

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 09 August 2022 at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:**

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

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors V Leach and G Williams. Councillors R Bird, A Shelton and F Purdue-Horan were noted as substitute members.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21 as a member of the U3A and confirmed that he would not take part in the discussion or vote. Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17 as a County Councillor. Councillor M Stockwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19 and confirmed she would not be taking part in that item as the resident is known to her. Councillor M Stockwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 22b as a member of the British Legion.

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 14 June 2022, Folios 9930 to 9933, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

The committee priorities and actions list were reviewed and an update on the no waste food shop was given.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.34pm to allow a representative of Bingham Food warriors to update the committee.

The food shop had remained busy with approx. 29-40 residents a week visiting and Council were reminded that the shop was open to all members of the public to help reduce food waste that would have gone to landfill. Donations from the co-op and residents were kept separate for the group to use to help those families who required support.

Standing orders were re-instated at 7.43pm. The committee thanked the group for their work and it was agreed that any support with promotion by the Council's website was available.

**5. BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 31 JULY 2022**

The budgets presented were noted and the additional codes for recreation would be shared with the committee.

**6. RoSPA REPORTS**

The RoSPA reports for the five play areas were reviewed and the committee could see from the summary report that an action plan was in place for addressing any issues identified.

Standing orders were suspended at 8pm to allow a member of the public to comment and they were re-instated at 8.03pm.

The main actions identified were continuation of progressing the repairs offered by Kompan, at no cost to the Council, at Wychwood Road. The teen area at Wynhill would also see some temporary repairs made to improve the site.

**7. ORCHARD PARK PLAY AREA SURFACING**

The committee received a report on the completion of the repair to the play area surfacing and the additional information the Clerk would be working on to confirm the cost of the repair.

**8. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND TENANTS REQUEST FOR CCTV**

The unauthorised gate had now had a new padlock placed on as the gate accessed the centre of one plot. The committee expressed that they would like to see unauthorised gates closed permanently. The request and advice for CCTV was considered and the committee agreed that the site could never be considered as completely secure due to its location next to the railway line. The national template tenancy agreement does not include CCTV.

**RECOMMEND:** that the request for CCTV be declined.

**9. ANNUAL TREE SURVEY**

The committee were reminded that the tree survey takes place every 18 months so that trees could be viewed in leaf and out of leaf. The two moderate risk trees would be actioned and the routine work required additional quotes before presented to committee due to value of the work. Warners Paddock was noted as requiring work now the site was vacant.

**10. DRAFT ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT**

The committee agreed that consulting the allotment holders on the draft agreement would be the next stage and also gaining further advice on fires and the use of carpets.

**11. EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW**

The plan was reviewed and was accepted subject to one number being clarified.

**12. JUBILEE COMMUNITY HALL**

The committee noted the absence of recognition as a stakeholder in the Community Hall and it was to

**RECOMMEND**: that a request be made that all stakeholders acknowledge Bingham Town Council for its role in the Community Hall and that the Town Council be included in the plaque. The previous request for a community hall user group should also be progressed.

**13. SUMMER 2022 SUMMER FAIR FEEDBACK**

Standing orders were suspended at 9.05pm to allow a representative of Bingham Community Events (BCE) to address the committee for the next three items.

BCE confirmed that the summer fair was a well-attended event but that the location of the fair doesn't lend itself to normal activities of a summer fair as no grassed areas are on site. The committee were also updated of a community groups feedback of groups not feeling welcome and confirmation of the reply that all groups are welcome and that the stalls were not full so no group had been turned away.

**14. UPDATE ON 2022 CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The committee noted that the contractor used for the summer fair stall had underestimated the work involved and a higher quote for the installation and removal of the stall was expected. The stage and sound were confirmed and costs had risen, but a large discount was still be applied. The budget was likely to exceed the amount set and confirmation of an estimate of costs would be taken to the September meeting of Finance Policy and Resources.

**15. UPDATE ON BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS SUMMER 2022**

The representative of BCE gave an update on the events and confirmed that the jubilee fireworks and summer fair were completed events and the next events were music on the square, classic car show, beer festival and belated jubilee lunch.

Standing orders were re-instated at 9.20pm.

**16. LITTER BINS AT BUTT FIELD**

The Clerk updated the committee that additional bin emptying was taking place at Butt Field and locations for additional bins would be presented to the next committee meeting.

**17. VIA EAST MIDLANDS CONSIDERATION FOR CEMETERY ON THE BANKS**

As Via East Midlands were considering traffic along the banks, the committee noted the issues still being experienced at the gates of the Cemetery. Cars parking too close the narrow entrance impacts on a vehicles ability to turn into the cemetery. Cones were currently placed out to prevent issues for funerals.

**RECOMMEND:** that a formal request be made to Via East Midlands for consideration of parking restrictions near the Cemetery gates.

**18. RESIDENTS REQUEST FOR TREE WORKS**

The report was considered and it was agreed to

**RECOMMEND:** the request be accepted at the resident's expense and confirmation of the use of the Council's arborist.

**19. PLANTING REQUEST FOR CHURCH LANE**

The committee considered alternative ideas to the request as this was seen as an active footpath and a working compromise was currently in place for the lane that considered the views of the neighbouring properties. The Clerk was asked to investigate with the Church an area within the Churchyard for the resident. It was therefore agreed to

**RECOMMEND:** that the existing arrangement was supported and the request was declined.

An approach would be made to the Church to potentially assist the resident in progressing plans in the Church yard.

**20. COUNCIL WORKWEAR COLOUR**

**RECOMMEND:** The workwear colour be altered to Navy to include the new heritage coloured logo.

**21. U3A REQUEST FOR THE QUEENS BEACON**

**RECOMMEND:** that the request for the use of the Beacon and a member of staff to deliver to site and operate the beacon be accepted.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Conservation area review – Bingham Heritage Trails Association would be approached for capacity to be named for the review. If the group were unable to assist then Rushcliffe Borough Council would be asked to lead on the review.

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- (b) Barratt David Wilson – Poppy Circles. The Committee were updated that the Clerk had arranged a meeting with a representative of the British Legion to assist in progressing a memorial to replace the failing poppy circles.

**23. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

- Confidential note from 14 June 2022

The notes were approved.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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