

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 26th February, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan – Town Mayor in the Chair
 " P. D. Abbey
 " R. Barnett
 " A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " J. Eagles
 " A. J. Hall
 " Mrs. S. J. Hull
 " C. Lancaster
 " A. Shelton
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: D. Banks) Rushcliffe Borough Council – Glass Recycling
 P. Barker)
 " " " County Councillor M. Suthers and eighteen members of the public

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced that he had attended the following functions:-

- 1.00 Thursday, 7th February, 2008**, attended the R.T.P. Institute Awards, London, as a guest of the Crown Estate.
- 2.00 Saturday, 9th February, 2008**, attended the Town Council's Civic Reception at The Old Courthouse and presented the Civic Awards. The Mayor reported that he had received many positive comments from those attending and appreciation from all Award recipients.
- 3.00 Thursday, 28th February, 2008**. The Mayor reported that he would be attending a presentation by the Crown Estate on the future of the Bingham Business Park.

The Town Clerk, Alan R. Harvey, was due to leave on Friday, 29th February, 2008. The Mayor expressed grateful thanks on behalf of all Councillors for the work Mr. Harvey had done for Bingham

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors F. Kerry, J. Stockwood and J. Marshall.

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1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December, 2007, and the Extraordinary meetings on the 15th January and 12th February, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING (For information):

There were no further matters arising for information to report.

It was agreed that Item 3 (Reports) be discussed after the following discussion on glass recycling (Item 4).

GLASS RECYCLING:

David Banks and Philip Barker were invited to make a presentation to the Town Council regarding proposals for glass recycling in the town as part of a six month pilot project due to start in June, 2008.

The Borough was seeking approval from the Town Council for a number of recommendations, and a report and location plans were circulated to members.

The following points were raised:-

- ? There were reservations regarding the proposed site No. 11 at Cogley Lane – Rushcliffe Borough Council agreed to investigate.
- ? It was felt that site No. 3 at Newgate Street car park would exacerbate the already difficult parking situation.
- ? Councillors were advised that the micro sites would consist of wheeled bins chained and padlocked to a concrete base until a collection lorry arrives.
- ? Councillors were advised that all residents who currently had assisted collections would receive a recycling box which would be collected on demand. It was felt that not everyone in need would be capable of requesting a collection.
- ? Collections from micro sites would be made daily.

The Town Council agreed to the following proposals:-

- (a) It was **Proposed** by Councillor Eagles and **Seconded** by Councillor Shelton that the Town Council partners the Borough Council in the scheme.
- (b) It was **Proposed** by Councillor Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Shelton that the Town Council, as landowners, allow the sites 1, 2, 9 and 11 to be used as glass recycling sites.

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GLASS RECYCLING continued.....

The Town Council agreed to the following proposals.....

- (c) It was **Proposed** by Councillor Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Shelton that the Town Council appoints an empowered representative to work with the Borough Council and be the communication link.

The above proposals were **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** en bloc.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Banks and Mr. Barker for their presentation.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports were submitted on the following meetings:

01 Planning Committee – 11th December, 2007, 8th and 29th January, and 12th February, 2008.

02 Environment Committee – 8th January, 2008.
Folio 5746 – Community Speed Watch Update

Councillor Councillor M. Suthers had agreed to provide up to £800.00 towards the cost of purchasing a speed gun.

03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 22nd January, 2008.

Additional actions:-

1. (a) Urgent tree work was required at Langtry Gardens where several trees were dead or decaying and posed a threat to neighbouring homes. A quotation of £900.00 for the work had been received.
- (b) Fencing work needed carrying out at Carnarvon Play Area to prevent further vandalism. A quotation of £250.00 had been received. It was **Proposed** by Councillor Barnett, **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson and **RESOLVED** to approve the work at a total cost of £1,150.00.

2. Butt Field

There was no information in the lease regarding the height of the new fencing. This information may be in the farmer's deeds, which are private documents. Any fencing over 2.5m in height would require planning permission.

Community Committee, 29th January, 2008.

Policy & Resources Committee, 12th February, 2008.

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4. TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor Suthers reported as follows:-

- (a) Long Acre Zebra Crossing
Following a site visit by Nottinghamshire County Council, it was proposed to make the crossing more conspicuous and investigate the possibility of installing a safety rail on the south side.
- (b) Toot Hill School
Nottinghamshire County Council Education Department is considering improvements to the Design & Technology Department which is currently in a poor state.
- (c) Community Building Working Party re. Moorlands
Nottinghamshire County Council wishes to widen its use by the community and has no intention of restricting the use of Moorlands.
- (d) Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood reported that she had attended the 'Older Persons' Seminar' at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding closure of nursing homes. The main ethos is now to care for the elderly in their own homes.

Councillor Suthers pointed out that as ordinary homes are currently inadequate for the needs of older people, consideration is now being given to the development of retirement villages similar to the one proposed in Clifton.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND

The Town Clerk reported that no update was available and a response was awaited from the Environment Agency following GeoDyne's report.

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to the views of the Environment Agency on the surveys carried out by GeoDyne, the Town Council should work with Rushcliffe Borough Council to identify a future for the site and obtain acknowledgement from the Borough Council that Bingham Town Council did not contaminate the site.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following letters were noted:-

- (a) N.A.L.C. re. CiLCA course commencing 17th July, 2008.
- (b) Letter from Com Con passed on to Community Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

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The Town Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the following item:-

7. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The following issues were discussed:-

(a) Warner's Paddock

Questions were asked as follows:-

- ✍ Q. Was Warner's Paddock being actively considered as a site for a new health centre/community centre?
A. Yes – this was a matter of public knowledge.
- ✍ Q. What other sites were being considered?
A. Other sites were minuted.
- ✍ Q. Would the Town Council consider pursuing the sited independently of the P.C.T?
A. Yes. Ultimately, the decision regarding a health centre on Warner's Paddock rests with the P.C.T. and LiftCo.
- ✍ Q. What were the timescales involved?
A. Long timescales.
- ✍ Q. Has the Town Council been involved in discussion with the Crown Estate?
A. Yes, continually. It was asked over a year ago if it would support development and said yes, it would.

(b) Pioneer Shop

A question was asked regarding the fact that the shop had remained empty over a long period and why had nothing been progressed through Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Councillors replied that the shop was privately owned and that the Town Council had no powers of compulsory purchase. Compulsory purchase was very expensive and out of the Town Council's price range.

Regarding the provision of a health centre on the site, the P.C.T. was under considerable pressure to move quickly to find a new site, otherwise the incentive to provide Bingham with a new health centre may be lost and the town would lose its place on the priority list.

(c) Communication

A plea was made for the Town Council to improve its communication with residents in respect of Minutes being available on the website and in the Library. Residents need to be kept better informed.

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Standing Orders were reinstated.

8. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:

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.”

The following items were discussed:

**LAND FOR ALLOTMENTS
CONTAMINATION SURVEY
UPDATE FROM LIFTCO
LAND AT MOOR LANE
BUTT FIELD SPORTS CLUB LEASE
APPOINTMENTS WORKING GROUP**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.