

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee of Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June , 2011**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor P. Abbey.  
 " M. Barham  
 " Mrs. A. Bryan  
 " F. Kerry  
 " J. Stockwood  
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**

Councillor J. Stockwood was **Proposed** by Councillor Barham and **Seconded** by Mrs. M. Stockwood.

Councillor F. Kerry was **Proposed** by Councillor Abbey and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. Bryan.

Councillor Kerry declined the nomination, therefore, Councillor J. Stockwood was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

**2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

Councillor P. Abbey, **Proposed** by Councillor Kerry and **Seconded** by Councillor Barham, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th March, 2011, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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**3.00** **MINUTES** continued.....

01 Matters Arising (For information)

- (a) A letter received from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding P.P.P. confirmed parishes could opt to provide additional grass-cutting if they so wished.
- (b) Councillor Abbey reported that the Town Pavilion door project was ongoing.
- (c) Action points were reiterated. However, there was no further progress on them.

02 Toothill School re. Footpaths

Councillor J. Stockwood gave an update on the meeting held at Toothill School on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

**4.00** **WORKING GROUPS - RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

01 Butt Field Working Group

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood	- Mayor
Councillor M. Barham	- Deputy Mayor
Councillor J. Stockwood	- Chairman, Recreational & Cemetery - Committee
Councillor P. Abbey	- Vice-Chairman, Recreational & Cemetery Committee
Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee	

**5.00** **MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES, INCLUDING BUTT FIELD AND WYNHILL:**

01 Butt Field and Wynhill Grounds Maintenance - Update

The Clerk confirmed that a contractor had been appointed to undertake grass-cutting at Wynhill and Butt Field Sports Grounds.

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02 Wallenfels Play Area

(a) Action re. Residents' Complaints - Update

A meeting had been arranged by the police for the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, between Bingham Town Councillors and other agencies, along with representatives of local residents. Councillors expressed concerns in relation to the age limits and opening hours of the park.

03 Town Pavilion and Grounds Maintenance

(a) Grant Aid Update and Reseeding Request

Bingham Rugby Club had confirmed receipt of other grant funding towards its project and requested release of £1,500.00 from the Town Council. The Club had also requested reseeding of a 20m x 40m area in front of the Club House as per the quotation supplied at a cost of £1,298.40. It was agreed that the Clerk should identify a specific area and determine if the area is used for any activity during the year other than rugby. This item to be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee.

There was a brief discussion in relation as to whether or not the sports grounds maintenance budgets were insufficient.

04 Carnarvon Play Area

(a) Repair of Chain Walk

The Clerk reported that a quotation in the sum of £180.00 had been accepted for repairs to the chain walk at Carnarvon Play Area.

(b) Other quotations had been received regarding repairs to the wooden fence. The contractor to be requested to address retainers previously fitted.

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05 Play Area Inspection Report

A report had been received from Playsafety Limited and overall risk is deemed low. The Clerk to address the findings and report to the next meeting of the Recreational & Cemetery Committee.

**6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS - UPDATE:**

At present there are forty-one people on the waiting list for a plot. As plots become vacant, where possible they are being split in half.

All current rentals for this year have been paid, except two – one has confirmed she will bring payment in by 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, and the other has been chased by two phone calls and a letter, a response to which is awaited.

There were four vacant plots, two of which have been taken up with the other two offered - replies to which are awaited.

Everyone on the waiting list has, where possible, within the last two weeks, been contacted by phone to update our records that they still wish to remain on the list.

**7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:**

01 Memorial Seats - Update

Councillor Abbey reported that the seats had been stained when, in actual fact, they should not have been. The groundsman to try to rub these down if possible. However, it was accepted that this would be undertaken after the grass-cutting season had finished.

02 A complaint had also been received about the upkeep of the cemetery. The Clerk had reported this to the contractor who had recently addressed the cemetery maintenance.

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## **8.00 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:**

### 01 Butt Field Management Committee

Councillor Mrs. A. Bryan  
Councillor J. Stockwood

### 02 Friends of Linear Park

Minutes and reports to be presented to the Recreational & Cemetery Committee. The Chairman, Councillor J. Stockwood, to attend the Annual General Meeting.

## **9.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### 01 A. Mistry

An e-mail had been received about the cricket outfield. The Clerk reported that a cricketer had lodged a claim in relation to an injury sustained whilst playing cricket. The Cricket Club was aware of the incident, and this was being dealt with through insurers.

### 02 Resident

A complaint had been received about Wychwood Play Area being dated and asking whether any funding was available to update it from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

### 03 Resident

A complaint had been received about the height of trees on the Linear Walk, some of which overhang a garden on Chaworth Road. The Clerk to include on the grounds maintenance list when a contractor is appointed.

### 04 B.R.U.F.C.

A request for hire of the Town Pavilion had been forwarded to the Town Council by the Rugby Club. The hire request was for an acceptable activity from the Town Council's point of view but it was suggested that further advice should be sought from Nottinghamshire County Council.

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05 Resident

A complaint had been received about anti-social behaviour at Carnarvon Place. The Clerk had informed the police and community safety team at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

06 Residents

Receipt of thank you letters from residents were noted in relation to the provision of Wallenfels Park.

**10.00 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:-**

There was no confidential business received.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: .....