

PRESENT:

Councillors: F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood, M Stockwood, R Bird, G Williams, J Best, A Shelton, T Wallace, V Leach, W Stapleton, M Monni, G Simms and J Lewis.

Officers: J Riddle (Acting Clerk) and P Sadler (Administrator)

Also in attendance: 22 Members of the public, County Councillor N Clarke, K Marriott (Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council) and D Mitchell (Executive Manager Communities)

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor P Moskwa due to a family holiday.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in the Twinning Association and Bingham Rugby Club. Councillor A Shelton declared an interest in the Twinning Association and Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor T Wallace declared an interest in item 16 as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor R Bird declared an interest in the Diabetic Group and Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan and Pensions as a member of the County Council Pensions Committee. Councillor J Stockwood declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A query was raised in relation to the Town Clerk and why she had not been at meetings. The Council responded that the employee was not with the Council at that time and could not make further comment as any items relating to an employee would be a confidential matter.

A resident asked why the contaminated allotment site, noted as the site for a long stay car park, had become overgrown and why the Town Council were not working with the Borough Council on this. The Town Council confirmed they were still committed to the car park project and the £25,000 that would be put in by the Town Council was still allocated to move the project forward. The £25,000 from the Borough Council had been withdrawn as a feasibility study was deemed not to be required.

A group of residents attended to raise their concerns over the Orchard Park Play Area. The residents explained they had experienced anti-social behaviour late at night on the park, excessive noise and were concerned about the bucket swing and slide as the residents felt they had lost privacy in their gardens when these items were stood on. The Council confirmed that they had followed all relevant procedures when planning the replacement equipment, including public consultation events and were disappointed that anti-social behaviour had been experienced. The local PSCO had spoken with the Council and had visited site on at least 8 occasions, but had not found any issues at the times of the visits. The Council confirmed that if the issues raised could be

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put in writing, these would be looked at in more detail and the Council would respond to the residents directly.

A final query was raised in relation to the Chapel Lane development and if any potential user groups of the community hall had been consulted and would the Town Council be planning to leave the current building to be on site at Chapel Lane. The Council responded that space was required for Ground Staff and machinery and the offices were wired into the Town CCTV system so there were no current plans to move. It was also confirmed that a number of consultations had taken place over the years and that the Community Led Plan had noted a top priority for the town was Community and Leisure facilities.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18 June 2019 (Folios 9328 to 9332), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

5. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last Mayor's Announcements, it was confirmed that the Mayor had attended the following;

Sunday 23rd June - Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service

Tuesday 9th July - Visit to Toothill School with the Deputy Mayor to welcome the Chinese exchange students and speak about Bingham

Sunday 14th July - Service and unveiling of new War Memorial, Aslockton

All Councillors had been invited to the raising of the Merchant Navy Flag, at 9.30am Tuesday 3rd September 2019 outside the Old Court House.

All Councillors would be invited to the Bingham Town Council Civic Service, October 20th at the Bingham Methodist Centre. Further details to be confirmed.

6. PRESENTATION FROM RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Kath Marriott, Chief Executive and Dave Mitchell, Executive Manager Communities from Rushcliffe Borough Council, gave a presentation on the Community Hall plans for the new Leisure Centre on Chapel Lane. The addition of a large Community Hall to the Leisure Centre, could be provided with the use of the Community Chest funds of £1.2 million. Rushcliffe Borough Council were seeking approval to allocate these funds to the project before proceeding to the next stage in design, taking into account the Town Council's requirements for the hall.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.46pm to allow the public to ask questions of the Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council Officers.

Many queries were raised by residents including; the size and layout of the community hall, kitchen facilities and storage, parking and restrictions, rates of hire, potential outdoor space for venue hire, the improved community facility planned at Wynhill, traffic issues, stage facilities and funding. The queries raised were answered and noted by the Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council Officers. A decision in principal to support the project with a cost of up to £1.2 million was required by Rushcliffe Borough Council by the end of September 2019.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.46pm.

The Council were aware that Bingham Rugby Club had applied for planning permission for increased community facilities at Wynhill and would be requiring financial support in the region of £400,000. The Council noted that as these were both large projects, offering different community facilities for the residents of Bingham, further consultation was required with the public, before any decision could be reached to support the projects. Financial options would also have to be investigated before a decision could be reached.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Recreation & Amenities Committee, 02 July 2019

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

(b) Community & Environment Committee, 16 July 2019

Cllr R Bird raised a query in relation to the Town Guide recommendation.

