

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Shelton, R Bird, M Stockwood, J Lewis, G Williams and T Wallace

Officer: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 2 Including Councillors J Stockwood and F Purdue-Horan

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor A Shelton opened the meeting and invited nominations for a Chair.

Councillor R Bird was proposed as Chair by Councillor J Lewis and this was seconded by Councillor T Wallace. A vote was taken and Councillor R Bird was duly elected as Chair.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor G Simms.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Councillor G Williams was proposed as Chair by Councillor J Lewis and this was seconded by Councillor T Wallace. A vote was taken and Councillor G Williams was duly elected as Vice Chair.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of 05 October 2021, Folio 9821 to 9824 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The committee noted the Terms of Reference.

7. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The Committee received the following updates on the major projects:

- Butt Field – the Crown Estates review was still taking place
- Wynhill re-development – Information from the Rugby Club was still outstanding for a report to be produced for Council to consider
- Car Park – the contractors completing the grounds tests and ecologists reports had requested clearance of the vegetation. A quote for the work had been received, but confirmation was outstanding of the size of clearance required and date for tests to be arranged so that vegetation was cut shortly before the contractor attends site

- A query was raised over the pensions discretion policy and it was confirmed that this task was still outstanding

8. **ACCOUNTS PAID REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2021**

RECOMMEND: that the accounts paid report of £77,275.69 be approved.

9. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

The reconciliation reports to 30 September, 31 October and 30 November 2021 were presented and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: approval the Reconciliation Reports.

10. **BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 30 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Community & Environment committee had requested that the committee note the expected overspend on the Christmas Fair when reviewing the Budget to Actuals.

RECOMMEND: that the budgets to actuals report was accepted.

11. **THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN**

The committee discussed some of the projects and that many had not yet taken place. The update was noted and Councillors were asked to consider if £30,000 allocation to the three-year reserves plan was acceptable. Councillors agreed to consider any changes prior to the January Full Council meeting. The committee also noted that the budget for a new office accounts package was not required.

12. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

No alterations to the draft budget were noted, but the committee discussed that events for 2022 would need to be considered prior to the precept setting in January.

13. **PROCUREMENT SUPPORT**

The Committee noted that the Clerk had met with a representative of Welland Procurement. Assistance with an independent report on the Wynhill re-development would be welcomed and quotes would be requested for work as required. It was also queried if assistance with grant applications could be provided for projects and this would be investigated.

14. **HR AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANTS**

The Committee were updated that only two quotes had been received so far. It was agreed that Councillors would work with the Clerk ahead of January's Full Council meeting to consider the quotations and agree a recommendation.

RECOMMEND: that the Clerk work with Councillors to consider quotations for the January Full Council meeting.

15. **GRANT AID APPLICATIONS**

(a) Bingham Bullettes Junior Netball Club

RECOMMEND: that a grant of £250 be awarded to Bingham Bullettes Junior Netball Club

(b) Bingham Children's Centre Toy Appeal

RECOMMEND: that a grant of £700 be awarded to the Bingham Children's Centre Toy Appeal

16. **DRAFT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF £45,000 FOR THE LINEAR PARK**

A draft grant agreement had been prepared by Rushcliffe Borough Council for the transfer of the grant of £45,000 for the maintenance of the sloped grassland at the Linear Park for 30 years.

RECOMMEND: to sign the agreement and allocate a reserve code for the funds for the Linear Park.

17. **FREE USE OF THE MEETING ROOMS AT THE OLD COURT HOUSE**

No changes were requested to the free use of the meeting rooms for the Police Priority Setting Group meetings and Positive Futures. The use by Councillors was considered and it was agreed that use by Councillors for Council business was accepted and keys could be provided for those Councillors requiring access out of hours.

RECOMMEND: free use of meeting rooms for Councillors attending to meet other Councillors or members of the public for Council business.

18. **CONSULTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016**

The committee raised concerns that if the regulations changed it could potentially see an end to burials in the cemetery unless land drains could be diverted and spaces would reduce if grave sizes increased. The potential impact to families was a great concern and the committee agreed that land for a new cemetery should be investigated and options for diversion of land drains should be considered. The Clerk was asked to summarise the concerns to DEFRA that burials at Bingham could cease to be viable and the impact this could have on families.

Updates on options for land drains, potential new cemetery sites and any confirmation of the results of the consultation would be reported to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

19. EMPLOYERS QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO THE LGPS PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT

No questions were requested.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

21. 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 from 05 October 2021

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.

- Warners Paddock

RECOMMEND: that work be instructed to progress the 2022 lease.

- Cemetery

RESOLVED: that the costs to complete the legal paperwork of approximately £1500-£2000 be accepted.

The meeting closed at: 9:47pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The accounts paid report of £77,275.69 be approved.
- Approval of the Reconciliation Reports to 30 September, 31 October and 30 November 2021
- The budgets to actuals report was accepted
- The Clerk work with Councillors to review quotations for HR and Health and Safety Consultants for consideration at the January Full Council meeting.
- A grant of £250 be awarded to Bingham Bullettes Junior Netball Club.
- A grant of £700 be awarded to the Bingham Children's Centre Toy Appeal
- To sign the grant agreement and allocate a reserve code for the funds for the Linear Park.
- Free use of meeting rooms for Councillors attending to meet other Councillors or members of the public for Council business.