

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

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

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 P Moskwa, due to being away on holiday and Councillor G Williams due to work commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor F Purdue-Horan and Councillor M Stockwood, both declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items relating to the Summer Fair as stall holders.

Councillors F Purdue Horan, Jane Costello, R Bird, A Shelton and J Costello declared an interest in item 13 as members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Representatives from Proludic addressed the Council regarding the delays in opening the new play park off Carnarvon Road. They apologised for the delay and issues being experienced. They provided a written response to the items noted by the Council's play area consultant.

The Town Council thanked them for attending the meeting and that the report would be considered with advice from the Council's play area consultant.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19 February 2019 (Folios 9216 to 9221), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

5. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor asked for her final announcements as Mayor to be minuted.

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

- Opening of the new Physiotherapy room at Bingham Leisure Centre
- AGM of the Twinning Association

The Mayor welcomed everyone and in particular Councillor George Davidson, to his last Council meeting. Councillor Davidson has served the Town Council for over 40 years as well as Rushcliffe Borough Council

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Councillor George Davidson thanked the Mayor for the recognition of his services on behalf of Bingham. He had become a Councillor in May 1976 and was made Deputy Chair of Planning at his very first meeting. He also noted that he was the second longest serving Councillor after Sam Blood. Councillor Davidson thanked the current and previous staff for their support over the years.

The Mayor then thanked all the Councillors who are not standing for re-election and in particular, Councillors Sue Hull and George Davidson who have served both the Borough as well as Bingham. Councillor Hull has given 22 years of service to Bingham. The Town would be poorer without people like Sue and George and others who volunteer their time to serve on the Town Council.

Thanks were also expressed to Rev Martin Smithson, Rev Jon Wright and Rev Tony Jones for leading prayers at the meetings and for their support.

The Mayor then wished to thank all those Councillors who had supported her during her year as Mayor. It had been an honour to serve the people of Bingham.

Enormous thanks were noted for Sharon Pyke as Town Clerk, Jo Riddle as Deputy Clerk and all the staff at the Town Council for all they do for the town; and for the help and support, they had given her, especially over the last year.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Community & Environment Committee, 5 March 2019
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.
- (b) Recreation & Amenities Committee, 19 March 2019
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.
- (c) Policy & Resources Committee, 2 April 2019
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.
- (d) Extra-ordinary Planning Committee, 19 February 2019
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.
- (e) Planning Committee, 5 March 2019
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.
- (f) Planning Committee, 2 April 2019
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No Councillors reports were received.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke

It was noted that:

- Abellio had won the East Midlands Railway Franchise
- A new pot hole repair machine would be in operation later in the year
- A planning application for a quarry is being opposed. Its impact would increase HGV movements on the A52 and A46 although that shouldn't affect Bingham.

9. INVOICES OVER £2000 FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved and paid

- £2,484 to Granart
- £3,000 to Corporate Architecture
- £2,450 to L D Sycamore
- £5,250 to Strelley Asphalt Ltd
- £2,960 to S J Mellors
- £12,364.40 to TBL Survey Ltd

And a transfer of:

- £3,750 to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee be approved in support of the development of Bingham's Neighbourhood Plan

The transfer was agreed under item 13 relating to the Neighbourhood Plan but minuted in relation to payments.

10. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

RESOLVED: that the Statement on Internal Control be approved by the Council.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The areas of concern, primarily relating to staffing, within the Risk Management assessment, would be considered at the first meeting of the new term of Council in May 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Risk Management assessment be approved by the Council.

12. COUNCILLOR MOTION

In line with accountability and openness of Bingham Town Council, and following the example of Rushcliffe Borough Council, all Town Council meetings will be recorded and uploaded onto the Bingham Town Council website.

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Proposed by Councillor R Bird and Seconded by Councillor S Hull

There were some concerns in regard to the practicalities and whether the introduction of an induction loop would aid those who are hard of hearing as well as acting as a recording device.

An amendment to the motion was put by Councillor F Purdue-Horan and seconded by Councillor J Stockwood:

In line with openness and accountability, this Council agrees to introduce an efficient and cost effective means to ensure all Councillors and members of the public can hear within the Council chamber and also to introduce a system of recording Council meetings.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan requested a recorded vote for the amendment to the motion.

For: Councillor A Shelton
Councillor J Stockwood
Councillor J Best
Councillor M Stockwood
Councillor F Purdue-Horan

Against: Councillor S Hull
Councillor S Orr
Councillor R Bird
Councillor G Davidson
Councillor K Vallance
Councillor Jim Costello
Councillor Jane Costello

RESOLVED: that the amendment to the motion was defeated.

Councillor R Bird proposed and Councillor S Hull seconded an amendment to the original motion to read:

In line with accountability and openness of Bingham Town Council, and following the example of Rushcliffe Borough Council, all Town Council meetings will be recorded and uploaded, to be accessed via the Bingham Town Council website.

RESOLVED: that the motion be accepted unanimously.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Constitution

RESOLVED: that the Constitution be approved.

b) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: that the Terms of Reference be approved.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from a resident – the Council noted a resident’s concerns regarding Brexit
- b) Freedom of Information request – the Clerk had responded to a request for information regarding an environmental impact survey.

15. CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk’s report in relation to the procedures and corresponding timelines for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return were noted by the Council.

16. 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 and recommendations from the Recreation and Amenities meeting held on 19 March 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

- Confidential notes and recommendations from Policy & Resources meeting held on 2 April 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

Meeting Closed at: 8.29pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: