

Mayor's Announcements prior to the commencement of the Full Council Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday, 1st March, 2016, at 7.00 p.m.

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

- 1.00 Sunday, 17th January, 2016, attended Bingham Rotary Club's Charter Lunch at Ashmore's Restaurant, Radcliffe-on-Trent.
- 2.00 Friday, 5th February, 2016, attended Rushcliffe Borough Council's Civic Dinner.
- 3.00 Saturday, 27th February, 2016, attended Civic Reception held at The Old Court House and presented 2015 Civic Awards.

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 1st March, 2016**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry – Chairman
 " R. Bird
 " G. Davidson
 " J. Ferguson
 " A. Harvey
 " K. Hayes-Heath
 " Mrs. E. Hutchison
 " Mrs. A. Langford
 " Mrs. S. Orr
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " A. Shelton
 " J. Stockwood
 " Mrs. K. Vallance
 " Mrs. C. Williams
 Borough Councillor Mrs. S. Hull
 Mr. Andrew Smith – Community Led Plan
 5 Members of the public

Prayers, led by the Reverend Tony Jones, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

1.00 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: (as per list attached).

2.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from County Councillor M. Suthers.

3.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor R. Bird declared an interest in Folio 8195 and 8197, mileage expenses.
 Councillor A. Shelton declared an interest in Folio 8195, Friends of Linear Park.
 Councillor Mrs. A. Langford declared an interest in Folio 8210/11, Item 9.00, Friends of the Manor House.

4.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th January, 2016, (Folios 8133/8143), and the Special Meeting held on the 26th January, 2016, (Folio 8151), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

5.00 MATTERS ARISING:

There were no Matters Arising out of the Minutes held on the 3rd November, 2015, for information to report.

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6.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Committee Minutes were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee, 12th January, 2016, Folio 8129

Councillor K. Hayes-Heath presented the Minutes and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(b) Community Committee, 19th January, 2016, Folio 8144

Councillor R. Bird presented the Minutes and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

Councillor A. Harvey expressed his concerns that there were no beat officers based in Bingham. The Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner.

(c) Recreational & Cemetery Committee, 26th January, 2016, Folio 8152

Councillor J. Stockwood presented the Minutes and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

It was also

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation not to take on the maintenance of the open space regarding the former Moot House site.

(d) Planning Committee, 9th February, 2016, Folio 8163

Councillor K. Hayes-Heath presented the Minutes and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

(e) Environment Committee, 9th February, 2016, Folio 8168

Councillor G. Davidson presented the Minutes and Councillor Mrs. K. Vallance updated members on the Parking Working Group (refer to attached report Appendix 'A').

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

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6.00 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (e) Environment Committee, 9th February, 2016, Folio 8168 continued.....

It was also

RECOMMENDED, as per the Environment Committee Minutes, to support the third option regarding residents' parking schemes; however, a combination of Options 2 and 3 would be considered.

Councillors were also disappointed with the responses received from Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council as they appeared to contradict each other regarding short-stay parking. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with officers from Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

- (f) Policy & Resources Committee, 16th February, 2016, Folio 8182

Councillor A. Harvey presented the Minutes and it was

RESOLVED:-

- 01 To approve Budget Report 'A' up to the 31st January, 2016, and 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
- 02 To approve grant aid of £500.00 to St. Mary & All Saints Church as contribution towards clock repairs.
- 03 To approve Disciplinary Policy
- 04 To approve Sickness Policy

It was agreed to review membership of the Community Building Working Group at the next Full Council meeting.

It was

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

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7.00 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

Due to his absence, County Councillor Suthers had provided a brief report which the Clerk read out, the main focus being on parking. (Refer to report attached Appendix 'B').

02 Borough Councillor Mrs. S. Hull

Councillor Mrs. Hull reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council had included a capital expenditure item of £30,000.00 in its budget regarding Eaton Place toilets.

8.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 Update on Community Led Plan

Andrew Smith gave a brief account of the Community Led Plan process and confirmed 1,984 responses had been received, along with 969 student responses. Working groups were now collating the information received and would be prioritising it with a view to the Plan being completed in May. A public meeting was earmarked to be held at the new Methodist Church during May. However, the steering group want to liaise with all Councillors prior to this public meeting, possibly in April.

02 Positive Futures

Councillor Bird confirmed that the main priority was funding as this was due to expire in nine months' time.

9.00 RING-FENCING OF COMMUNITY CHEST MONIES IN RELATION TO THE MANOR HOUSE:

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated for this Agenda item only to allow a member of Friends the Manor House to speak.

Councillor Harvey reminded members that Friends of the Manor House had requested ring-fencing of £500,000.00 from the Community Chest in relation to the project to refurbish the Manor House, including the addition of a community facility.

