

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 15 February 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, P Moskwa, J Lewis, W Stapleton, R Bird and V Leach.

Officers: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Public: 4 Including Councillors A Shelton and F Purdue-Horan

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor G Williams opened the meeting as the previous Chair and invited nominations for Chair.

Councillor G Williams was nominated as Chair by Councillor P Moskwa and this was seconded by Councillor V Leach.

No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED: that Councillor G Williams was duly elected as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were present.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor P Moskwa was nominated as Vice Chair by Councillor V Leach and this was seconded by Councillor R Bird.

No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED: that Councillor P Moskwa was duly elected as Vice Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 as Chair of Bingham U3A.
Councillor G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 as a committee member of the Twinning Association.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 02 November 2022, Folios 9834 to 9837, were taken as read, approved, and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Standing orders were suspended at 7.04pm to allow a representative of Bingham Rugby Club to update Council.

The committee noted that the Rugby Club had received an offer letter a week prior with terms and conditions of the loan. The architect used had moved company but was not able to recommence work with the club and the planning permission determination date was not yet known. The Clubs VAT position needed some clarity and although the loan was agreed for £150,000, it was felt that taking £100,000 was less of a financial risk to the club. Security of tenure needed to be resolved and the club requested work to confirm a new lease be prioritised.

As the Council would require further details regarding any agreement reached for the project to be included in the lease, it was suggested that a letter of intent would satisfy confirmation of the Council's previous decision to extend the lease term to a minimum of 30 years.

Standing orders were re-instated at 7.32pm.

RECOMMEND: that a letter of intent be sent confirming the Council's commitment to extend the lease term to a minimum of 30 years.

7. PREVIOUS DECISION AND FURTHER ACTIONS

The Clerk updated the committee on the progress of the previous committee decisions and the committee noted that the remainder of the rock snake had now been removed. Councillors agreed to ask on social media for information regarding the rock snake and for those wishing to still have a memorial in place, to make contact with Councillors. The Twinning Tree was considered an opportunity to support the queens green canopy scheme for the jubilee.

RECOMMEND: that the tree be dedicated to the Queens Jubilee

8. THREE YEAR RESERVES

Queries were raised in relation to the potential costs that may be incurred for drainage at the cemetery. These costs were not yet known and the DEFRA consultation recommendations were not yet released.

The committee reviewed and the projects and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND: that £60,000 for the refurbishment of Cogley Lane play area be moved to 2023/34 and that the fees for consultant be increased to £5000 in the 2022/23 financial year.

It was also agreed to

RECOMMEND: the allotment south side fencing be moved to 2023/24, Butt Field be identified as Butt Field Expansion project and £5000 be placed in 2022/23 for the Linear Park bridge inspections.

9. Q3 BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT

The report was noted by the committee..

10. ORCHARD PARK

The committee were updated that a resident had confirmed to the Council that no further incidents of anti-social behaviour had been experienced since the swing had been removed. The Clerk was chasing the supplier regularly for a response on the wet pour surfacing and options for the swing. The committee agreed to give the supplier a further chance to respond.

11. RESIDENTS REQUEST FOR TREE WORK AT COGLEY LANE

The work requested had been approved and recommended by the Council's arborist and any work would be at the residents' costs, as the work was not for safety reasons.

RECOMMEND: approval of the tree work, subject to use of the Council's arborist.

12. TWINNING SIGNAGE

The Council had been approached for agreement for twinning signage at Butt Field Sports Club with a shared cost between the Sports Club, Twinning Association and Bingham Town Council.

RECOMMEND: that a contribution of approx. £65 be approved for the twinning signage

13. MEMORIAL TESTING

The Committee were updated that a cost of approximately £20,000 would be incurred for outsourcing the testing of memorials. As the staff were trained to test, the Clerk was investigating options for the outsourcing of other tasks to allow the testing to be carried out. Options would be bought back to committee for further discussion.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The committee noted the U3A committee correspondence confirming use of Wynhill for their Jubilee picnic.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

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CHAIRMAN

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ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A letter of intent be sent confirming the Council's commitment to extend the lease term to a minimum of 30 years at Wynhill
- The Twinning Tree be dedicated to the Queens Jubilee
- In the three year reserves plan, £60,000 for the refurbishment of Cogley Lane play area be moved to 2023/24 and that the fees for consultant be increased to £5000 in the 2022/23 financial year
- In the three year reserves plan, the allotment south side fencing be moved to 2023/24, Butt Field be identified as Butt Field Expansion project and £5000 be placed in 2022/23 for the Linear Park bridge inspections.
- Approval of the tree work, subject to use of the Council's arborist
- A contribution of approx. £65 be approved for the twinning signage