

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 06 February 2024 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, A Shelton, W Stapleton, V Leach, N Jejna, T Wallace and S Perkins.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 7 Including Councillor P Walters.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor R Bird. Councillor T Wallace was noted as a substitute member.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as a member of Bingham Sports Club Committee and abstained from the vote.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 21 November 2023, Folios 10124 to 10127, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the report and updates.

5. SOLAR PANEL PROJECT AT BUTT FIELD

The Committee received a report and documents relating to the solar panel project. An update on the application made the UKSPF fund by Bingham Town Sports Club was also noted.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.21pm to allow questions to the sports club committee and these were re-instated at 7.53pm.

The committee previously confirmed that as the land and building owner, projects would be progressed by the Town Council in conjunction with the Sports Club. It was noted that if funding was awarded, the Club may progress the project, but all appropriate documentation would be provided prior to the project being installed. No funding was requested by the Town Council, but project lead support was confirmed. The project was noted as being a priority for the Club, but the Council confirmed that with other ongoing projects, work would commence later in the year, unless a funding award deadline was set.

RECOMMEND: support for the solar panel project to continue on the pavilion.

RECOMMEND: that the project be added to the three year reserves plan for progression.

Note: Item 14 and 7 were taken as the next items for consideration, the minutes have been recorded in agenda order.

6. SAFER STREETS 5 CCTV FUNDING

The CCTV consultation was noted and the committee confirmed that there were no comments in relation to the draft data protection impact assessment and operational requirement documents. Final documents would be circulated after the closure of the consultation. It was also noted that the post in Eaton Place was not a viable location and the 7th camera would be sited on Station Street, originally included as a location.

RECOMMEND: that an increase of £4000 be approved with a total contribution of £10,000 to the scheme for the additional costs of replacement of the three lighting columns to support the project.

7. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT CHAPEL LANE AND WYNHILL PAVILION

The committee noted that the work to progress alterations to the Section 106 agreement at Chapel Lane were ongoing and therefore publication of the feasibility report was delayed. The correspondence from the Scouts and Bomberz was noted by the committee. The committee confirmed that no land or space offers could be confirmed at this time whilst feasibility and agreements with landowners continued, but the project to progress both sites was a priority of the Committee.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.23pm and were re-instated at 8.28pm to allow questions to a representative of the Scouts.

RECOMMEND: that confirmation of the Council's commitment to finding space/land for the Scouts be confirmed.

8. LINEAR PARK

The committee noted that letters had been sent to local hunts regarding trespass on the Linear Park. It was also noted the Friends of Bingham Linear Park had been successful in receiving a Rushcliffe Biodiversity Support Grant and the clerk confirmed that work using this year's grant allocation held by the Town Council had confirmed to the Borough Council.

9. QUOTATION FOR BIN EMPTYING CONTRACT FOR 2024/25

RECOMMEND: acceptance of the updated quotation for the continuation of the contract with Rushcliffe Borough Council for litter emptying and collection for 2024/2025.

10. ANNUAL CIVIC EVENTS

The committee received feedback on the Civic Awards held at the 2023 Christmas Light Switch on Event. It was agreed that further work to promote the awards was required and posters and social media would increase the reach for promotion of the awards. The awards was considered successful and it was agreed to continue the format the Christmas event with an earlier award time with larger crowds and Bingham Community Events would be approached to assist with promotion. Plans would be progressed for consideration at the next meeting and would include a further review of the civic service.

RECOMMEND: that the Civic Awards be presented at the Christmas 2024 Event.

11. TOWN COUNCILS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The committee agreed to have a stall at the summer fair with information relating to past and present activities of the Council. A party was also suggested but concerns around the budget to hold one was considered as any budget required would be from the Civic budget.

RECOMMEND: that the Chair work with Clerk to progress ideas for presentation at the next meeting.

12. CEMETERY REVIEW REPORT AND MEMORIAL TESTING

The committee noted the update on work progressed and the delay on memorial testing due to staff capacity and information required for St Marys Churchyard.

13. ST MARYS AND ALL SAINTS BOUNDARY WALL REPAIR

It was noted that several repairs to the boundary wall were required and work would be progressed in house or quotations would be obtained for consideration.

14. BRIDLEWAY LEADING TO BUTT FIELD

The committee were updated of the additional work that had taken place that had gone beyond the original costs quoted. The Council were asked to support a third of the costs for the additional materials delivered to site. The costs originally agreed totalled £3198.03 plus vat.

RECOMMEND: that a further cost of £1066.01 plus vat be accepted.

15. ARCHERS LAKE PATHWAY WORKS

The committee noted that the Breedon Gravel paths around Archers Lake were due for completion by the end of February 2024, subject to weather conditions.

Barratts had planned to continue the landscaping works at Archers Lake towards the next planting season in the autumn they would progress installation of the play area planned towards the David Wilson Homes development.

The Parsons Hill project was estimated to move forward later in the year with Barratts re-confirming their commitment to the scheme.

16. NO MOW MAY AREAS

The committee considered Plantlifes No Mow May campaign. The Clerk confirmed that signage for areas allocated would be used to identify to residents why areas were being left uncut.

RECOMMEND: that the Linear Park, Tithby Tops, Sound Banks and Warners Paddock (apart from metal stantions areas) be included in No Mow May.

17. UKSPF

The committee noted the submission of an application to the UKSPF fund for Christmas Trees and maestro system.

18. SPEED WATCH UPDATE

The committee received confirmation the data collected by the community speed-watch initiative would not be used to prosecute drivers. It was agreed that the initiative was not considered a priority to progress.

19. BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

The committee noted the budget to actuals report.

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”

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Cogley Lane Land –

RECOMMEND: that the Council's interest be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Support for the solar panel project to continue on Butt Field Pavilion.
- The Solar panel project be added to the three year reserves plan for progression.
- An increase of £4000 be approved with a total contribution of £10,000 to the CCTV scheme for the additional costs of replacement of the three lighting columns to support the project.
- Confirmation of the Council's commitment to finding space/land for the Scouts be confirmed.
- Acceptance of the updated quotation for the continuation of the contract with Rushcliffe Borough Council for litter emptying and collection for 2024/2025.
- The Civic Awards be presented at the Christmas 2024 Event.
- The Chair work with Clerk to progress ideas for the Town Council's 50th Anniversary for presentation at the next meeting.
- Further costs of £1066.01 plus vat be accepted for the work to the Bridleway leading to Butt Field.
- The Linear Park, Tithby Tops, Sound Banks and Warners Paddock be included in No Mow May.