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9.00 RING-FENCING OF COMMUNITY CHEST MONIES IN RELATION TO THE MANOR HOUSE continued.....

The Chairman of the Friends of the Manor House gave a brief background to the application and proposed funding. There was a brief discussion and Councillors raised queries before the following proposals were made:-

Councillor G. Davidson **PROPOSED** and Councillor R. Bird **SECONDED** a proposal to approve ring-fencing of £500,000.00 funding from the Community Chest monies for Friends of the Manor House in support of their application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant aid.

Voting was as follows:-

FOR - 4 AGAINST - 9 ABSTENTION - 1

It was

RESOLVED not to ring fence £500,000.00 for Friends of the Manor House.

Councillor J. Stockwood **PROPOSED** and Councillor A. Harvey **SECONDED** a proposal to meet direct with the Heritage Lottery Funders to discuss the Community Hall element of the project.

Voting was as follows:-

FOR - 10 AGAINST - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 2

It was

RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

10.00 CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

Councillor Harvey referred to the various Committee Minutes which detailed the draft ideas for the Capital Programme and reminded Councillors of the deadline of the end of March for any additional projects.

11.00 PROVISION OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016. (REFER TO ATTACHED REPORT APPENDIX 'C'):

It was

RESOLVED to order the following floral arrangements:-

- 16 half wrap-round flower baskets for the eight street-lighting columns in Eaton Place.

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11.00 PROVISION OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016. (REFER TO ATTACHED REPORT APPENDIX 'C') continued.....

- 4 flower towers for The Old Court House and Market Place
- 1 square flower box – Co-op Corner
- 7 window boxes – Church railings
- Investigate planting of bulbs along grass verges on the main entrances into Bingham

12.00 LIGHTING OF BEACON CEREMONY ON THE 21ST APRIL, 2016, AT 7.30 P.M. TO MARK H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH BRITHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Confirmation has been received that the beacon is to be lit at 7.30 p.m. Councillor Mrs. Hutchison confirmed that Butt Field Sports Club had no objections to the proposal. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Community Committee to discuss any other activities for the evening.

13.00 REVIEWING OF EMERGENCY PLAN:

It was agreed that the Policy & Resources Committee reviews the Emergency Plan. It was noted that Severn Trent Water was holding a drop in session for residents in relation to the recent loss of was due to a burst pipe in Epperstone. Representatives from Severn Trent Water to be invited to Community Committee if possible to meet Councillors

13.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan Part 2: Green Belt Review Consultation (Deadline 24th March, 2016)

Deputy Mayor to respond in relation to there being no development allowed on Warner's Paddock.

02 Notification of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft. Consultation. (Deadline 29th March, 2016), was noted.

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14.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:-

- Recent loss of water due to burst pipe. Severn Trent Water had announced on radio residents were to receive compensation.
- Parking – No reference in Rushcliffe Borough Council's Local Plan Consultation (referred to under correspondence) and confusion over outcome of meetings. Additional information should be in Town News.
- Market Square – Modernisation/pedestrianisation.

15.00 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:

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 following matters were discussed:-

- 01 PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS NOTES 90, 91 AND 92**
- 02 WARNER'S PADDOCK**
- 03 POLICE STATION SITE**
- 04 STAFFIING MATTERS**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:

REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING 1.03.16 FROM 'CAR PARK WORKING GROUP' (CPWG)

Updates:

- The CPWG had identified Street's to be considered by NCC for restricted parking and Residential Permits. An area was agreed and mapped with the following streets identified as a priority:

Langtry Gardens, Station Street, Gillotts Close, Union Street, Long Acre, The Paddock, Walkers Close, Fairfield Street/Kirk Hill - due to new Lidl (increased traffic), Moor Lane.

These details were sent to Paul Hilliar (NCC), who attended our meeting on 8th February 2016 along with Cllr Martin Suthers. Paul Hilliar advised that NCC would need to consult with RBC with regards to their plans for the town's Car Parks and BTC should decide what type of scheme would suit Bingham best.

There were three options:

- 1/ Parking bays are drawn out and assigned to residents.
- 2/ Streets are assigned permit parking only (without bays) and residents are left to find a space.
- 3/ Time restrictions are put on streets with residents issued with permits allowing parking at all times.

After discussion at Environment Committee, members would like to **RECOMMEND the third option as preferable. However, a combination of options two and three should be considered.**

- Revised 'Terms of Reference' for the Police Station Site have now been received.
- CPWG has begun a Business Plan for a Long Stay Car Park at the 'Old Allotment' site.
- BTC has received a response from Peter Linfield to BTC request for parking restrictions to be implemented in the towns Car Parks. CPWG has requested a meeting with Peter Linfield, Derek Musto (Parking Manager, RBC) & Paul Hilliar (NCC) to discuss matters further.

