

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham
on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 7.15pm

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, P Moskwa and J Lewis.

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

Also in attendance: 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

All Councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in the Twinning Association and Bingham Rugby Club

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in the Play Parks as the Chair of BCPP

Councillor J Lewis declared an interest in the Staff Matter under confidential business

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident said that it was good to see the Clerk back.

4. MINUTES

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20 August 2019 (Folios 9350 to 9356), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary Full Council meeting held on 24 September 2019 (Folios 9367 to 9370), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read with one requested clarification, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.
- (c) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary Full Council meeting held on 01 October 2019 (Folios 9371), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

5. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the Mayor's Announcements were noted.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Recreation & Amenities Committee, 03 September 2019

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

(b) Community & Environment Committee, 17 September 2019

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

(c) Policy & Resources Committee, 01 October 2019

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

(d) Planning Committee, 20 August 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes be accepted.

(e) Planning Committee, 17 September 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes be accepted

7. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor G Simms – wished it to be known that she is a Conservative, just not a Bingham Conservative.

Councillor R Bird – observed that following the recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish and Town Forum that following the adoption of the Local Plan Part 2 that there would be no further planned (large scale) building developments at Bingham until after 2025.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Borough Councillor G Williams

Confirmed the adoption by Rushcliffe Borough Council of the Local Plan Part 2

9. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

The conclusion of the unqualified audit was noted

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED: to adopt the revised Rushcliffe Borough Council Code of Conduct and to implement best practices in relation to Parish and Town Councils.

11. RISK REGISTER

The security of the Old Court House needs to be included on the Risk Register and changes to the scoring were proposed for Staffing, IT, Partnership, Reputational, Legal and Corporate. It was questioned whether it was appropriate to reduce several of the Staffing scores because of current difficulties.

A recorded vote was request:

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Councillor J Stockwood – for
Councillor A Shelton – for
Councillor J Lewis – against
Councillor R Bird – abstained
Councillor V Leach – against
Councillor T Wallace – against
Councillor G Simms – against
Councillor M Monni – for
Councillor W Stapleton – for
Councillor F Purdue-Horan – for
Councillor J Best – for
Councillor G Williams – for
Councillor M Stockwood – for
Councillor P Moskwa – for

9 – for; 4 against and 1 abstention

RESOLVED: that the scoring changes be made and the security of the Old Court House is added to the Risk Register.

12. BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS GROUP

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the update was noted.

13. FORMER ALLOTMENT SITE

- (a) **RESOLVED:** to proceed with the purchase of the heras fencing, which has previously been hired and is already on site @ £829.40 + VAT.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the Car Park Sub-committee take actions to prepare the invitation to tender for planning permission, design and construction of a car park on the contaminated land an can incur up to £25,000 from reserves for the cost of fees and specialist consultants to achieve this aim.
- (c) **RESOLVED:** that the Car Park Sub-committee communicate with outside bodies regarding support and funding for the car park project, including engaging with Network Rail, the Highways Authority and Rushcliffe Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority for s106 contributions.

14. PLASTIC FREE BINGHAM

Councillor M Monni updated the Town Council on the businesses and agencies already involved in the Plastic Free Bingham initiative. Councillor Monni is keen to see the Town Council leading by example.

RESOLVED: To support Plastic Free Bingham by committing to leading by example and supporting plastic free alternatives and plastic free initiatives within the Town of Bingham

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15. INVOICES

RESOLVED: Ellis Whittam's outstanding invoice to be discussed under confidential business and ROSPA's invoice for the £2,032 was approved. It was noted that the ROSPA training course would re-coup more than 50% of its cost as external candidates also took part in the training.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Radcliffe and Bingham Advice Centre – thank-you - noted
- (b) Police – Call outs to false alarms - noted
- (c) Rushcliffe Borough Council - Link Officer for Bingham – noted
- (d) Rushcliffe Borough Council – Bingham Leisure Centre and Community Hall – noted and will be considered by the Recreation and Amenities Committee

17. 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 Full Council meeting held on 20 August 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

Confidential notes and recommendations from the Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting held on 01 October 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

Confidential notes and recommendations from Policy & Resources meeting held on 01 October 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved

Wychwood Road Play Park preferred supplier quotation

RESOLVED: that the updated quotation be accepted subject to written confirmation being received for the deadline dates

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Butt Field lease

RESOLVED: to proceed with a new lease

Staff Matter

RESOLVED: to refer this matter to an extra-ordinary Policy and Resources Committee meeting

Ellis Whittam Invoice

RESOLVED: to hold payment of the invoice until the query is answered

Meeting Closed at: 8:43pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: