PRESENT:

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

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor G Williams was proposed as Chair by Councillor R Bird and this was seconded by Councillor N Jejna.

Councillor S Perkins nominated himself as Chair and this was seconded by Councillor W Stapleton.

A vote was taken and Councillor G Williams was duly elected as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologises for absence were received.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor S Perkins was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor G Wiliams and this was seconded by Councillor W Stapleton.

A vote was taken and Councillor S Perkins was duly elected as Chair.

4. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillor G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 11 and 14 as a committee member and Town Council representative. Councillor A Shelton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 as a member of the Twinning Association and Councillor R Bird declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17, Cogley Lane, and confirmed that he would not vote on the item.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee notes the terms of reference.

6. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 16 April 2024, Folios 10159 to 10162, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the report and updates. The Town Clerk also confirmed that progress had been made to agree progression of the Town Centre maps and that an update on the launch of a Facebook page would be considered at the next meeting.

8. BUDGET TO ACTUAL TO 31 MAY 2024

The report was noted with no budget concerns noted.

9. TOWN SUMMER FAIR

The committee summarised comments that had been fed back to them and their experiences of the day. The sound was noted as an issue during the main act and the road closures were considered. A meeting was to be arranged with staff and Bingham Community Events to consider plans for next year's event.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.42pm to allow public comment and these were reinstated at 7.46pm.

10. CHAPEL FEASIBILITY

The committee noted the updated on progress and that the report would be ready for publication mid to late July.

11. CIVIC RECEPTION TO MARK 40 YEARS OF TWINNING

The committee agreed to mark the 40 years of Twinning with a welcome event for visitors expected from Wallenfels. The civic budget would be utilised for the arrangements.

RESOLVED: to arrange a civic reception to welcome the visitors from Wallenfels on Thursday 05 September 2024.

12. RoSPA REPORTS

The committee noted the five play areas had been inspected and that a report of the work identified and actioned would be prepared for the next meeting.

13. CONTRACTOR SUPPORT

A report confirming costs for contractor support to support staff capacity, for play area inspections and grass cutting was presented.

RECOMMEND: continuation of contractor support and outsourcing to support the delivery of the Council's services.

RECOMMEND: to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee to agree an expected overspend on the budgets for cemetery maintenance and play area/open space maintenance to support the delivery of the Council's services and management of its assets.

14. BRIDLEWAY

The Committee viewed images of the current surface condition and agreed that the Bridleway should be monitored after investment into the surface. Contact had been made with the Crown Estates and it had been confirmed that holes would be filled as the weather conditions dried.

Standing orders were suspended at 8.44pm to allow a resident to comment and these were re-instated at 8.48pm.

The committee agreed to continue to work with Rushcliffe Borough Council on providing a more permanent solution of access through the Hammerhead, for the Crown to progress repairs and to ask Bingham Town Sports Club to impress the importance of low speed and care for the bridleway to its users accessing the site.

15. TOWN CENTRE NOTICE BOARDS

The committee reviewed a report on the condition and location of the current community and Town Council notice boards.

The committee agreed that having partially locked area for official Town Council information, with a community area for notices should be investigated. The Clerk was asked to look at costs of repair versus replacement. It was also agreed to investigate one or two boards at the Roman's Quarter development to aid communication with new residents. Barratts would be contacted for assistance in progressing boards in those areas.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The following item of correspondence was received:

a) Letter regarding traffic on Chapel Lane, Tithby Road and Kirk Hill.

The committee requested the concerns be passed onto the local Nottinghamshire County Councillors for consideration, including a request for consideration of a pedestrian crossing on Tithby Hill.

17. CONFIDENTIAL

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:-

To resolve that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting."

The following matters were discussed:

Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

Cogley Lane Land

RECOMMEND: that legal costs be accepted to progress the lease.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.	
	CHAIRMAN
	Date:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The continuation of contractor support and outsourcing to support the delivery of the Council's services.
- The Finance, Policy and Resources Committee be asked to agree an expected overspend on the budgets for cemetery maintenance and play area/open space maintenance to support the delivery of the Council's services and management of its assets.
- Legal costs be accepted to progress the lease.

RESOLUTIONS:

• To arrange a civic reception to welcome the visitors from Wallenfels on Thursday 05 September 2024.