

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 08 October 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 3 including Councillors M Baulcombe, N Mees, T Wallace.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 13 August 2024, Folios 10216 to 10219, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the outstanding actions and an update on the progress with Topographical quotes for the Linear Park steps was noted.

5. BUDGET TO ACTUAL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The updated budgets were noted.

6. HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS

Standing orders were suspended at 7.28pm and 7.30pm and were re-instated at 7.30 and 7.38pm to allow representatives from the Allotments to address the committee.

- a) Draft tenancy agreement - The feedback received from tenants was considered by the committee and the committee considered the responses to the queries raised. Minor alterations had been made to the draft issued after receiving the allotment feedback.

RESOLVED: to approve the updated allotment tenancy agreement for January 2025.

The Clerk confirmed that all allotment holders would receive the document presented to confirm the queries received and clarifications.

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The committee also noted the request for an additional water tap and this would be investigated for a future meeting.

- b) Rent Review - The feedback regarding the rent review was received by the committee a draft tenant's response was reviewed.

RESOLVED: to respond to all tenants with further information and confirm that an annual rent review would be completed every April.

7. COGLEY LANE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The committee considered the 27 responses received for the project and considered the impact to the budget to maintain and manage the site, set up costs, the feedback comments, staffing capacity, project commitments to other sites and the limits to the work that could be approved due to the site's Statutory Monument status.

RECOMMEND: that the Cogley Lane project does not proceed due to the site constraints and the costs to set up and maintain the site.

8. TOWN GUIDE QUOTATION

The committee considered the quotation and frequency of the Town Guide production. The next guide would include options for no adverts and include the town map for residents. Additional town maps could be considered for printing if required ahead of the production of the next guide.

RESOLVED: to defer production of the Town Guide to 2026/27 for production on a four-year cycle.

9. RESIDENTS REQUESTS - TREE WORKS

The advice from the tree surgeon was considered and images of the trees were noted.

RESOLVED: to grant permission for the removal of the Tree near Campion Way.

RESOLVED: to grant permission for pruning of 0.5meters of the branches within the resident's boundary for the St Marys Church Yard tree.

RESOLVED: to request a tree preservation order for the Plane Tree in the Church Yard.

10. MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION REQUEST

RESOLVED: to approve the request.

11. PLAY AREA REPAIRS

The update on repairs was noted. The Clerk confirmed a handover meeting with Streetwise had been arranged and it was agreed that the Chair attend the meeting. The play area and open space maintenance budget continued to be overspent due to the unbudgeted cost of £8250 for the outsourcing of play area inspections to support staff capacity.

RECOMMEND: that the continued overspend on the Play Area and Open Space Budget be approved.

12. BINGHAM TOWN PAVILION

RESOLVED: to approve a rent review for Wynhill Pavilion and land using the terms of the lease for February 2025.

13. BUTT FIELD SPORTS GROUND BENCH

a) Bench location – the committee were updated the Sports Clubs had been experiencing issues with anti-social behaviour around the benches nearest the Old Pavilion. The Club had been advised to keep a record of incidents and to report issues to 101.

b) Old Pavilion – the committee noted the design a new storage unit to replace the Old Pavilion unit that would be on the same foot print as the existing building. Advice had confirmed that Planning would be required and the Sports Club were seeking support with this process from the Council as the land owners and permission to replace the failing building.

RECOMMEND: agreement in principle for the proposed building and costs for Planning Support were to be taken for consideration at the Finance, Policy and Resources meeting.

c) Flood Lights – the committee noted that all flood lights would be updated to LED and a replacement for the light knocked over was being progressed.

14. DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON CHERRY STREET

The committee considered the response to the objection and requested that NCC/VIA look at the whole area to seek a holistic solution.

RESOLVED: to request a meeting with District Highways Manager and Portfolio Holder for planning and transport.

15. 2 MINUTE LITTER PICKING STATION

The committee were updated of the availability of a 2 minute litter picking station for the Town. The station provided by Streetwise would be placed in a central location and would not require any insurance or funding from the Town Council. The litter station would be

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replenished by Streetwise staff. The Council were asked to support the initiative and consider a central location.

RESOLVED: to support the installation of a 2-minute litter picking station on the hard standing area near the main car park.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

17. CONFIDENTIAL

The following matters were discussed:

- Community Oscars

RESOLVED: to share the nominations with all Councillors and votes would be counted to select 5 award winners.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Cogley Lane project does not proceed due to the site constraints and the costs to set up and maintain the site.
- Continued overspend on the Play Area and Open Space Budget be approved.
- Agreement in principle for the proposed building and costs for Planning Support were to be taken for consideration at the Finance, Policy and Resources meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Approve the updated allotment tenancy agreement for January 2025
- Respond to all tenants with further information on the rent increase and confirm that an annual rent review would be completed every April.
- Defer production of the Town Guide to 2026/27 for production on a four-year cycle.
- Grant permission for the removal of the Tree near Campion Way.
- Grant permission for pruning of 0.5meters of the branches within the resident's boundary for the St Marys Church Yard tree.
- Request a tree preservation order for the Plane Tree in the Church Yard.
- Approval of the memorial request.
- Approval of a rent review for Wynhill Pavilion and land using the terms of the lease for February 2025.
- Request a meeting with District Highways Manager and Portfolio Holder for planning and transport.
- Support for the installation of a 2-minute litter picking station on the hard standing area near the main car park.
- The Oscar nominations be shared with all Councillors and votes would be counted to select 5 award winners.