

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 9th March, 2010**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance: County Councillor M. Suthers

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend Christine Perry, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS:

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced she had attended the following events:-

1.00 Wednesday, 27th January, 2010. Invited to the Nottinghamshire County Council Holocaust Memorial Event held at County Hall.

2.00 Thursday, 4th February, 2010. Attended the Royal Town Planning Awards Ceremony.

3.00 Saturday, 13th February, 2010. Attended Bingham Town Council's Civic Reception and presented certificates to winners of Civic Awards.

4.00 Thursday, 25th February, 2010. Attended meeting with representatives of the Crown Estate who came to indicate how they had followed up suggestions from Bingham for the possible future development in Bingham. They gave an update and confirmed there would be extensive consultation with all residents of Bingham shortly.

The Mayor said she had met with Butt Field Sports Clubs' representatives and had informal talks with them in connection with the Butt Field Project to progress their offer of a contribution towards the grounds maintenance costs. She was pleased to report that she would be able to take proposals for 2010/11 forward to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee. Additionally, she added she had further information pertinent to this Council year to impart under confidential items this evening.

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood also thanked Councillors and members of the public for the fantastic support given to her as a Bingham & District Rotarian in her fund-raising efforts for the campaign to 'End Polio Now'.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A. Shelton declared an interest in Folio 6241, Item 5.06 (e), Bingham Neighbourhood Watch.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Davidson and C. Lancaster.

2.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January, 2010, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3.00 MATTERS ARISING:

01 Folio 6200, Item 4.06 (i) – Harry Beet

The Mayor confirmed that this item was being addressed by Rushcliffe Borough Council Councillors on Bingham Town Council, i.e. at this stage, the Town Council would not incur any expenditure.

4.00 TESCO:

Tesco representatives gave a short presentation and provided a hard copy of their proposals. Tesco had been in talks with other Authorities, i.e. Nottinghamshire County Council Highways, Network Rail, etc. Councillors' queries were answered in relation to the railway crossings, traffic and link to the bridleway. Tesco was aiming at submitting a planning application by the end of March, and, if permission was granted, the build would be scheduled which could, possibly, be autumn, 2012.

5.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes and the following recommendations were made:-

01 Planning Committee – Folio 6204 – 19th January, 2010.

02 Community Committee – Folio 6206 – 19th January, 2010.

An informal meeting had taken place with B.R.E.A.D. and this would be reported to the next meeting of the Community Committee.

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5.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee, Folio 6210 – 2nd February, 2010.

It was noted that the Minute reference 6210, Item 1.01 (b) required amending at the next Recreational & Cemetery Committee meeting.

04 Planning Committee , Folio 6215, 16th February, 2010.

05 Environment Committee, Folio 6219, 16th February, 2010.

06 Policy & Resources Committee, Folio 6225, 23rd February, 2010:-

Recommendations were made to approve the following:-

- (a) Budget Report 'A' up to the end of 31st January, 2010.
- (b) Accounts presented.
- (c) Accounts paid.
- (d) Calendar for 2010/11
- (e) Under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act, £190.63 grant aid awarded to Friends of Linear Park and £100.00 to Bingham Neighbourhood Watch.
- (f) Internal Auditor's report.
- (g) Bingham 2020 to set up a steering group.

07 Planning Committee, Folio 6235, 2nd March, 2010

With reference to the recommendation in response to Rushcliffe Borough Council Core Strategy, it was agreed to delete points 3 – 6; also, point 2 to read "*Bingham Town Council supports the omission of large development sites near Bingham.* "

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Reports and Recommendations of all the Committees and Working Groups referred to be approved.

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6.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor Martin Suthers

Councillor Suthers confirmed that, under the B.B.C. (Building Better Communities) [old scheme name], now called L.I.S. (Local Improvement Scheme) [new scheme name], he was supporting the Town Council's clock project and also the renovation of the wall on Jebb's Lane.

Councillor Suthers confirmed there was a delay with the crossing on Grantham Road due to guidelines stipulating that a toucan crossing has to be installed if vehicles are exceeding the speed limit. A toucan crossing is more expensive to install, therefore, additional funding has to be identified.

Newgate Street was included for resurfacing in next year's budget. Other grant aid had been given to fund the Roman Wall project, a new projector at Toot Hill School, a sensory garden and raised allotments at other schools.

02 Other Councillors' Reports

Councillor J. Stockwood gave a brief report on the Newton Community Liaison Group and confirmed there would be public consultation based on display boards around Bingham.

7.00 NOTICE OF MOTION:

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Purdue-Horan and **SECONDED** by Councillor Kerry that:-

"This Council has serious concerns with issues relating to the building of a new Health Centre for Bingham, including:-

- (a) *Since October, 2009, Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust has not communicated with Bingham Town Council or had any appropriate dialogue with elected representatives of Bingham.*
- (b) *Following the announcement of the Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust's preferred site of Mill Hill in 2009, there has been no confirmation as to whether this site has been pursued or acquired.*

This Council requests an urgent meeting with Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust to be updated with relevant information and to ensure all possible options are explored to improve the provision of health care services to all residents of Bingham".

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that a meeting with Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust be arranged.

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8.00 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUS STOP/STANDS PROPOSALS:

After a brief discussion, Councillors agreed to a letter being sent to the County Council, reporting that the short consultation period was unacceptable and requesting an extension of the period. The proposals were unacceptable for various reasons, including the following:-

- 01 The area falls within a conservation area.
- 02 The proposed stand outside The Chesterfield Arms and The Old Court House would present problems for other road users and residents. It would also impair the view which forms part of Bingham Heritage Trail.
- 03 The extension in front of the Co-op would present problems for mobility scooters as the location of the dropped crossings would mean users having to pull on to the road without a clear vision of vehicles coming down the road.

9.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Nottinghamshire County Council

A letter had been received in connection with the Robin Hood film and May Day activities. It was agreed that this should be referred to Promotions.

02 Nottinghamshire County Council

Letter received about the closure of Tythby Road and copied to all Councillors.

03 Robert Miles Infants' School

Request received asking for a Council representative on the governing body. Noted.

04 Nottinghamshire County Council

Letter received re. Local Improvement Scheme. To be referred to Community Committee.

05 Nottinghamshire County Council

A letter received concerning an Arts & Craft Fair on the Market Place to be held twice this year and seeking clarification that the dates did not clash with anything the Town Council may be holding, one date being the 7th and 8th May, 2010. Agreed acceptable.

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10.00 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:

- 01 A resident expressed his concern over delay in connection with the proposed new Health Centre. The Mayor responded and made reference to the resolution earlier in this meeting.
- 02 A resident expressed concern over Nottinghamshire County Council's proposals for 'bus stops/stands on Church Street.

11.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

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 Private & Confidential matters in relation to the Committee Meetings were approved.

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 BUTT FIELD**
- 02 MAYORAL CHAIN**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed 9.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-