

Minutes of a special meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 25th March, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	F. Purdue-Horan – Town Mayor in the Chair
"	Mrs. A. Bryan
"	G. Davidson
"	J. Eagles
"	F. Kerry
"	C. Lancaster
"	A. Shelton
"	J. Stockwood
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors P. Abbey, R. Barnett, A. Hall, Mrs. S. Hull and Mrs. J. Marshall.

BUTT FIELD SPORTS CLUB LEASE:

The Council considered the recommendations from the Special Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 11th March, 2008.

After considering the report from that Committee, it was **Moved** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson, and

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Council endorses the recommendations of the Special Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 11th March, 2008, to approve the lease to the Butt Field Sports Club in line with the revision agreed during that meeting.
- (ii) the matters referred to in Items 3.1 to 3.4 of the report to Council, as set out in the Appendix hereto, be formally noted for action

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.06 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

Extract from the Report to Council, 25th March, 2008.

- 3.1 The Committee raised two other substantive matters that can be dealt with by exchange of letters with the Club and should not delay completion of the Lease.
- 3.2 The first is the issue of grass cutting etc. This is referred to in the Football Foundation application and there is a clear commitment from the Club to pay a proportion of the grounds maintenance costs - see Para 5.4.1 in the Application Briefing Document and Section B of the Application Form 2. Based on the figures shown in those documents, I estimate the Club's contribution to be a minimum of 43% based on the figures in the application. i.e. costs in 2007 shown as £4,000, costs in 2008 shown as £7,067 = £3,067 more than the base year 2007 - I calculate the extra to represent 43%.
- 3.3 There will need to be acknowledgement (again via formal exchange of letters) that the Council is responsible for maintaining the car parking area, the landscaped areas and for mowing all grassed areas including the football and cricket pitches. This will also pick up on the commitment in the Bid for the Council and the Club to agree budgets and apportionment of costs (referred to in the previous Para).

The Club has indicated that they are prepared to deal with these matters by exchange of letters.

- 3.3 The second issue was a question to the Club to ask about their attitude towards hiring to outside bodies or commercial undertakings.
- 3.4 The Club has confirmed that all applications for usage will be submitted to the Council in the first instance for consideration and then be passed to the Butt Field Sports Club Committee for action. That therefore ensures that the Council has the initial right of approval/denial.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Council endorse the recommendation of the special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 11th March to approve the Lease to the Butt Fields Sports Club in line with the revisions agreed during that meeting.

Peter Butcher
Acting Town Clerk