

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 05 November 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Officers: S Pyke (Clerk)

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor G Simms due to illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Shelton declared an interest in relation to the Linear Park

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest as the Chair of the Bingham Community Parks Project

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in relation to Wynhill as a coach at the Rugby Club

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 03 September 2019, Folios 9357 to 9360, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to confirmation that Councillor G Williams did declare an interest in the Twinning Sign and if appropriate to make the corresponding amendment.

4. PLAYPARKS

a) Orchard Park Area

- i. Anti-social behaviour – the resident has written in reporting further disturbed weekends. The Clerk has spoken to the resident who said that they have privacy and noise concerns from the mis-use of the of basket swing. The Clerk spoke with the local PCSO who said he will continue to include Orchard Park as part of his rounds.

The quotation to potentially re-site the slide and basket swing had yet to be received. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that a letter be sent to the resident requesting a diary of incidents be kept so that via evidence, the Committee can determine the most appropriate course of action

- ii. County Councillor Neil Clarke confirmed that the residual amount from the purchase of the scooter rack can be put towards a bench for the site

- iii. It was agreed to site the scooter rack to the left of the gate to the toddler section

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- iv. **RECOMMEND:** that a recycled plastic bench be ordered at £336 + VAT. County Councillor Neil Clarke's donation will not cover the entire amount so the short-fall will be taken from the Play Park/Open Space maintenance budget. A further seat will be considered towards the end of the financial year.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7:23pm and reinstated at 7:26pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

The siting of the bench was discussed, the exact location is to be determined, but will be at the other side of the path leading to the toddler area.

- v. The ESPO supplier feedback was considered and it was agreed to **RECOMMEND:** the ESPO supplier feedback with the inclusion of: the supplier was initially unprepared when they attended their first Town Council's meeting to discuss how to remedy the install.

b) Wychwood Road Play Area

- i. The Bingham Community Parks Project will provide a letter of support for the WREN grant bid. An approach is also to be made to the Borough and County Councillors. Our Play Parks Consultant to be asked for any other recommendations.
- ii. The Play Parks Consultant is working to a December submission

c) Cogley Lane Play Area

- i. **RECOMMEND:** that should Nottinghamshire County Council release a Local Improvement Scheme this financial year then the Town Council will apply.
- ii. **RECOMMEND:** that a letter be sent to the BHTA seeking their support with a watching brief for the refurbishment of the Play Area in addition to any requirements that may come from English Heritage.
- iii. A request by the Play Parks Consultant for a topographical survey was noted. The Play Parks Consultant would be requested to source a quotation.

5. **WYNHILL**

- a) A request had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council to access the Community Chest Fund for the Community Hall at Chapel Lane and funding via the Public Works Loan Board be applied for the Wynhill re-development scheme, altering the original resolution made on 24 September: to agree to support up to £400,000 from the Community Chest for the Town Pavilion community facilities and to commit to providing up to £1,200,000 for the Chapel Lane community facilities funded by Community Chest and a Public Works Loan Board. It was agreed to **RECOMMEND:** that the resolution from Full Council stands and for Rushcliffe Borough Council's letter to be referred to Policy and Resources Committee.

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- b) It was agreed to **RECOMMEND:** that an update be obtained from the Rugby Club as to their progress in submitting the forms to request the section 106 community chest funds.

6. CEMETERY AND GRAVEYARD

- a) The memorial testing work over the winter was noted
- b) The impending tree works were noted
- c) The cemetery re-valuation for the 2021 rating by the Valuation Office was noted
- d) **RECOMMEND:** to Policy and Resources Committee that the £500 insurance excess for the repair to the church wall is reimbursed.

7. BUTT FIELD

- a) It was agreed to set up a meeting with the Football Foundation to ensure that the new lease included their requirement, so that no charge could be made in respect of the original grant.
- b) **RECOMMEND:** that half of the cost (£350) be given in support of making the wind turbine operational again and that going forward the wind turbine is the responsibility of the Bingham Town Sports Club. This will be reflected in the new lease.
- c) The diagram of the landscaped areas and car park to be maintained by Bingham Town Council were agreed and would be sent to Bingham Town Sports Club.
- d) It was noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council's Legal department are looking into the ownership of the northwest fence
- e) The timing to end the contract with Larch Groundworks could not yet be considered as there are matters to finalise.
- f) **RECOMMEND:** that a letter be sent to the Bingham Town Sports Club confirming that the transfer of the remaining reserve funding will be conditional upon a new lease being signed. The new lease will include:
- the amended boundaries to enable the Town Council to develop access into and out of its proposed long-term car park from and to the access road being built as part of the Moorbridge Industrial Estate extension and from and to the train station
 - responsibility for the on-going maintenance of the wind turbine
 - responsibility for the maintenance of the northwest fence (if appropriate)
 - detail the landscaping and car parking responsibilities by the Town Council
 - detail the pitch responsibilities by Bingham Town Sports Club
 - requirements of the Football Foundation

