest to save Bingham Signal Box

The Clerk confirmed that at that present time the Town Council are not in receipt of any proposals for use of the signal box.

The Town Council confirmed that uses for the signal box were originally investigated in 2014 when the planning permission to demolish was first granted. At that time Network Rail confirmed that they required use of the land where the signal box stands. In 2017, a renewal of the permission to demolish had come before the Town Council. As the Town Council had received no notification that the land was no longer required, no objection was the decision it arrived at. The Town Council has watched the reaction on social media and the growing support via the online petition. The Town Council confirmed that they have no agenda and if a sustainable proposal were to be put forward and Network Rail were minded to change their position, the

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Town Council would consider the plans. Anyone wishing to consider ideas was advised to talk to the Planning Department at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.15pm to allow the public to comment.

A query was raised regarding any extension of time to allow proposals to be made. The Town Council were thanked for outlining their position.

Standing orders were re-instated at 7.18pm

The Town Council confirmed that presently Network Rail had a valid permission to demolish the Signal Box.

b) Proposal to rationalise Nottinghamshire County Council's Registration Service delivery points

If this proposal goes ahead it would be a great loss of another service, not only to the residents of Bingham, but to the outlying villages. The Bingham service covers a wide geographical area. The savings reported by the closures are extremely low. Comment was made that the report seemed to have been put forward on limited grounds.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council send a letter of concern regarding the proposed closure of the Bingham Registration Service.

c) Bingham Royal British Legion Letter

A thank you letter was noted from the Bingham Royal British Legion for the Town Council's donation in support of the Great Pilgrimage 90.

17. CLERK'S REPORT

There was no Clerk's report presented.

18. 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. Confidential notes - Extra Ordinary Full Council 24 July 2018

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.

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02. Confidential notes - Recreation & Amenities Committee 24 July 2018

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved with an alteration to an incorrect date.

03. Confidential notes - Policy & Resources 7 August 2018

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

04. Confidential notes – Community & Environment Committee 10 July 2018 (not published on agenda)

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

05. Update on land ownership

RESOLVED: to proceed with an application to the Crown Estates.

06. UK National honour

The information provided was noted

07. Staff Matters

The information provided was noted

Meeting Closed at: 8.59pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: