

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
of Bingham Town Council, on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, A Shelton, J Stockwood, W Stapleton and V Leach

Officer: S Pyke (Clerk)

Public: 4 including Councillor J Lewis

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Moskwa due to a holiday. Councillor Stapleton was Councillor Moskwa's substitute.

Councillor Monni had passed on a message that she was running late, but did not make the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in items 5 and 6 relating to Wynhill and the Rugby Club.

Councillor Shelton declared a personal interest in item 13 in relation to the Linear Park.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 09 June 2020, Folios 9556 to 9559, were taken as read and approved as a correct record. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman at a later date when it was safe to do so.

4. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Simms's resignation from the Committee due to increased work commitments was accepted and **NOTED**.

5. UPDATE ON THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WYNHILL SITE

Standing Orders were suspended at 7:04pm until 8:09pm to enable 2 representatives from the Rugby Club to participate. Councillor Leach joined the meeting.

The Rugby Club were proceeding with the separate planning permission to install floodlighting and wanted to proceed with the car park albeit it in a different format to that it had received planning permission for. The re-design of the car park would require new planning permission.

Funding opportunities for the sports related element of the re-development had dried up due to the pandemic. Which means the project is £200,000 short of its target. The question is should the project proceed in phases with the community enhancements going ahead

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subject to approval from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) of the Town Council's application and the improvements to the sporting facilities following on at a later when funding was once again available.

The original plans for the redevelopment were being reviewed to identify options to reduce the building costs. A structural survey costing £4,000 is needed to confirm whether the building the redevelopment plans are based around is structurally sound. Representatives from the Rugby Club are meeting with the Rugby Football Union in mid-November to discuss the options. The Town Council needs to ascertain whether the public engagement consultation held in the summer would still be valid if the re-development progressed in phases with the first phase being the community element of the project.

At December's Full Council options would be brought to Council for consideration. If the project goes ahead a joint project board with delegated powers will be established so that time is not lost waiting for Committee and Council meetings.

6. UPDATE ON PITCH MAINTENANCE AND DRAINAGE AT THE WYNHILL SITE

The pitch drainage improvements are on hold. The more frequent grass cutting as proposed by the Rugby Football Union and undertaken by the Town Council had helped with an aerator being used on the pitch to break down the compaction.

Progress on these items could also be delegated to the joint project board

7. REPORT FROM ROSPA PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The remedial works identified by the RoSPA inspector as medium and low risk were underway some would take time as the equipment was aged so replacement parts might need to be engineered.

8. PLAYPARKS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

a) Orchard Play Area

It was **NOTED** that the toddler area had reopened and would be monitored as part of the Grounds staff visual inspections. The repair to the trampoline was **NOTED**. More consideration was needed to be given to progressing the installation of gates and fencing so that the installation was not to the detriment of the wider local community. Such as access to dog-walkers, who would be responsible for closing the gates and what powers could be used to move people on when the gates were due to be closed.

b) Wychwood Road Play Area

There was still some snagging to be completed with the establishing of the landscaping causing the greatest concern. This was taking longer than expected but had not been aided by the project running over by several weeks which took us into shorter days and colder weather. It was **NOTED** that £1,887.14 of the contingency budget had been used for wet pour around the embankment slide. The landscaping was being monitored so that the play area could re-open.

c) Cogley Lane Play Area

The play park consultant had not been in touch so there was no update.

9. TEEN PROVISION AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS

A request was made for the skate park to be sited at the former allotment site which has been earmarked for long stay car parking. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that this request be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee.

10. RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO Q2 ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The budget was **NOTED**.

11. ANNUAL TREE SURVEY REVIEW AND QUOTATION

A quotation to undertake all of the tree work identified in the tree survey had been obtained. This exceeded the budget provision but no account had yet been made of the tree work which could be undertaken in house.

The Town Council's ownership of several trees was queried. These would be looked into but the inspection had been carried out of the same areas as in previous years.

12. UPDATE ON THE ALLOTMENTS

The planned work to cut back several trees, shrubs and bushes had not proceeded because of a lack of resource.

13. UPDATE ON THE LINEAR PARK

Quotations for repairs to the steps close to the River Smite were still be sought. The tree work request would be compared with the annual tree survey. Quotations for the inspection of the bridges and structures along the park had not progressed as there was more to this piece of work to ensure the correct structures were identified and costed. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that the cost to fly a drone to map the Linear Park be obtained.

14. RESIDENT'S REQUEST

The request to complete work on Council owned trees was considered and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that the work to reduce the two sycamore trees be undertaken by the Town Council's tree surgeon at the resident's cost.

15. ADDITIONAL VEHICLE

The hire of an additional vehicle for the ground staff was **NOTED**.

16. LARGE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT REVIEW

RECOMMEND: that a meeting be set up with the Grounds staff and Councillors Leach, Shelton, J Stockwood and Williams to discuss options.

17. MEMORIAL BENCHES IN THE CEMETERY

RECOMMEND: that a review of the memorial benches be undertaken with no further benches to be considered. Furthermore, it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that alternate ideas for memorials be brought back before the Committee for consideration.

18. UPDATE ON LITTER BINS

RECOMMEND: that a review of litter and dog bins be undertaken. Further bin provision at Wynhill, Butt Field and the Linear Park to be considered.

19. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: -

To resolve that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting."

The following matters was discussed:

- To approve the confidential notes from 9 June 2020

Agree that the notes be approved.

The meeting closed at 9:48pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That Policy and Resources consider the request for land at the former allotment site to be used for a skatepark
- That a cost be obtained to fly a drone to map the Linear Park be obtained
- The reduction of the two sycamore trees to be undertaken by the Town Council's tree surgeon at a cost to the resident
- That a meeting be set up with the Grounds Staff and Councillors Leach, Shelton, J Stockwood and Williams to discuss the replacement of the large grounds maintenance equipment
- That a review of memorial benches be undertaken and consideration given to alternate options for memorials
- That a review of litter and dog bins be undertaken