Ongoing:

- Consideration of 'Drive share schemes' and more 'covered cycle stations'.
- Consultation with Crown, Network Rail, Tesco's, RBC and NCC with regards to access to the old allotment site.
- Further meeting with businesses regarding staff car parking and travel plans.

Cllr K Vallance - Car Park Working Group (Chair)

Report from Cty. Cllr. Martin Suthers.

The main item in my report would inevitably have related to the parking issue. My latest information from Paul Hillier is that RBC do now intend to introduce short-stay parking on the three car parks, with the possibility of some longer stay parking (perhaps up to 5 hours) to help those who work shorter shifts in the town centre. Doubtless this will be preceded by a consultation process, which in the past has produced such strongly conflicting views that the 'status quo' has prevailed, but this time, with the support of the Town Council, Bingham may be brought more closely into line with off-street parking schemes elsewhere in the borough.

This will inevitably place the County Council in a tricky position with regard to on-street parking. As you know, I have strongly advocated more short-stay on-street parking, but if the car parks are now to be made more favourable to short-stay parking instead, the reality has to be faced that probably around 100 vehicles that are currently parked in the car parks for more than 5 hours will be displaced on to the streets. Except in relation to Station Street, where the problem is exacerbated by the station and more recently the Royal Mail, the County Council receives relatively few complaints about on-street parking, but with the proposed changes in the car parks there will inevitably be increased pressure for Residents' Parking Schemes on the roads identified by the Town Council close to the town centre.

In this situation Paul and I agreed a position, which I understand is now supported by his line manager, that in 2016/17 initial design work for a Residents' Parking Scheme should be carried out to determine what such a scheme might entail once the actual impact of RBC's parking changes is known. This would also give the Town Council time, hopefully with serious commitment from the Growth Board, to progress their plans for long-stay parking north of the railway, which will inevitably involve recognition by Network Rail and the Crown Estate of the urgency of making such parking provision less unattractive to those working in the town centre.

It has to be acknowledged from past experience that Residents' Parking Schemes are frequently controversial, even amongst those they are designed to benefit, with permit charges and the expense and adequacy of enforcement inevitable issues. Unfortunately there will continue to be controversy until a coherent and comprehensive plan exists which addresses the issue of long-stay parking provision for those who come to work in the town. Meanwhile I will continue to argue, as I have for as long as I have represented the town, that where there is a purely local issue affecting only the town, sufficient powers and resources should be delegated to the Town Council by both the County and Borough Councils to enable such an issue to be seriously addressed.

Kind regards,
Martin

Report to the Full Council 1st March 2016

Agenda Item to consider floral requirements for 2016/2017

1 Purpose of Report

To inform Councillors of the current situation in relation to stress testing requirement of NCC street lighting columns.

2. Background information

Previously wrap round street lighting column baskets were attached to street lighting columns running along the main thoroughfares of Bingham ie. main Nottingham/Grantham Road and Long Acre and a few other areas ie. Town Centre/Market Place area. However, back in 2010 NCC deemed that street lighting columns over a certain age had to be stress tested before they could be used and subsequently 58 (116 half baskets) had to be resited elsewhere due to the costs of the stress testing.

Initially 10 street lighting columns were stress tested, and a few in the interim years. The attached list shows current situation in relation to stress testing as per NCC records and the locations where baskets were relocated to. Stress testing of street lighting columns is only valid for 3 years and then has to be redone.

Previously a 3 year contract has been negotiated and the supplier won the contract for the past few years. ie. since 2008 they have tendered the lowest figure.

3. To be considered

Are street lighting columns baskets required 2016/2017 along with flower towers as per the current quote?

Current quote is £4,047.20 for a 3 year contract in line with previous years. (refer to report at end of Environment Committee minutes (folio 8181))

NCC quote for stress testing - £1750 (2015/2016 price) for a day rate which covers approx.. 30 columns therefore if 30 covered more than one Parish/Town Council only a proportion of this would be charged to individual authorities.

The company will honour the figures if only flower towers were required but exact locations would have to be determined and permission obtained if BTC were not owners of the land i.e. grass verges along Nottingham Road are NCC owned. Access to the area would have to be considered ie. cemetery drive may be too narrow for delivery vehicle to be able to drop towers off.

Please refer to the attached supporting documents noting the red rows show street lighting columns which would have to be stress tested and the green rows street light columns which are ok to use. The other sheet shows where baskets were resited to in 2010.

Lynn Holland
Town Clerk