

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Lewis, A Shelton, M Stockwood, J Stockwood, J Best and W Stapleton

Members of the Public: 3 including Councillor M Monni

Officers: J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor J Best due to illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 January 2021, Folio 9697 to 9700 were taken as read, approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record retrospectively signed once the lockdown has been lifted.

4. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

A list of outstanding actions was reviewed, and updates were given as follows:

- a) Wildflower planting – the ground at the cemetery bank was being prepared and seeds were due to be delivered in April.
- b) The proposed tree planting at Parson's Hill – Barratts had given approval for the Council to approach the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to seek advice for plans for a community wood and wildflower area at Parsons Hill.
- c) CCTV Status – the introduction between Newark and Sherwood District Council and the Council's CCTV contractor had been made.
- d) Rural Gigabit Broadband scheme – the scheme had been oversubscribed and it was hoped that the scheme was to be re-launched. The committee still wished to proceed and would be kept updated on progress when the scheme re-launches.
- e) J9 training – Four members of staff were booked for the training in April. Information would be placed on the website and a sign displayed after training had been received. It was noted that pharmacists in the UK could be part of the Ask for Ani (Action Needed Immediately), to help victims of domestic violence and that Boots in Bingham had joined the scheme.
- f) Litter bins – The litter bin for Wynhill had been approved by Recreation and Amenities Committee and was being ordered. The site for the additional bin for the Butt Field site would be confirmed after plans for re-development were more advanced.
- g) Support for the Area of Outstanding beauty – The letter of support from the committee had been sent.

5. MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN SUB COMMITTEE – 16 MARCH 2021

The minutes were noted by the committee and that the Emergency Plan was now ready for adoption.

6. ADOPTION OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN

The committee noted some minor amendments on page 8 and 17. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND: adoption of the Emergency Plan.

7. REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY NO WASTE FOOD SHOP

The committee noted the need for the logistics and costs to be looked at further at the Policy and Resources committee and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: support for the Community No Waste Food Shop at the Old Court House.

8. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY TO IDENTIFY WAYFINDING SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The committee noted that no comments had been received in response to the survey information on the website. Details had also been placed in next edition of the Buttercross.

9. FLOOD WARDEN SCHEME

The report was noted, and the committee thanked the two staff members and Cllr Bird for attending the training.

10. CIVIC AWARDS

With restrictions still not allowing for an event to be arranged, this would be considered at the next meeting. If restrictions allowed for an event to be arranged, it was agreed that this item would be placed on the Full Council agenda.

11. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The committee were aware that government grants were being given by the Borough Council's and any access to these were encouraged. If assistance was still required, then more details regarding the request could be discussed at the next Policy and Resources meeting.

12. SUMMER FAIR 2021

The committee had received confirmation from Bingham Community Events that they were looking to work with the Council, as restrictions allow to deliver events. A meeting was to be arranged with the Chair a few representatives of the committee.

13. RESIDUAL-CURRENT DEVICES (RCD) AND LIGHTING DISPLAY SWITCH ON

RECOMMEND: that the work for the RCD protection proceed at a cost of £1005

RECOMMEND: that the light switch on remain as per previous years and the lights be turned on at installation and the tree at the Christmas Fair.

14. REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The report was noted by the committee and all those that worked on the steering group were thanked for their commitment.

RECOMMEND: that the information be kept on file and as changes occur with local plans, an action plan would be created to re-create a steering group.

15. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Stapleton updated on the committee on the occurrences of plants being removed from the flower towers. CCTV was to be reviewed.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) East Bridgford Parish Council – Councillor Monni approached the committee for support in creating a safe cycle/pedestrian route between East Bridgford and Bingham. This was also aimed to assist the village in providing safe access to the hub facilities, including the new Chapel Lane leisure centre. The committee confirmed their support and wished a letter of support to be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council highways.
- b) Open spaces for those without gardens in Rushcliffe – Bingham was considered to have many open spaces including the Linear Walk, new lake area and open spaces for residents without gardens to enjoy.

17. 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 matter was discussed:

- Notes from 26 January 2021 – the notes were approved.

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the Community and Environment Committee, of Bingham Town Council, on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7.00pm

Recommendations:

- Adoption of the Emergency Plan
- Support for the No Waste Food Shop at the Old Court House
- RCD protection proceed to the Christmas Lighting columns
- The light switch on remains as per previous years and the lights be turned on at installation and the tree at the Christmas Fair.
- The Neighbourhood Plan information be kept on file and as changes occur with local plans, an action plan would be created to re-create a steering group.

Meeting Closed at: 7.54pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

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