

Minutes of a Meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 8th September, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Matt Magee on behalf of DLA Piper, Consultants for Tesco.

After giving apologies on behalf of the Reverend Christine Perry who was unable to attend due to personal reasons, opening prayers, lead by the Reverend Graham Coleman, 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 8th July, 2009.** Invited by the Crown Estate at Lancaster House, London, as Mayor of Bingham, to attend their Annual Awards Ceremony.
- 2.00 12th July, 2009.** Attended Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service at Southwell Minster.
- 3.00 29th July, 2009.** Gave an interview on B.B.C. Radio Nottingham, promoting Bingham and the idea of a country park for the future.
- 4.00 30th July, 2009.** Angela and Peter Berry were welcomed to Bingham as part of their walk to raise money in support of the Help for Heroes Campaign. Walking through the precinct and across the Market Place raised nearly £90.00.
- 5.00 14th August, 2009.** The Town Mayor was pleased to support the newly refurbished award-winning Grill Room Restaurant at the Horse and Plough on Long Acre in Bingham.
- 6.00 27th August, 2009.** Gave a radio interview to promote the Flower Festival being held at St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church in Bingham commencing on the 28th August.

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MAYOR'S ANOUNCEMENTS continued.....

7.00 27th August, 2009. Attended the preview and service for the Flower Festival at St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church. Read the lesson at the opening ceremony which was performed by the Bishop of Sherwood's wife, Mrs. Lucille Porter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A. Shelton declared an interest in Folio 6102, Item 09/1239/FUL, 3, The Banks.

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood declared an interest in Folio 6115, cheque to St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church re. Flower Festival.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Eagles.

Item 3 relating to the proposed Tesco store in Bingham brought forward to allow Mr. M. Magee from DLA Piper to give a presentation.

3.00 TESCO - PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED BINGHAM STORE:

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, welcomed Mr. Matt Magee of DLA Piper to the meeting. After giving apologies on behalf of Eoin Dardis, Mr. Magee confirmed that 362 feedback forms had been received of which 75% had been in favour, 14% opposed and 11% undecided. The main concerns voiced were for the volume of traffic and impact on the town centre.

Mr. Magee confirmed that, mainly, people were travelling outside Bingham to shop, and the aim of Tesco was for Bingham to retain the shoppers and thus boost economy within the town. It was hoped to have a bus stop within the Tesco site but whether or not there would be a need for additional services, or the extension of current services, was yet to be determined. A draft transport assessment and a micro-simulation model were being prepared and a landscape assessment was being addressed by a landscape architect and ecologist focusing on pedestrian linkage; planning application should be submitted by mid October, although this date was running behind schedule initially suggested.

Councillors' concerns and questions were mainly as follows:-

1. The level crossing and additional vehicles which could cause a gridlock backing up along the main roads.
2. Would the current roadworks on the A46 improvements mean the old A46 could be utilised to ease any traffic problems incurred due to the barriers on the level crossing?

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3. Would more traffic be generated by shoppers entering Bingham from outside the area? Mr. Magee confirmed their plans had been prepared based on shoppers only in the catchment area of Bingham.
4. Pedestrian-linkage was a high priority in relation to traffic and the footpaths.

Mr. Magee confirmed that once the planning application was ready for submission, a further meeting with the Town Council would be beneficial.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, thanked Mr. Magee for attending.

2.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 7th July, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4.00 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 6091/94 -14th July, 2009.
- 02 Community Committee – Folio 6095/96 – 14th July, 2009.
- 03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – Folio 6097/99 – 28th July, 2009.
- 04 Planning Committee – Folio 6100/02 – 11th August, 2009
- 05 Environment Committee – Folio 6103/07 – 11th August, 2009.
In the absence of Councillor Eagles, Councillor J. Stockwood presented the report.

Folio 6104/3.05 – Grass-Cutting – Meadowsweet Hill/Nottingham Road
Councillor Barnett reported that grass-cutting was still an issue on Meadowsweet Hill, and Newgate Farm had still not been addressed by the Crown Estates.

Folio 6105/4.02 – Bingham Cycle Routes

Councillor J. Stockwood made reference to cycle routes and confirmed that the detailed map was now on display and Councillors should give their comments by Friday, 11th September, 2009. He reassured Councillors that the plans were not along the lines of those previously experienced, i.e. fewer signs.

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05 Environment Committee – Folio 6103/07 – 11th August, 2009, continued....

Folio 6105/4.04 – Premiere Buses – Suggested Lay-over Location
Councillor Davidson made reference to this matter and confirmed that since the bus had commenced 'laying over', further problems were being experienced on Long Acre which affected other bus services.