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

(c) Policy & Resources Committee, 30 July 2019

Cllr R Bird raised a query in relation to the Diabetes Group grant aid application.

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

(d) Planning Committee, 18 June 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.

(e) Planning Committee, 16 July 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.

(f) Extra Ordinary Planning Committee, 30 July 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be accepted.

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor F Purdue-Horan –

Cllr F Purdue-Horan apologised for a breach of the code of conduct, as he had omitted to declare an interest in the Civic Awards as he had nominated an award winner.

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A further apology was made in respect of a breach of the code of conduct for comments he had made to the Town Clerk on 29 January 2019, at a Full Council meeting. Some remarks had been seen as discourteous and lacking in tact, which he wished to sincerely apologise for.

9. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke

It was noted that a site in Cotgrave on Hollygate Lane had been identified for the new recycling centre. Legal signing was still in progress but the site had been agreed in principal.

An open event at County Hall on 14 September from 11am till 4.30pm was being held for those who wished to attend and learn more about what the County Council does and what it is responsible for.

10. POTENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT CHAPEL LANE AND WYNHILL PLAYING FIELDS

To enable a decision to be reached before the end of September 2019, it was:

RESOLVED: that an extra-ordinary meeting be held before the end of September for a presentation of potential community facilities, public consultation and decision on support for the community chest funds.

11. ABESTOS REPORT FOR WYNHILL

The Council considered three quotes for an asbestos report at Wynhill pavilion, when the Rugby Club required it as part of their plans.

RESOLVED: that P2 Environmental Consulting Services Ltd quote for £323 plus VAT, be accepted.

12. BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS GROUP

It was noted that the Chair of the Community and Environment Committee was continuing to work with the Bingham Community Events for the organising of the Bingham Christmas Fair.

13. PLAY PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The report from the local PCSO, regarding his visits to Orchard Park was noted. Costs for continuing with the services of the Play Area consultant, for the next projects of Wychwood Road and Cogley Lane, would be reported to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

14. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The recommendation from Policy and Resources, agreed earlier in the meeting, to add Councillor G Simms to the Recreation and Amenities Committee and to remove Councillor J Best from the Planning Committee and replace with Councillor W Stapleton was noted. No further changes were made.

15. INVOICES

The Council noted that a laptop had a hardware failure and needed to be replaced.

RESOLVED: to make a payment of £3,281.50 to Zurich Insurance and £666.72 plus VAT to Arcsus IT Solutions for a replacement laptop.

16. COUNCILLOR MOTION

Bingham Town Council will approve and adopt the Strategic Statement compiled by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

Proposed by R Bird and seconded by T Wallace

RESOLVED: that Bingham Town Council adopt the Strategic Statement compiled by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

17. BINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's representative on the Bingham Business Club is Councillor A Shelton and Councillor T Wallace would attend when unavailable.

18. STAFF HANDBOOK

RESOLVED: that the Staff Handbook be accepted, approved and issued to staff.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Future High Streets Fund
This was noted by the Town Council
- b) Accessibility at Bingham Station
The Town Council would continue to pursue access.
- c) Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Public Consultation
Councillors were encouraged to make their own comments on the Plan
- d) Rushcliffe Borough Council – Licence for Market Place Seating
The Town Council were updated that No 16 had applied for a licence for seating on the market place.

20. 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. Invoices

RESOLVED: that a payment of £1,950 to Ellis Whittam be made subject to a satisfactory response to an enquiry made regarding the invoice.

02. Confidential notes - Full Council 18 June 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

03. Confidential notes – Extra Ordinary Full Council 16 July 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

04. Confidential notes - Policy & Resources 30 July 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

05. Cogley Lane Lease

RESOLVED that the lease and deed of surrender by signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

06. Wychwood Road Land

RESOLVED: that the draft transfer be approved and signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

07. Warner's Paddock

RESOLVED: that the lease for 2019/2020 be renewed

RESOLVED: that legal fees of £750 be accepted for amendments and work for 2020/2021 lease.

08. Staff Matters

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RESOLVED: that a temporary contract of 6 months be offered for the position of grounds person at the salary band agreed.

RESOLVED: that the staff member be offered re-instatement

RESOLVED: that subject to confirmation from the HR advisor that the proposed payment is legal, the staff member receive additional payment for performing the role.

RESOLVED: that the payment is made at the agreed salary band

RESOLVED: that the Policy and Resources Committee, work on new terms and conditions for employees, including consideration of local arrangements for acting up.

Meeting Closed at: 10.29pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: