

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: R Bird, G Williams, A Shelton, T Wallace, S Perkins, N Jejna, N Mees, V Leach, E Georgiou, W Stapleton, M Baulcombe and P Walters.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk) & C Beecroft (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 8 Including County Councillor N Clarke and Borough Councillor N Regan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors M Stockwood and F Purdue-Horan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interests was received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had attended:

- Interview with the Bingham & District Audio Magazine
- Newark and Sherwood Civic Service
- His 70th Birthday celebrations
- Meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding parking
- Red Ensign events at Bingham and County Hall
- NALC Annual General Meeting

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident raised concerns over the parking on St Marys Road by visitors to Butt Field attending Football training/matches. The Council were informed that a group of residents were experiencing issues leaving or entering their driveways and pathways were blocked by cars. The Mayor confirmed that the Clerk would speak with the Club to look at potential solutions and would call to update the resident in further detail on the bridleway access and parking within the town.

A resident attended to make a speech regarding a matter personal to himself and the Mayor advised that it was not the appropriate forum.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023 (Folios 10086 to 10089), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Community, Recreation & Amenities, 01 August 2023
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be accepted.
- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 05 September 2023
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be accepted.
- (c) Planning Committee, 01 August 2023
RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.
- (d) Planning Committee, 05 September 2023
RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

7. CO-OPTION

One application for the vacancy in the North East Ward had been received.

RESOLVED: that Peter Walters be co-opted to the Town Councillor Vacancy in the North East Ward.

The meeting paused for the signing of the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr P Walters joined the remainder of the meeting.

8. WYNHILL PAVILION

The Council received an updated report on the work to windows and cladding at the Pavilion and it was

RESOLVED: to approve costs of £9360 in support of the replacement windows and doors.

9. TOWN CENTRE CCTV

The Council received a report regarding Safer Streets 5 and that a grant application had been submitted by Rushcliffe Borough Council for a new 6 camera system. If the grant was awarded, the PCC had confirmed commitment to grant £10,000 in match funding and the Town Council were asked to support with match funding in the region of £6000. Further information for consideration and consultation would take place if the project was awarded funding.

RESOLVED: that the project for a new 6 camera monitored system was supported in principle, with match funding of £6000 agreed.

10. BINGHAM CAR PARKING STRATEGY GROUP

The Council considered Rushcliffe Borough Council's cabinet report and the Car Parking Strategy Group that had been created to look at parking solutions for Bingham.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.45pm to allow Cllr Neil Clarke to speak directly with the Council and standing orders were re-instated at 7.48pm.

The Council confirmed their support for collaborative working and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor R Bird be the Town Council's representative on the Car Parking Strategy Group.

11. RESERVES FUNDING FOR CAR PARK SURVEYS

The Council were updated that approx £12,000 of the £25,000 allocation from Rushcliffe Borough Council to support the feasibility of a long stay car park remained. Prior to commissioning a business case, car parking surveys were required to give an accurate picture of the car parking in Bingham, to include on street parking near the Town Centre. Three quotations had been received and approximately £10,700 would be required from the Town Council's long stay car parking reserve to support the surveys. Concerns were raised over the motion on the Rushcliffe Borough Council agenda on 21 September 2023, which if successful could see Rushcliffe Borough Council approach the Town Council to purchase the contaminated land site.

RESOLVED: that £10,700 be released to support parking surveys across the Town Centre, subject to the motion to take ownership of land not being carried.

12. GROWTH BOARD

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed that the Growth Boards were undergoing review and the Council summarised their views as part of the review.

RESOLVED: that the Growth Board needed to be more transparent than previous boards. Membership should be a selection of local people chosen for their expertise, with time to commit, from local businesses', community groups, ward and town councillors. All ideas on the engagement/communication were agreeable and should be used.

13. DLUHC CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLANS

RESOLVED: that NALC's proposed response to the consultation was supported.

14. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee vacancies were presented and Cllr Bird confirmed that as he attended many committees, his membership on Wynhill could be re-allocated.

RESOLVED: to update the committee membership to include Cllr N Mees on the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor P Walters on the HR Committee, Cllr M Baulcombe on the Car Park Committee and Councillors V Leach and N Jejna on the Wynhill Re-development Committee.

15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor N Mees confirmed that he attended the NALC AGM with Cllr R Bird. A presentation on the civility and respect project had taken place at the meeting and Cllr N Mees had been elected to the Executive Committee.

16. INVOICES

RESOLVED: to make payment of £8182.26 to Arcsus for the supply and installation of the new server and £7500 to Bingham Community Events in support of the 2023 events calendar.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

18. 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”

- Recruitment
An update was received.

Meeting Closed at 8.53pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: