

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 02 November 2021 at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:**

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

Officers: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

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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. Councillor G Williams declared an interest in item 14 as a committee member of the Twinning Association and would not participate in the vote on that item. Councillor Shelton and Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 as normal members of the Twinning Association but would vote on the item as they were not committee members.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2021, Folios 9808 to 9811, were taken as read, approved, and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. UPDATE ON THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WYNHILL SITE**

Standing orders were suspended at 7.18pm to allow a representative of Bingham Rugby Club to update Council.

The committee noted that the Rugby Club had received an agreement in principle from the Rugby Football Union for the loan as the 5-year forecasts had been accepted and they were awaiting confirmation of the terms and conditions and next steps. It was also confirmed that they require an independent review by a VAT consultant and would require a longer lease. Meetings with the architect and contractor had been arranged for 5 November and it is hoped to get the information requested by the Council over to the Clerk the following week. A request was also made for a new lease period of longer than 30 years.

Standing orders were re-instated at 7.55pm.

**5. REQUEST FOR LANDING OF SKYDIVERS AT THE WYNHILL SITE**

Standing orders were suspended at 7.58pm to allow a representative of Bingham Rugby Club to update the committee.

The committee were updated that a team from Langar airfield had requested to use Wynhill as a landing site. The committee raised queries over the safety due to the site been open to the public, and the use of a taped of area was noted. In principle the committee were supportive of the use.

**RECOMMEND:** that there was no objection to Wynhill being used as a landing site for skydivers, subject to the Rugby Club having the appropriate risk assessments, insurance, and safety precautions in place.

Standing orders were re-instated at 8.03pm.

**6. UPDATE ON THE PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD & AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The committee noted that Butt Field had been updated on the latest position of the Crown Estates, a meeting was to be held with the previous play area contractor to receive a hand over, the rock snake was being progressed via the memorial funding and the Linear Park step repairs and handrails were now completed.

**7. RECEIVE Q2 BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The report was noted by the sub-committee.

**8. BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

The committee considered the draft budget and the requirement for a budget for play area support was still unknown at this time whilst Orchard Park continued to be reviewed. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND:** that consideration be given to keeping a budget for branded clothing, specifically for events so office staff had appropriate clothing.

**9. UPDATE ON ORCHARD PARK PLAY AREA SURFACING AND BUCKET SWING**

The committee were updated that additional areas of concern in the play area surfacing had been noted and that before the repair takes place, the Clerk had requested that the play area installers re-visit site for an inspection. The site visit would also include advice on the bucket swing. A meeting was expected to take place in the coming weeks, but no date had been confirmed.

**10. PLAY AREA REPAIRS FROM THE ROSPA REPORT**

The Clerk updated the committee on the repairs that had taken place since the last meeting.

**11. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ALLOTMENT SOCIETY**

At the annual Full Council it had been agreed to continue with membership of the National Allotment Society. The committee received an update regarding the benefits of membership, but also noted that none of the benefits had been used since becoming members. The committee considered the cost against the potential benefits. It was agreed to:

**RESOLVE:** that the subscription be renewed.

**12. TEEN PROVISION**

A general meeting of Bomberz CIC was outstanding as the meeting due to be held on 27 August had to be cancelled. Bomberz were still looking to hold an event and a firm location was yet to be agreed. Bomberz were also waiting to hear any formal news on the availability of the community land off Chapel Lane.

**13. EXTENSION OF THE HIRE OF THE RIDE ON MOWER**

The committee noted that grass cutting season had gone into October with the milder weather and therefore the ride on mower had been extended for an extra 2 weeks at a cost of £275 plus vat per week.

**14. FRIENDSHIP TWINNING TREE AT THE LINEAR PARK**

The friends of Bingham Linear Park had liaised with the Twinning Association and a Plum Tree was considered the right tree to be placed at the Linear entrance as the new Twinning Tree in the location of the previous sign.

**RESOLVED:** that a Plum Tree be planted at the Nottingham Road entrance to the Linear Walk

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:  
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RESOLUTIONS:

- National Allotment Society membership be renewed.
- A Plum tree be planted as a twinning friendship tree at the Nottingham Road entrance to the Linear walk.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There was no objection to Wynhill being used as a landing site for skydivers, subject to the Rugby Club having the appropriate risk assessments, insurance, and safety precautions in place.
- Consideration be given to keeping a budget for branded clothing, specifically for events so office staff had appropriate clothing.