

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee of Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Monday 6 December, 2010**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor P. Abbey.
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " F. Kerry - Chairman
 A. Shelton
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance Councillors J Eagles & J Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September 2010, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising (For information)

See attached action points.

2.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES, INCLUDING BUTT FIELD:

01 Butt Field Sports Ground/Clubhouse

Further to an email received from S McRobie on 22nd November, The following recommendations were made:

- (a) Entrance signs to new building. The Town Council wishes to erect its own signage as a priority and suggests a free standing noticeboard adjacent to a footpath, subject to prior Council approval.
- (b) Modification of old pavilion. Full details of proposals requested, together with costings and funding. Suggest Cricket Club could apply for Grant Aid
- (c) Bridleway & Access. This is outside the Town Council's remit as it is owned by the Crown.
- (d) Signs for pedestrians to keep off the training area – await impact of fencing rather than erecting signs at this stage.
- (e) Pitch maintenance – Clerk confirmed she had spoken with various officials and it was felt that for soil sampling to be effective the necessary funding for pitch maintenance would have to be available. Agreed Clerk should follow up with the soil sampling.

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- (f) Rainwater harvesting - Clerk had spoken with N Cooper who confirmed that manufacturer's warranty was for 12 months which had now expired, ie the pump was up to standard as it had lasted more than 12 months.
- (g) Broken roof truss – N Cooper addressing this. Override switch for lights has been fitted.
- (h) Further information required re shower mixer and projector screen remote control.
- (i) Additional items re Butt Field:
N Cooper email 23 November re guttering. Guttering recently repaired showed the seals had been cut with a sharp blade rather than faulty workmanship, therefore the contractor was requesting 50% towards the cost of the replacement. Councillors felt that the Town Council could not be held responsible for the additional charges. Clerk confirmed that recent tests on water at both Butt Field Pavilion and The Town Pavilion deemed no further action required.
RBC confirmed planting of trees as per Small Environment Improvement Grant Scheme was adequate to comply with planning conditions re Butt Field.

02 Request from Bingham Rugby Club to hold two events at Wynhill Sports Ground

It was agreed that the following events at the Town Pavilion were acceptable:

- a) 21st May 2011 – 40th Anniversary ball
- b) 24/25th June 2011 – Beer & Musical Festival

It was **RECOMMENDED** to fund vertidrainning of Rugby pitch and agreed quote from Steven Pask.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to review the Rugby Club lease, clerk to write to Rugby Club.

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03 Wallenfels Play Area Site

The Contractor had visited the site and suggested access to the site required removal of a small section of the ranch style fence. This was to prevent damage to the grassed area. Fencing installation would commence during the second week in January, followed by installation of play equipment during the last week of January , and finishing mid February 2011 (weather permitting).

It was **RECOMMENDED** to accept the Payment schedule received.

04 To update councillors on insurance claim and reclaim of excess regarding Carnarvon Play Area.

The Clerk confirmed that insurance monies had been received and that the Supernova would be replaced week commencing 6th December. There had been positive feedback regarding the reclaiming of the insurance excess.

05 Parish Paths Partnership

Councillors were briefed on the meeting held at Toot Hill School on 25th November, attended by Cllrs F Kerry and J Stockwood, (see attached notes). Councillors agreed there should be a footpath alongside the fence which the school were installing. Councillors agree to wait for the contractor's quote in relation to Wayfinder Extra Work, before making a decision regarding a parish Walks leaflet. The Town Council had received an additional £1,000 to fund both these items.

06 Crow Close – Wobble log quotation

It was **RECOMMENDED** to accept the quotation to repair the Wobble log and Chain Walk play equipment at a cost of £1,179 plus VAT

3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

01 Review of Charges

Chairman, Mayor and Clerk to finalise Cemetery charges and distribute to Recreation & Cemetery members.

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4.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS:-**

01 Review of Annual Rental

Chairman, Mayor and Clerk to finalise Allotment charges with a view to charging per square metre, with effect from 1st April 2011. The ultimate aim would be for allotments to be self financing. From 1 April 2011, charges to be increased to a midway point. Councillors expressed their wish that the increase was implemented over 2 years.

It was agreed that the Clerk should follow up an application for Scheduled Monument Consent in relation to the provision of allotments at Crow Close. The clerk had received maps from RBC and NCC showing land ownership at Wynhill. Councillor J Stockwood confirmed that NCC officers felt that the land would not be made available for allotments. Councillors felt it was a possibility worth pursuing.

5.00 **To consider all Recreational & Cemetery budgets for 2011/2012:**

The following 2011/2012 budgets were **RECOMMENDED** for acceptance:

ALLOTMENTS	2010/2011	2011/2012
Expenditure		
Rent 1	400	400
Water Charges	550	550
Maintenance	2300	1500
	3250	2450
LESS INCOME		
Rent	-300	-550
	2950	1900

CEMETERY/CHURCH YARD	2010/2011	2011/2012
Expenditure		
Rates	500	500
Water Charges	350	350
Grave digging	2000	2000
Electricity	350	350
Maintenance	500	2000
Memorials	550	550
	4250	5750
LESS INCOME		
Fees & Memorials	-4350	-4350
	-100	1400

Note fees & memorials subject to increase in charges to be confirmed at following Policy & Resources Committee

RECREATION	2010/2011	2011/2012
Expenditure		
Play Area Maintenance	5000	5000
Fees	250	250
Rent	250	250
Fencing	5000	0
Sports Pitch Maintenance	0	5000
P3	0	0
	10500	10500
LESS INCOME		
Play Area maintenance	0	0
P3	0	0
Rents	-590	-590
Pitch works contribution		-3067
Wayleaves	-120	-120
	9790	6723

6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Letter from resident regarding 'topping out' of trees on Linear Walk

A general site inspection was carried out along Linear Walk. The clerk to write to the resident advising that the situation was being investigated.

02 RBC – Play Area and Open Space Audit

The Clerk confirmed receipt of this report. Chairman and Clerk to address.

03 FLP & Utility Tree works

The Clerk reported that Utility Tree Works would be carried out along the Linear Walk and confirmed receipt of FLP minutes.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
5.01 (d)	Balfour Beatty Offer	Job awaiting scheduling
5.02	Wallenfels Play Area – Land transfer completed	Official order issued; deposit to be paid & stage payments agreed.
5.04	Carnarvon Play Area	Positive feedback from 2 of 3
6.00	Richardsons Tree Surgeon	Work now completed