

Mayor's Announcements prior to the commencement of the Statutory Annual Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday, 17th May, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

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

- 1.00 Thursday, 14th April, 2011.** Attended a reception by the Mayor of Newark at Newark Town Hall.
- 2.00 Wednesday, 20th April, 2011.** The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Shelton, on behalf of the Mayor, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Twinning Association.
- 3.00 Wednesday, 27th April, 2011.** Invited to the tri-annual reception for farmers and tenants of the Crown Estate hosted by the Crown Estate and Carter Jonas.
- 4.00 Tuesday, 3rd May, 2011.** Annual Town Meeting.
- 5.00 Sunday, 8th May, 2011.** Attended a service held at Lady Bay to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of Holme Lodge in this area for Cheshire Homes.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, thanked Councillor A. Shelton for his support as Deputy Mayor during the last Civic Year.

Minutes of the **Statutory Annual Meeting of Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 17th May, 2011**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood - Town Mayor in the Chair
" P. Abbey
" A. Ashmore
" M. Barham
" Mrs. A. Bryan
" G. Davidson
" J. Eagles
" A. Harvey
" Mrs. S. J. Hull
" F. E. Kerry
" T. Kerry
" Mrs. J. M. Marshall
" Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
" J. Stockwood

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend D. Harper, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood paid tribute to Bingham Town Council's Head Groundsman, Brian Gardner. He had been taken ill on his way home after inspecting the Council's play areas on the morning of Sunday, 8th May, 2011, but, sadly, after a week in intensive care and despite the best efforts of medical staff at the Queen's Medical Centre, Brian was unable to recover and passed away on the 14th May, 2011. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood said that the Town Council and Bingham will feel the loss of Brian's professionalism and dedication to his duties, his extensive knowledge in the area he worked in and his personal qualities of commitment, loyalty and also his unique dry sense of humour delivered with a smile and laughter. All of us at the Town Council will always remember him with great warmth and fondness. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood said that all our thoughts are with Mrs. Gardner and her family as they come to terms with this awful tragedy and also with his friends and close colleagues here at Bingham Town Council.

A minute's silence was then held to honour the memory of Brian.

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1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2011/2012:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Purdue-Horan and **SECONDED** by Councillor Barham.

7 **FOR**
5 **AGAINST**
2 **ABSTENTIONS**

Councillor G. Davidson, was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Eagles and **SECONDED** by Councillor Abbey.

5 **FOR**
7 **AGAINST**
2 **ABSTENTIONS**

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood was, therefore, duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Councillor M. Barham, was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Purdue-Horan and **SECONDED** by Councillor Harvey.

8 **FOR**
5 **AGAINST**
1 **ABSTENTION**

Councillor G. Davidson, was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Eagles and **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs. Hull.

5 **FOR**
8 **AGAINST**
1 **ABSTENTION**

Councillor M. Barham was, therefore, duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor M. Suthers.

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the attached list of Committee membership (Appendix 'A') for the ensuing year be approved, with the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman taking place at the next Committee meetings.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

It was agreed that membership should be as follows:-

01 Butt Field Sports Clubs Management Committee

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Recreational & Cemetery Committee to appoint.

02 Friends of Linear Park

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Recreational & Cemetery Committee to appoint.

03 Bingham Twinning Association

Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood.

04 Trustees of Wycombe House

Representative no longer required.

7. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March, 2011, Folio 6463, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

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8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

All Committee reports were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee – 8th March, 2011, Folio 6460

Councillor Davidson presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(b) Planning Committee – 22nd March, 2011, Folio 6468

Councillor Davidson presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(c) Community Committee – 22nd March, 2011, Folio 6472

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented his report subject to the following amendments:-

(i) Folio 6472, Item 2.01 – Report of the Community Building Working Group

"He also reported on the initial response from representatives of Bingham Heritage Trails Association when Councillor Purdue-Horan had asked if there were artefacts found in or around Bingham that would be suitable for display in a community building. It was confirmed that there are many such finds that would be suitable for display to the public for historical and educational benefit to the community."

