

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Sub Committee,
of Bingham Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House,
Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, A Shelton, J Lewis, W Stapleton, R Bird and F Purdue-Horan

Officers: J Riddle

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors V Leach and P Moskwa and Councillors R Bird and W Stapleton attended as substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Lewis declared an interest in item 10 as a director of Bomberz CIC.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021, Folios 9776 to 9779, were taken as read, approved, and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD AND FURTHER ACTIONS

The Chair updated the sub-committee that some of the priorities were on the agenda but also gave updates on:

- Butt Field – the sports club had been updated on the crown estates position in relation to the additional land and a representative of the Sport Club had been requested for the car park sub-committee
- Linear Park Steps – a purchase order had been issued and a start date is tbc.
- Linear Park Bridge repair – work is due to commence in August
- Rock snake – Cllr Stapleton was now awaiting delivery of the stones to enable them to be sealed. The Chair would liaise with the lead organiser, before stones were removed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ORCHARD PARK

Standing orders were suspended at 7.51pm to allow a member of the public to address the sub-committee.

The resident explained the long-standing issues that had been experienced by her family since the installation of the bucket swing at Orchard Park. Whilst the swing had been removed during Covid 19 to assist with encouraging social distancing, the normal noise and impact levels of the park were accepted. The resident explained that since the swing was re-installed in July, the noise levels of large amounts of children gathering on the piece of equipment was impacting heavily on her family.

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The sub-committee had started to investigate options for the swing before its removal and it was considered that as the issues had re-started since it had been re-installed, a report on the options for consideration would be brought to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the swing be removed whilst Councillors G Williams, P Moskwa and W Stapleton investigated the options for the swing.

Standing orders were re-instated at 8.26pm

6. UPDATE ON WYNHILL SITE

Items 7 and 8 were completed before item 6, whilst the committee awaited the representative of the Rugby Club. The minutes remain in the order of the agenda.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.40pm to allow a representative of Bingham Rugby Club to update the sub-committee.

An update was received that the planning application was ongoing, and the decision was not expected to go to committee at the Borough Council. A bat survey had been carried out and further meetings with the potential contractor were taking place later in the week. Concerns were raised over the capacity of the office to prioritise the project and a decision regarding the Sports England loan was still outstanding.

The Chair confirmed that the project was a high priority of the sub-committee, but capacity issues could not be controlled by the sub-committee. A request for the HR sub-committee to consider the office capacity would be made.

Standing orders were re-instated at 8.55pm.

7. RECEIVE Q1 BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT

The report was noted by the sub-committee.

8. REPAIRS TO ORCHARD PARK PLAY AREA

The sub-committee raised concerns over the issues with the surfacing not been covered by the guarantees and asked for confirmation that the guarantee would not be affected by a repair.

RESOLVED: that an officer instructs the work to be completed once a satisfactory response to the concerns raised was received and accepted by the Chair and Vice Chair.

9. REPORT FROM ROSPA

The report on the work completed and items outstanding was noted and that one further item had been completed at Cogley Lane since issuing the report.

The bench at Cogley Lane that was considered too close to a bin and had no back rest was suggested to be removed as a further bench was in close proximity.

RESOLVED: to remove the bench

10. TEEN PROVISION

Councillor J Lewis updated the committee on the plans to hold an event and that a meeting had been arranged for the Bomberz CIC members for the 27 August to discuss the event further.

11. LINEAR PARK FUNDING

The Friends of Bingham Linear Park had confirmed their support for the ongoing financial support for biodiversity at the site, that had been offered from Rushcliffe Borough Council. The sub-committee confirmed that the funding for 30 years would provide financial commitment to supporting the site and that an officer should make the appropriate financial arrangements for the management of the funding proposal.

RESOLVED: to accept the 30 Year funding proposal for the Linear Park

12. FRIENDS OF BINGHAM LINEAR PARK INSURANCE

The costs of £168.00 for insurance was noted by the sub-committee.

13. GRASS CUTTING AT THE CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD AND PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The sub-committee noted the outsourcing of grass cutting and play area inspections, as agreed at Full Council. Costs would be reported at the next meeting.

14. REQUEST FOR PLANTING AT LINEAR PARK

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club had requested an area at the Nottingham Road entrance of the Linear Park to plant crocus corms, to help raise the profile of Purple4Polio and also helping the RHS's Greening Grey Britain. A representative of the Friends of Bingham Linear Park had attended a site meeting and an area had been selected that was agreeable to all parties, including the ground staff who has been consulted.

RESOLVED: to support the request to plant crocus corms

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Bird had received a query from a resident regarding the potential of a friends volunteer group for Parsons Hill, like the Linear Park. It was confirmed that the Council would encourage a group to form and residents were encouraged to give their details to the office so that the Council could update interested parties as plans started to develop.

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RESOLUTIONS:

- The bucket swing be removed at Orchard Park whilst Councillors G Williams, P Moskwa and W Stapleton investigated the options for the swing.
- An officer to instruct the repair work to the play surface at Orchard Park once a satisfactory response to the concerns raised was received and accepted by the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Remove the backless bench from Cogley Lane play area
- To accept the 30-year funding proposal for the Linear Park
- To support the request to plant crocus corms

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- HR committee be asked to consider staffing capacity for the Wynhill project