8. ALLOTMENTS

Standing Orders were suspended at 8:20pm and reinstated at 8:35pm to allow members of the public to speak

- a) To improve site security, it was agreed to **RECOMMEND**: that the number of unofficial gates is reduced by sealing them closed with the remaining access gates having the same key. It was agreed that the allotment holder is given the option of allowing access to all via the gate at allotment 15 or is sealed in favour of access to allotment holders at the gate between allotments 13 and 14.
- b) Upon review, it was agreed to **RECOMMEND**: that there is no requirement to increase allotment rents in 2020, but reserve the option to increase the rents for 2021.

9. LINEAR PARK QUOTATION

RECOMMEND: that the quotation for £810 for 3 days works be accepted.

10. LINEAR PARK UNAUTHORISED ACCESS BY HORSE-RIDERS

It was agreed to **RECOMMEND**: that quotations be obtained for the replacement and reinstatement of the 2 sets of steps toward the end of the Linear Park and upgraded quotations for wider steps with hardcore, a hand-rail down one side of each of the sets of steps with a staggered barrier at the top of each set of steps to prevent access to horse-riders

11. CHIPPER PURCHASE

It was agreed that more options would need to be provided for consideration.

12. NEW PROJECTS

The following projects and purchases were considered and it was agreed to **RECOMMEND**: for continuation and inclusion as part of the budget setting considerations:

- Play Parks
- Linear Park maintenance including surveys on the Linear Park bridges
- Wynhill re-development
- Skate Park
- Chipper Acquisition

13. BUDGET PLANNING FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

RECOMMEND: that this year's budget be replicated for next year

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14. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Wallenfels Play Park

The letter was noted and forwarded on to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways
for consideration. An update letter to be provided to the resident

Meeting Closed at: 9:50pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Orchard Park - that a letter be sent to the resident requesting a diary of incidents be kept so that via evidence, the Committee can determine the most appropriate course of action.
- Orchard Park - that a recycled plastic bench be ordered at £336 + VAT.
- Orchard Park - ESPO supplier feedback was recommended with the inclusion of: the supplier was initially unprepared when they attended their first Town Council's meeting to discuss how to remedy the install.
- Cogley Lane Play Park - that should Nottinghamshire County Council release a Local Improvement Scheme this financial year then the Town Council will apply.
- Cogley Lane Play Park - that a letter be sent to the BHTA seeking their support as a watching brief for the refurbishment of the Play Area in addition to any requirements that may come from English Heritage.
- Wynhill development - that the resolution from Full Council stands and for Rushcliffe Borough Council's letter to be referred to Policy and Resources Committee.
- Wynhill development - that an update be obtained from the Rugby Club as to their progress in submitting the forms to request the section 106 community chest funds.
- Cemetery and Graveyard - to Policy and Resources Committee that the £500 insurance excess for the repair to the church wall is reimbursed.
- Butt Field - that half of the cost (£350) be given in support of making the wind turbine operational again and that going forward the wind turbine is the responsibility of the Bingham Town Sports Club. This will be reflected in the new lease.
- Butt Field that a letter be sent to the Bingham Town Sports Club confirming that the transfer of the remaining reserve funding will be conditional upon a new lease being signed.
- Allotments - that the number of unofficial gates is reduced by sealing them closed with the remaining access gates having the same key.
- Allotments - that there is no requirement to increase allotment rents in 2020 but reserve the option to increase the rents for 2021.
- Linear Park - that the quotation for £810 for 3 days works be accepted.
- Linear Park - that quotations be obtained for the replacement and reinstatement of the 2 sets of steps toward the end of the Linear Park and upgraded quotations for wider steps with hardcore, a hand-rail down one side of each of the sets of steps with a staggered barrier at the top of each set of steps to prevent access to horse-riders
- New Projects - for continuation and inclusion as part of the budget setting considerations:
 - Play Parks
 - Linear Park maintenance including surveys on the Linear Park bridges
 - Wynhill re-development
 - Skate Park
 - Chipper Acquisition
- Budget Planning for the year ending 31 March 2021 - that this year's budget be replicated for next year