

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 02 July 2019 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:**

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

Officers: J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 1 Member of the Public

**1. TO ELECT AND APPOINT A CHAIR**

Councillor J Stockwood opened the meeting and invited nominations for a Chair.

Councillor G Williams was proposed as Chair by Councillor A Shelton and this was seconded by Councillor J Stockwood. Councillor G Williams was, therefore, duly elected as Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received as all Councillors were present.

**3. TO ELECT AND APPOINT A VICE CHAIR**

Councillor P Moskwa was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor J Stockwood and this was seconded by Councillor M Monni. Councillor P Moskwa was, therefore, duly elected as Vice Chair.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in item 8 as Chair of the Bingham Community Parks Project. Councillor J Stockwood declared an interest in the Twinning Association and item 11, access to facilities at Toot Hill School, as a member of the Brough Council's working group. Councillor A Shelton declared an interest in the Twinning Association as a member. Councillor G Williams declared an interest in item 6 as a Coach at the Rugby Club and item 12 as a member of the Twinning Association.

**5. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 March 2019, Folios 9227 to 9231, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Standing orders were suspended at 7.07pm to allow a representative of Bingham Rugby Football Club to update the committee.

The committee heard that the floodlighting plans had fallen short of the RFU guidelines and a revised plan was now ready for submission. Funding options for the capital project were being considered, including an interest free loan from the RFU, grants from Sports England and the

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possibility of accessing section 106 funds. Electrical monitoring surveys were being undertaken and a query was raised to the existence of an asbestos survey or support in performing one. The RFU had met with representatives of Rushcliffe Borough Council and draft plans were expected soon for further discussion with Bingham Town Council. A meeting with the Cricket Club and U3A had also taken place to understand the needs and requirements of all potential users of the facilities.

The committee noted the progress and plans would be reviewed once received. The representative was advised to present projected figures and funding options at the earliest opportunity. Any potential access to the community chest funds would need to be known by Bingham Town Council as consultees for this fund, as it was expected that funds were also to be requested for the community centre planned for Chapel Lane.

It was agreed that officers would investigate the existence of an asbestos report and the item would be reported to the Policy and Resources committee.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.31pm.

## **7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS IN RELATION TO BUTT FIELD AND FURTHER ACTIONS**

- a) Bore-hole – The committee noted that due to a water meter on site, any consideration for a irrigation system would require a bore hole for a permanent water supply.
- b) Pitch Improvement Plan – The pitch improvement plan had bought about plans to improve the land through irrigation and fixed fencing to the newest pitches. Equipment suitable for maintaining the pitches was also part of the plan.

Bingham Town Sports Club had requested a letter of commitment for the £50,000 previously agreed to show the Football Association the financial support agreed. The £50,000 was agreed as a decreasing sum as maintenance invoices were met by the Town Council. As new members had been elected to Bingham Town Sports Club and the Town Council had a new representative for the Sports Club, it was considered to arrange a meeting. It was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** a letter of commitment be sent to Bingham Town Sports Club, reflecting the £50,000 financial commitment, decreasing as maintenance costs were met by the Town Council.

**RECOMMEND** a meeting with the Bingham Town Sports Club committee be arranged with Councillors W Stapleton, J Stockwood and G Williams.

## **8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE PLAYPARKS AND FURTHER ACTIONS**

- a) RoSPA playpark inspections – the summary of the reports was noted by the committee. It was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** that the repair items were completed.

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- b) Bark for play areas – The need for bark on the Cogley Lane park was discussed and the three prices received so far. It was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** that bark be ordered for Cogley Lane.

Any costs over £2000 for the bark would be reported to the Policy and Resources committee.

- c) Orchard park – The acceptance of the two new pieces of equipment has been confirmed to Proludic. Once the new equipment was installed an opening event, as previously planned, would be arranged. Councillor P Moskwa and Councillor J Stockwood were continuing to work with the office to agree a design for the main Orchard Park sign and signage for the rules of the play area. The bin had been tipped over and this would be monitored by ground staff to see if it became an ongoing issue. Shaded seating areas were noted for the Bingham Community Parks Project to consider in the play areas. A residents concerns were noted and with teenagers at night playing music, it was agreed to ask the local PSCO to visit the new park when in the area to show police presence.
- d) Wychwood Road – There was no further update on the date of completing the legal works but this was expected to be nearing completion. The dates for the third round of Wren funding were noted and that the LIS grant application was due to be decided 04 July 2019. If the legal works were delayed for any reason, then further grant options would be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) Cogley Lane – The lease had been confirmed as acceptable by the Town Council and therefore the moving on to the next stage of a feasibility study was considered. It was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** that the Play Parks Consultant, Mr L Sycamore, be approached for the assistance in project managing the Wychwood Road play installation and for the next stages of the Cogley Lane play area.

Costs would come back to committee for consideration and recommendation.

## **9. PRIORITIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

Current priorities and ideas for the committee to take forward were considered. The priorities noted were:

Completion of Orchard Park, Cogley Lane play area, Wychwood Road play area, supporting the development of Wynhill, Linear Walk maintenance programme including review of the bridges, Cemetery maintenance and policies, Butt Field maintenance and teenage provision in the town. Councillor Leach agreed to start the investigation into teenage provision by approaching Toot Hill.

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#### **10. TREE WORK COSTS FOR THE CEMETERY**

The trees in the cemetery that were noted in the annual tree survey were requiring work and felling in the autumn, it was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** that the cost for the Cemetery tree work be reported to the Policy and Resources committee.

#### **11. UPDATE ON ACCESS TO FACILITIES AT TOOT HILL**

The sports development officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council, was in direct contact with the sports club users at Toot Hill, to gather the requirements of each group and to keep them updated of plans.

#### **12. UPDATE AND CONSIDER ACTIONS IN RELATION TO THE TWINNING SIGN**

The Twinning Group were meeting to consider what to do with the old painted sign when replaced. The original plaque had been cleaned and would be re-sited on the new sign when completed. The Burgermeister was visiting Bingham in August and was aware of the new sign being created. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND** that an event be arranged to unveil the sign with the Twinning Association, Toot Hill School and the Burgermeister.

#### **13. UPDATE ON CEMETERY MATTERS**

The committee noted the update on the removal of ashes and the purchase of an additional plot due to the inclement weather experienced for a burial.

#### **14. 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 and recommendations made:

- To approve the confidential notes from 19 March 2019

**RECOMMEND** that the notes be approved.

Meeting Closed at: 9.34pm

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- A meeting with the Bingham Town Sports Club committee be arranged with Councillors W Stapleton, J Stockwood and G Williams.
- The play areas repair items were completed.
- Bark be ordered for Cogley Lane
- The Play Parks Consultant, Mr L Sycamore, be approached for the assistance in project managing the Wychwood Road play installation and for the stages of the Cogley Lane play area.
- The cost for the Cemetery tree work be reported to the Policy and Resources committee.
- An event be arranged to unveil the sign with the Twinning Association, Toot Hill School and the Burgermeister.