(ii) Folio 6474, Item 6.00 – Shop Closures

"A resident had raised concerns at the recent shop closures in Bingham. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Bingham Town Council had very little direct influence on specific decisions taken by local retailers and services who may act in response to confidential contractual negotiations with others – for example, the owners of premises or the effect of local economic conditions on their particular business. Nevertheless, it was agreed that Bingham Town Council will continue to work positively with other local authorities, agencies and the local Bingham Business Club to develop policies that assist a sustainable commercial environment and promote Bingham as an attractive location for shops, businesses, service providers and the customer alike."

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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

- (c) Community Committee – 22nd March, 2011, Folio 6472 continued

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented his report subject to the following amendments *continued*.....

- (iii) Folio 6474, Item 8.02 – Good Directions

....."fingers of the Town **Clerk**" to read "fingers of the town **clock**",

It was suggested by other Councillors that the Community Building Working Group should provide a business plan in relation to a community building and a letter sent to owners of Eaton Place in relation to the shop closures.

It was

RESOLVED to enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

- (d) Recreational & Cemetery Committee, 29th March, 2011, Folio 6477

Councillor F. Kerry presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

- (e) Planning Committee, 12th April, 2011, Folio 6480

Councillor Davidson presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

- (f) Environment Committee, 12th April, 2011, Folio 6483

Councillor J. Stockwood presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(g) Policy & Resources Committee, 19th April, 2011, Folio 6486

Councillor Purdue-Horan presented presented his report and it was

RESOLVED:-

- 01 To approve Budget Report 'A' up to 31st March, 2011.
- 02 To approve accounts paid and presented - Reports 'B' and 'C'.
- 03 Approval of quotations in relation to Butt Field works as follows:-

Seeding of training pitch	£1,000.00
End of season pitch work	£4,674.60
Fertiliser (if it has to be paid for)	<u>£1,080.00</u>
Maximum cost:	<u>£6,755.00</u>

B.F.S.C. agreed an additional contribution if additional expenses were incurred over and above those which the £3,067 contribution was calculated on, based on the same percentage contribution.

The anti-social behaviour at Wallenfels Park was being addressed by the Town Council and other local agencies. Councillor Purdue-Horan referred to Inspector Hallam's offer that a police action plan would be in place within a week of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting. Inspector Hallam had arranged a meeting in June and a sign showing temporary rules had been installed.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this Committee be accepted.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Reports and Recommendations of the Committees and Working Groups referred to, including Private & Confidential matters, be approved.

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9. OTHER REPORTS:

There were no other reports received for consideration.

10. CONFIRMATION OF INSURANCE RENEWAL:

The Clerk confirmed that this was subject to a long term agreement and the renewal date had been changed to fall in September by direct debit. However, to date no actual renewal figures had been received.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

01 11/00516/FUL – 1, Porchester Road (two-storey side extension). **NO OBJECTION.**

02 11/00569/ADV – 1, Moorbridge Road (signs). **NO OBJECTION.**

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

01 C.P.R.E. – Best Kept Village Competition

This item to be referred to the Community Committee.

02 Nottinghamshire County Council – Parish Paths Partnership

A letter had been received, confirming the current situation and the fact that no further funding to parishes for the Parish Paths Partnership.

13. OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

01 Members of the public expressed concerns at the opening times and age limits of Wallenfels Play Area. It was felt that the hours were too long and the age limit should be lower.

02 A member of the public also felt that there was a long-standing need for a Community Centre.

03 A resident said that it was felt that Town/Parish Councils should not be political and there should be teamwork.

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14. 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:-

STAFFING MATTERS

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.
Date:

2011 – 2012
BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Town Mayor

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood

Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor M. Barham

Community Committee

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry
Councillor A. Harvey
Councillor Mrs. S. Hull

Environment Committee

Councillor A. Harvey
Councillor J. Eagles
Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall
Councillor A. Ashmore

Planning Committee

Councillor F. Kerry
Councillor G. Davidson
Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry
Councillor J. Stockwood
Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
Councillor A. Ashmore

Recreational & Cemetery Committee

Councillor J. Stockwood
Councillor F. Kerry
Councillor P. Abbey
Councillor Mrs. A. Bryan

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 42, the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor are members of all the above Committees.

Policy & Resources

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and four Committee Chairman (or Vice-Chairmen in their absence)

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

Butt Field Sports Club Management Committee

Recreational & Cemetery Committee to appoint,

Friends of Linear Park

Recreational & Cemetery Committee to appoint,

Bingham Twinning Association

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood

Trustees of Wycombe House

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