

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 04 February 2020 at 7.05pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: V Leach, G Williams, A Shelton, J Stockwood, P Moskwa, M Stockwood

Officers: S Pyke (Clerk)

Public: 4 Members of the public and Councillor J Lewis

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Simms and Cllr. Monni, substitute Cllr. Mrs. M. Stockwood

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in any items relating to the Wynhill site as a Coach at Bingham Rugby Club. Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in any relating to the play areas as the Chair of the Bingham Community Play Parks group.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 05 November 2020, Folios 9418 to 9423, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Standing orders were suspended at 7.11pm and were re-instated at 7.17pm, to allow a representative of the Rugby Club to update the Town Council.

The Rugby Club had taken specialist VAT advice via the Rugby Football Union. The planning permission was to hopefully be discussed at the March meeting of the planning committee at the Borough Council. Sports England and the Rugby Football Union were both avenues of financial support for the project. A decision on access to the community chest funds was still outstanding from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Completion was hoped for Summer 2021.

The previously agreed Wynhill Asbestos report would be provided by the Council.

**5. PLAYPARKS AND FURTHER ACTIONS**

a) Orchard Play Area

i. BCPP to arrange an Orchard Park Opening Event – a possible “big lunch” on 7 June 2020.

ii. Purchase of additional Bench – it was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND:** Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Moskwa to approve an additional picnic table/bench be purchased up to the value of £500 and sited in Orchard Park

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b) Wychwood Road Play Area

Standing orders were suspended at 7.28pm and were re-stated at 7.51pm to allow the playparks consultant to update the committee.

i. Playpark Consultant update –

The FCC bid outcome was to be expected mid March. An August 2020 start, September completion would be aimed for, with an opening event in October 2020.

c) Cogley Lane Play Area

Standing orders were suspended at 7.52pm and were re-stated at 8.25pm to allow the playparks consultant to update the committee.

i. Playpark Consultant update –

In discussion with Historic England regarding requirements. A Topology survey was needed to support progress to outline designs. Aim for June for community consultation followed by ESPO framework procurement in July/August for September grant applications, March 2021 on site works and Easter 2021 opening.

ii. Funding for the re-development –

The notional budget for the project was £120,000 to £150,000 including fees. Further details would be developed as the project progressed. A LIS grant application was discussed. The committee noted that Council reserves would be considered by Policy and Resources to map reserves to the project requirements.

**RECOMMEND:** A Topology survey of the Cogley Lane site at a cost of £426 + VAT

**RECOMMEND:** Apply for a LIS grant of £30,000 for Cogley Lane Play Area

**6. BUTT FIELD**

Standing orders were suspended at 7.52pm and were re-stated at 8.25pm to allow a representative of Bingham Town Sports Club to address the committee regarding the preparation of the new lease and the timing for ending the contract with Larch Groundworks.

The Council's solicitor is progressing the work of preparing a new lease. The Club representatives requested further information about the location of an access road to the proposed car park, their concerns being security of the site and the safety of users of the facilities. The Club had arranged for delivery of their own £35,000 worth of grounds maintenance equipment in February and would inform the Council when this arrived. The contract with Larch Groundworks would end at the end of March.

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It was agreed that a meeting with the BTSC representatives would be arranged regarding future arrangements.

## **7. ALLOTMENTS**

Standing orders were suspended and then re-stated to allow the Chairman of the Allotment Association to speak.

- a) Closing of the access gates – only plot 15 will have access to the existing gate on that allotment, and that only plot 13 and plot 14 will have access to the gate between their plots. Future fencing arrangements may remove the gates.
- b) Concerns from the Chairman of the Allotment Association – All points raised in the letter from the Allotment Association would be investigated, along with legal advice regarding legal rights of access for established access and land issues identified for a further report to committee. The Allotment tenancy agreement would be worked on in the year ahead.

## **8. TEEN PROVISION**

The times of the new youth bus were noted as 7.30pm till 8.30pm on a Thursday for 10-18 year olds.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.51pm and were re-instated at 9.04pm to allow a member of the Bomberz Skate Group to participate.

The group had registered as a Community Interests Company and had 89 members consisting of local youngsters. The committee noted the events, fundraising and local support update.

## **9. TREE INSPECTION REGIME**

It was noted that the tree surgeon had recommended a move towards an 18 month inspection so that the tree portfolio was inspected at varying times, in and out of leaf. The tree inspection would therefore be completed later in the year.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Request to re-furbish a bench and install a plaque on the Linear Park metal bench – it was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND**: the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor A Shelton approve the paint colour and plaque design of a plaque for a Linear Park bench

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Meeting Closed at: 9.15pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: .....

**ACTIONS:**

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- All points raised in the letter from the Allotment Association would be investigated, along with legal advice regarding legal rights of access for established access and land issues identified for a further report to committee
- The Allotment tenancy agreement would be worked on in the year ahead

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Moskwa to approve an additional picnic table/bench be purchased up to the value of £500 and sited in Orchard Park
- A Topology survey of the Cogley Lane site at a cost of £426 + VAT
- Apply for a LIS grant of £30,000 for Cogley Lane Play Area
- the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor A Shelton approve the paint colour and plaque design of a plaque for a Linear Park bench.