

PRESENT:

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

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

Also in attendance: 7 Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor G Davidson due to a meeting at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Orr declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 as she is a director of a company that undertakes work for Barratt Homes.

Councillor S Hull declared an interest in anything relating to the Allotments.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Standing order were suspended to allow the public to make comment. The following points were raised:

- A resident explained to the Town Council that he had raised concerned with the Town Council many years ago regarding the water table being two feet below ground and that he felt the lake planned for the Barratt Homes site would not be built and therefore was not surprised that plans are being altered.
- A query was raised about ecological issues. The resident explained that Barratt Homes had planned hedgehog runs and installed swift boxes at another development and had the Town Council received any assurances regarding plans for similar ideas?
- A resident explained that they have concerns about Bingham Surgery being able to cope with another 1,000 homes and were plans in place for another surgery?
- A resident felt that as Bingham has an aging community, this was an ideal opportunity to increase facilities and could the Town Council make these points to Rushcliffe Borough Council when planning infrastructure?
- A resident queried how builders can now change the plans for a lake without consultation.
- The school provision for the new houses was also queried.

The Town Council responded:

- The Mayor has spoken with the surgery and they currently have circa 11,500 patients registered. Recruitment is taking place as part of the plans to accommodate the additional residents.
- The Town Council also confirmed that when planning was granted for the surgery, two additional treatment rooms were included in the plans in anticipation of the building of extra homes.

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- The lake has featured prominently in the plans from Barratts, it was still be used as a front cover for the development; it was clearly noted in the design and access statements and also used by Urbed, the urban design consultants, commissioned by Rushcliffe Borough Council as part of its masterplanning consultancy for Bingham. The change in the lake plans is a surprise to the Town Council.
- Barratt's had confirmed at the 10 July Planning Meeting that the school land would be handed over on the 100th occupation. The Mayor had received information from the County Council that had conflicted with this, stating that money for temporary accommodation at Carnarvon School would be released on the 100th occupation and the land for the school nearer the 150/250th occupation.

It was agreed to move item 6 forward to allow the Town Council to respond. The minutes reflect the original agenda order.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26 June 2018, Folios 9012 to 9014, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

5. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Planning Committee, 10 July 2018, Folios 9015 to 9018

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

6. PLANNING APPLICATION 18/01468/REM LAND WEST OF CHAPEL LANE BINGHAM

Councillor Orr took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Town Council strongly objects to this reserved matter application.

The plans for the 733 residential dwellings marks a significant deviation from the town and lifestyle open space amenity originally offered in the form of the country park's lake; which has now been downgraded to a wetland. The purpose of the lake was two-fold, to provide flood mitigation as well as an attractive open space amenity. The lake even appears prominently in a number of documents relating to this major development, it was a key feature of the development, so for it to be downgraded to a wetland has caused consternation. The potential loss of this much anticipated amenity has had a catalytic effect because more precise assurances are now being sought on other areas of upgraded infrastructure that will serve the residents of Bingham.

The Town Council appreciates the demand to build more housing, however, there is increasing community resistance, a view that the Town Council is sympathetic to that the quality of life to Bingham's existing and growing community is not being fully evaluated, measured and considered. The scale of this development will undoubtedly have a significant impact on Bingham. Budgetary provision has been made relating to school and the health centre but who is responsible for the co-ordinated timely delivery of the actual, physical infrastructure that

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residents will benefit from? The Town Council has received widely conflicting information relating to school and health centre provision.

The Town Council continues to be receptive to working with all interested parties who are committed to making Bingham a great place to live, visit and work at.

7. BANK MANDATE

It was **RESOLVED:** that Councillors S Hull and F Purdue-Horan are to be added to the bank mandate as signatories for the Town Council's bank account.

8. INVOICES

It was **RESOLVED:** to make approve the payments of £3,942 to M & G Safety Ltd and £3,254.89 to Zurich Municipal.

9. 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 meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 26 June 2018

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

Meeting Closed at: 7.55 pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: