

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 27th May, 2008, at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	P. Abbey
"	R. Barnett
"	A. Bryan
"	G. Davidson
"	F. Kerry
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. S. McRobie, Bingham Town Council Youth Football Club

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence received.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, **Seconded** by Councillor Barnett and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Kerry be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Kerry, **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Barnett be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th March, 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2.00 PENSIONERS' EXERCISE EQUIPMENT:

The possibility of providing exercise equipment for pensioners had been raised at the Annual Town Meeting and an undertaking had been given in response that the matter would be referred to this Committee for consideration.

Members were supportive of the idea, and, as a first step, they asked that other Organisations be contacted to find out information about facilities that might have been provided elsewhere.

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3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PLAYINGFIELDS, PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES:

Three matters were discussed:-

(a) Butt Field Pavilion – Ground Source Heating System

Agreed that this matter be considered later in the meeting in the absence of the Press and public, with Mr. McRobie being allowed to remain.

(b) Fencing, Butt Field – Planning Application

This had not been determined as yet but was likely to be considered at Rushcliffe Borough Council's next Planning Committee meeting.

(c) Bird Estate Open Space – Play Equipment

It was believed that Rushcliffe Borough Council may have completed the transfer to them of this open space, to be known as the "Wallenfels Play Area". It was agreed that the current situation be established and if the transfer has been completed, a scheme to provide play equipment be prepared.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

It was agreed that an update be submitted to the next meeting on the remaining capacity at the cemetery in relation to burials and interments of ashes.

5.00 DOG CONTROL - UPDATE

Further to Folio 5809/2 (b), it was reported that the Chairman and the Town Clerk had met with officers of Rushcliffe Borough Council. It had been established that the existing byelaws adopted by the Borough Council in 1998 contained sufficient powers for the effective enforcement of offences relating to dog fouling. There was, therefore, no need at this time to pursue additional powers.

The Borough's Dog Warden Service had agreed to pay special attention to Bingham and check signage requirements. This initiative was supported by articles in the Bingham Town News, and, as a result, there had been a noticeable increase in the take up of the Town Council's dog poop bags.

It had also been agreed that the Town Council's groundsmen should contact the Dog Warden if they experienced any problems. On the Borough Council Officers' advice, it was considered inappropriate to further explore Town Council staff having direct enforcement powers.

The Town Clerk had written to the Borough Council to request feedback on its actions taken as a result of the meeting, along with improvements that may be needed to signage.

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6.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public (with the exception of Mr. McRobie) and Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended for the following item.

3.00 (a) BUTT FIELD PAVILION PROJECT - GROUND SOURCE HEATING SYSTEM:

A general update on this project was provided. Mr. McRobie advised the Committee that, in line with a decision at the last Council meeting, he was making applications for grant aid towards the ground source heating system (GSHS). Details of the available grant aid opportunities were outlined. The Committee was invited to consider whether the arrangements for the GSHS to be included as part of the main contract would facilitate maximum grant aid opportunities. It was suggested that grant applications should, in any case, be based on EoN's base cost rather than the contract figure.

There was also a discussion on whether any further grant aid opportunities might be available.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The ground source heating system be retained within the main build contract for the pavilion.
2. EoN's base costs for such a system be used for the purpose of making grant aid applications.
3. Opportunities for further grant aid be explored and applications made, provided they do not adversely affect the timings in the build programme for the pavilion.

At the conclusion of this item, the Committee thanked Mr. McRobie for all his efforts on this issue.

It was agreed that Standing Orders be restored. Mr. McRobie left the meeting.

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

Bingham Fair

Dates and times of the 2008 Bingham Fair at Wynhill had been received, with the fair opening from Wednesday, 24th, to Saturday, 27th September, 2008, between the hours of 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., except for the Saturday when the fair would open at 2.00 p.m.

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7.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

Bingham Fair continued.....

The Rugby Club had approved the event and it was duly noted by the Committee, with a request that the relevant scale of charges be discussed at the forthcoming meeting with the Rugby Club.

8.00 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT:**

A quotation for various items of equipment, amounting to £891.20, was submitted, along with comparative quotes from other suppliers.

RESOLVED that the quotation from J. R. Mowers be accepted, with the Town Clerk authorised to negotiate a further discount if possible.

9.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS - NEW SITE**

There was a general discussion following a recent meeting with the Crown Estate's agent when ideas for a potential site were explored.

The Committee considered this matter to be urgent due to the passage of time and the circumstances involved, and, therefore, it urged the Crown Estate to be co-operative in this matter and

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The Crown Estate be asked to confirm the location of up to three to four acres of land that could be used as new allotments in time for the next Council meeting and to indicate whether a short-term lease, pending resolution of the longer term tenure, would be acceptable to enable this project to move forward as quickly as possible.
- (b) When the land involved is confirmed, an application for outline planning consent be submitted.
- (c) A Land Registry check be carried out on the potential site.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:

