

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
of Bingham Town Council,
on Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, A Shelton, J Stockwood, P Moskwa, M Monni and J Lewis

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

Public: 4 members of the public including Councillor W Stapleton, a representative from the Rugby Club and the Town Council's Play Park Consultant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Simms due to work commitments and Councillor Lewis substituted for Councillor Leach

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 04 February 2020, Folios 9478 to 9481, 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 7.21pm and were re-instated at 7.36pm, to allow a representative of the Rugby Club to update the Town Council.

The Pavilion has been closed down to a dormant state and the entrance gates have been locked. Deep cleaning has taken place so once the restrictions are lifted, the building can be re-opened. The Rugby Club have received a hospitality grant via Government funding to cover their lost income with sufficient cash flow until August/September. There was a request for the grass to be cut so that remedial work can take place.

Planning permission for the enhanced Pavilion facilities was received in March 2020 with a number of pre and post conditions. The Rugby Club is working with their architect to discharge the pre-conditions as they arise. It has been decided to continue working on the tender documents even through there's an element of uncertainty with the aim of Summer 2021 as the completion date for the build in the Rugby Club's 50th anniversary year. Funding remains unclear, NCC's Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) grants reserve has been re-directed to meet Covid-19 needs. There has been no confirmation from RBC that the Community Chest fund has been fully committed to RBC's community facilities at Chapel Lane although the Clerk understands that is the situation. This will necessitate an application to the Public Loan Work Board and a public consultation to evidence resident's support for the enhanced Pavilion facilities.

RECOMMEND: the Clerk contacts RBC requesting that they confirm the Community Chest has been fully allocated to the Chapel Lane community facilities

5. PLAYPARKS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

a) Orchard Play Area

- i. BCPP to arrange an Orchard Park Opening Event – this item remains on hold until lockdown restrictions ease
- ii. Purchase of additional Bench – no progress has been made on this item due to lockdown restrictions

b) Wychwood Road Play Area

Standing orders were suspended at 7.38pm and were re-stated at 7.58pm to allow the playparks consultant to contribute to the update to the committee.

The FCC bid had been successful so the play park is fully funded. BCPP is preparing a publicity pack.

RECOMMEND: that the Clerk is the signatory for the FCC funding agreement

RECOMMEND: that high-resolution designs are sent by the playpark consultant to BCPP for use in their publicity pack material

c) Cogley Lane Play Area

The topographical survey had been completed which will form part of the information to be sent to Historic England as part of the outline design submission for scheduled consent. Once permission is in place, the ESPO framework tender process can be used as per the previous playparks format. NCC LIS funding is on hold so alternate funding will need to be sourced. The playpark consultant asked if the Committee wanted to pause the work program.

RECOMMEND: that the work program continues

6. PLAYPARK INSPECTIONS

The RoSPA inspections typically take place during May, so are due. Sourcing parts to carry out repairs to the older play equipment has taken time which has delayed remedial work so last year's recommended actions had not all been fully implemented. Remedial work will continue in accordance with working safely.

This update was **NOTED**

7. GRASS CUTTING

The cemetery is the priority followed by the Wynhill pitches, open space and playparks which could be cut on a less frequent basis. New Covid-19 procedures have been introduced to ensure that grounds staff continue to work in a safe manner and that social distancing is maintained.

8. CEMETERY OPERATIONS

The procedural changes were **NOTED**

9. 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 matter was discussed:

- Cemetery

RECOMMEND: that if requested, no charge is made for the ashes plot

Meeting Closed at: 8.39pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- the Clerk contacts RBC requesting that they confirm the Community Chest has been fully allocated to the Chapel Lane community facilities
- that the Clerk is the signatory for the FCC funding agreement for Wychwood Road play park
- that high-resolution designs are sent by the playpark consultant to BCPP for use in their publicity pack material
- that the work program continues for Cogley Lane playpark