



**BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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To:- Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman  
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          "          Mrs. T. Kerry  
          "          Mrs. S. Orr  
          "          F. Purdue-Horan  
and all other Councillors for information

22nd July, 2015.

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of Bingham Town Council to be held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 28th July, 2015, at 7.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Holland,  
Clerk to the Council.



*Twinned in friendship with Wallenfels, Bavaria, Germany*



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### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence and Acceptance.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th June, 2015.
4. Matters Arising out of the Minutes held on the 9th June, 2015, not included in this Agenda (for information only), including:-
5. Clerk's Update (as per attached)
6. To consider matters in respect of allotments.
7. To consider matters in respect of playing fields, play areas and open spaces, including:-
  - 01 To consider summary of play area inspection reports (report attached)
  - 02 Repainting of play equipment – Update.
  - 03 Carnarvon Play Area – To consider problems re. 34, Nottingham Road fence damage
  - 04 Linear Park, including:-
    - Trees on residential boundaries.
    - Update on BioBlitz event
  - 05 To consider suggestion re. future use of Nottinghamshire County Council-owned land as a nature reserve. (Report attached).
8. To consider any correspondence received, including:-
  - 01 Receipt of Minutes from Friends of Linear Park.

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**CLERK'S UPDATE**

<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</b>
Outdoor facilities for all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess existing facilities</li> <li>- Consult on usage</li> <li>- Develop improvement plan</li> </ul>
Standards of maintenance of Council-maintained land, including the Linear Park	Develop maintenance plan
Toothill School – Proposed footpath diversion	Respond to N.C.C. consultations.
R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Future of the contaminated land	Awaiting Tesco development that may improve access to land.
Future of Warner's Paddock	Awaiting Crown Estate's next assessment of the land
N.C.C. Land at Wynhill for allotments and/or Nature Reserve or Scout Base	N.C.C. confirmed its land at Wynhill was in process of being assessed for sale as development land, i.e. maximum price.
Proposed Scout Base	Awaiting further information from Scouts.
Linear Walk Presentation Board & Twinning Sign etc.	Awaiting further information from FLP

**Reasons for the creation of a Wildlife Area to the south of  
Wynhill Sports Ground**

1. This is the only area of its type left in Bingham, and as such must not be lost to further housing. Although less well known, in a different way, it is as important to conserve this area as it is to retain Warners Paddock, while clearance and loss of habitat at the nearby Lidl supermarket site, together with the massive urban development shortly to begin north of the railway line, add to the importance of retaining this land as a wildlife area.
2. There is a variety of trees, shrubs (hawthorn etc) and natural open spaces with many types of grasses and wild flowers.
3. The nature of the above provides breeding areas for many types of insect, spiders and caterpillars.
4. Ground cover of this type provides natural homes for small mammals such as hedgehog, weasel, shrew etc.
5. The profusion of insects, seed and berries, together with ground and shrub cover, make this an attractive area for a wide variety of birds. One local resident has recorded 18 species here including bullfinch (red listed) long tailed tit and blackcap.
6. This area compliments the Linear Park as a valuable area in which school children can study nature in a natural setting.
7. The area is adjacent to a medium and high risk flood area, and provides a large natural soak-away to keep these risks within bounds. Development such as housing would increase the flood risk to this area and parts of the adjacent housing estate.
8. It also provides wider ecosystem services such as pollination, soil and air quality regulation, building resistance to climate change etc.
9. Development of this area under the guidance of the Notts. Wildlife Trust would make it even more attractive for wildlife.
10. ANGSt (Accessible Nature Greenspace Standard) recommends that everyone should have a green space of at least 2 hectares no more than 300 metres from home, and people already use this area for walking, jogging, exercising dogs etc.

This area was surveyed by Ben Driver (Southern Conservation Officer – Notts Wildlife Trust), Cllr. John Ferguson and local resident Graham Scrivener on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015. Mr. Driver was most positive in his comments and felt this area should be preserved for wildlife.

The area was mentioned in a report “Enhancing Green Space in Bingham” dated 4/9/12.

Cllr. John Ferguson

## SUMMARY OF 2015 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS

### GENERAL COMMENTS ON ALL PLAY AREAS

Some of paintwork on metal play equipment in poor condition.  
Woodchip ground surface requires raking & weeding.

#### CARNARVON PLAY AREA

#### MEDIUM RISK

The new grass matting in front of goal end screen, slide and wood chip were only items which scored 8 all other items score 7 or less.  
The slide met correct standards on installation.  
Cradle swings chain links worn.

#### CROW CLOSE PLAY AREA

#### MEDIUM RISK

Woodchip scored 8 all other items 7 or less.  
The slide met correct standards on installation.  
Wood chip requires raking & topping up.

#### WALLENFELS PLAY AREA

#### LOW RISK

Swing basket - finger entrapment but conforms to standards.  
Gate entrance surface requires attention. This has been addressed.

#### WYCHWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA

#### MEDIUM RISK

The matting in front of goal end screen and the wetpour surface scored 8.

VERY LOW RISK	1-3	Monitor
LOW RISK	4-7	Monitor
MEDIUM RISK	8-12	Address as resources allow.
HIGH RISK	13-20	Urgent
UNACCEPTABLY HIGH	21+	Urgent