06 Policy & Resources Committee – Folio 6108/15 – 18th August, 2009.

Recommendations were made to approve the following:-

- (a) Folio 6108/3.00 – Budget Report 'A' up to the 31st July, 2009.
- (b) Folio 6109/4.00 – Accounts presented.
- (c) Folio 6109/5.00 – Accounts paid.
- (d) Folio 6110/8.03 – Referral from Policy & Resources Committee of RCAN subscriptions.
- (e) Folio 6110/8.04 - Referral from Policy & Resources Committee re. renewal of Health & Safety Limited contract.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that all the Reports and Recommendations of the Committees be approved.

07 Folio 6097/3.01 – Butt Field Project

Councillor Purdue-Horan reported that the Football Foundation acknowledged that the Butt Field project was a good example of partnership working and was of a high standard.

08 Folio 6108/2.01 – Fruit & Vegetable Stall, Market Place

The current update on this matter was that the Borough Council had granted an extension of the licence due to receipt of a solicitor's letter. Once the solicitor's letter had been addressed, Rushcliffe Borough Council would give a further update.

09 Folio 6109/7.02 – Town Council Reference Library

Councillor Purdue-Horan acknowledged the need to keep an up-to-date reference library for Town Council Officers to access.

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10 Folio 6109/8.01 – Harry Beet, V.C.0

It was

RESOLVED to progress a plaque in St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church to recognise Harry Churchill Beet's achievement in receiving the Victoria Cross (Folio 6109 refers). It was acknowledged that whilst Harry Beet was born in Bingham, he left the area whilst still a child.

5.00 OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor Martin Suthers

Councillor Suthers reported that three main areas have been addressed recently, these being:-

- (a) Tesco
Concerns re. the strategic issue of transport links.
- (b) Cycle Links
Councillor Suthers said that, in his capacity, no-one had ever requested any cycle lanes, yet other highways issues had been raised, i.e. a ramp on Cogley Lane instead of a step and interactive speed signs. He stressed that the cycle lanes were not compulsory and suggested they were not a fait-accompli.
- (c) Health Centre

Councillor Suthers said he was concerned that a recent newspaper article suggested that the Arnold Health Centre project was stalling, and expressed concerns that this may jeopardise the plans for Bingham.

6.00 PRESENTATION OF PLANS FOR PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE. UPDATE:

Councillor Purdue-Horan confirmed that additional coloured plans had been provided by the architect for a generic Community Centre, i.e. not site specific. At the appropriate time, a public consultation would be held.

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7.00 WALLENFELS PLAY AREA UPDATE AND APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF PLANS:

Councillors considered the recent quotation dated 7th July, 2009, from Jon Walker Timber Products and agreed the following:-

- 01 To fencing all around the site, i.e. along shrubbery boundary as well.

It was

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Jon Walker Timber Products, subject to the Public Consultation being held on the 16th and 17th September, 2009.

8.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

- 01 E-mail re. activities on Rugby Club site. This item to be referred to Community Committee.
- 02 Letter from Mr. G. Ashton re. the long term plan for Bingham. This matter dealt with under questions from the public.
- 03 The Clerk confirmed receipt of Rushcliffe Borough Council's draft final version of the Housing Strategy. Comments to the Clerk were due by the 7th September, 2009, and also comments on Rushcliffe Borough Council Waste Strategy by the 11th September, 2009.
- 04 Notification of Rushcliffe Community Partnership Awards, the closing date for which is the 21st September, 2009.

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

- 01 Mr. G. Ashton

Reference was made to the letter under correspondence received from Mr. Ashton. Councillors confirmed it was impractical to build the proposed Health Centre on the Robert Miles Junior School site and also that the Town Council would not support such a proposal. Councillors would not want to jeopardise the opportunity for Bingham to have a new Health Centre and the plans put forward did not fit in with current timescales.

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02 Mr. S. McRobie

Mr. McRobie thanked Bingham Town Council for developing Butt Field in partnership with the Sports Clubs and said that the facilities were a great asset. He said that the previous weekend had been a family one on site which was a great success,. (Ninety-three cars were in the car park on Butt Field). He told Councillors there had also been a successful trip to Bingham's twin town of Wallenfels, and thanked the Town Council for grant aid in making this possible.

03 Mr. R. Landon

Mr. Landon expressed concerns over Bingham Town Council insisting that licence for the fruit and vegetable stall on the market place on days others than a Thursday be rescinded. He was aware that a petition with 350 names on it in support of the stall had been sent to the Borough Council. There was a brief discussion, and it was stressed that Bingham Town Council does not have any financial interest with either the market square or any buildings surrounding it. The market square is the responsibility of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

10.00 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 following matters were discussed:-

- 01 COMMITTEE REFERRALS, INCLUDING GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, STAFFING MATTERS, BUTT FIELD AND ALLOTMENTS**
- 02 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**
- 03 OLD COURT HOUSE**

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

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-