

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of
Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on
Tuesday, 24th November, 2009, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor	P. Abbey
"	R. Barnett
"	F. Kerry

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs. A. Bryan, A. Shelton and Mrs. M. Stockwood.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendment:-

Folio 6131, Item 2.01

'Butt Field Pavilion' to read 'Bingham Leisure Centre'.

01 Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information):

(a) Folio 6133, Item 3.03 – Dog Owners' Group

A meeting with the Dog Owners' Group and Butt Field Sports Club was still outstanding.

(b) Folio 6133, Item 3.04 – Rugby Club Barrier

Examples of barriers had been researched on the internet. One suggestion was to have gates; however, there are open spaces either side of the entrance. It was agreed to discuss this matter with the Rugby Club next week.

(c) Folio 6133, Item 5.01 – Allotment Sign

This is awaited.

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

The following item was brought forward and Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr. Jon Walker to respond.

03 Wallenfels Play Area Site – Update on Public Consultation and to Consider Revised Quotation Presented by Jon Walker

Councillor Abbey gave a brief account of the situation to date, i.e. following the public consultation, various objections had been received which had to be addressed. Further plans had been submitted by Mr. Walker. However, the latest ones (being titled Option 1 and Option 2) avoided the drain/sewer lines and the need to split the play equipment into two areas. Mr. Walker confirmed that, prior to 31st December, 2009, an additional piece of equipment (Devil Island swing) could be included for Cogley Lane which would bring the quotation to £50,045.00. The price increase is reflected by the cost of steel from the 1st January, 2010, which could possibly mean that the additional piece of equipment would have to be excluded to keep the quotation under £50,000.00. The increase would only apply to the cost of steel and not the labour costs.

The residents of Goldcrest Close commented they were pleased that the Town Council had taken their concerns on board but disappointed that the same number of items of equipment were to remain. They also asked whether or not any additional planting could be undertaken as, recently, the hedge/bush boundary had been pruned back and was now very thin.

Standing Orders were reinstated and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND to the Policy & Resources Committee Option 2, along with transfer of the land

01 Butt Field Project

(a) Wind Turbine on Butt Field – Update

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow Mr. Steve McRobie to update members on the current situation.

Planning permission had been granted but this was with a condition governing the time of use. An updated quotation had been received on the 24th November, 2009, at a cost of £31,500.00 which was being queried. Grant-funding was in place until early December, 2009, but it had been suggested this could be extended for a short period

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01 Butt Field Project continued.....

(a) Wind Turbine on Butt Field – Update continued.....

Grant-funding was as follows:-

LCNP	£15,096.00
CSEP	£9,500.00
Scottish Power	£4,478.0
Total:-	<u>£29,074.00</u>

Mr. McRobie reminded members that County Councillor Martin Suthers had provided £1,000.00 last year, and £750.00 was towards the wind turbine. Other funding in relation to the ground source heat pump and other underspends could bridge the outstanding amount. Additional expenses were the time clock, removal of tree and a small picket fence which left a potential shortfall of £4,000.00. The Clerk reminded members that the cost of renovating the area between the pitch and clubhouse had been deferred until the next financial year.

Standing Orders were reinstated and it was

RECOMMENDED support of the project to the Policy & Resources Committee.

(b) Update on Beaufort's Contract

The final figures for the contract had been received and an additional amount in relation to contaminated land (£10,464.00) had been incurred. A meeting regarding 'snags' under the contract had been held on the 23rd November, 2009, and Nick Cooper was addressing them (see notes attached to the main minutes). The main problem was standing water on the access road to the Pavilion (see Nick Cooper's sketch. Mr. Cooper had suggested possibly two remedies and he had already been in touch with Beauforts about the first one.

(c) Agrostis/Blakedown's Retention

The Clerk confirmed receipt of Blakedown's final invoice. Regarding release of the retention, this had been queried with Tim Lodge, and, to date, had not been paid. Councillors agreed with the Clerk's actions as members were not satisfied with the work which had been done.

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02 Use of Butt Field by Wallenfels Visitors

Members agreed to

RECOMMEND to the Policy & Resource Committee to support the proposal to allow visitors from Wallenfels to camp on Butt Field providing access is controlled. Health & safety measures are in place regarding toilets, showers, crossing the railway lines and security, etc.

3.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY:

01 Request for a Tree

Councillors agreed to the request from a resident for a tree to be planted in the cemetery and that this should be either a silver birch or mountain ash.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS:-

01 Folio 6133, Item 5.01 - Sign

This matter is still outstanding.

5.00 BUDGET 2010/2011

Councillors considered revenue/capital budgets in relation to Recreational & Cemetery matters as follows:-

Cemetery/Church Yard

	Budget 2009/2010	Actual at 30-Sep-09	Estimated 31-Mar-10	Budget 2010/2011
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Rates	250	269	485	500
Water/drainage	335	190	335	350
Grave Digging	2000	720	2000	2000
Electricity	320	104	320	350
Maintenance	500	46	500	500
Memorials	550	120	550	550
	3955	1449	4190	4250
<u>Less Income</u>				
Fees & Memorials	-4350	-2899	-4350	-4350
	-395	-1450	-160	-100

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5.00 BUDGET 2010/2011 continued.....

Allotments	Budget 2009/2010	Actual at 30-Sep-09	Estimated 31-Mar-10	Budget 2010/2011
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Rent (1)	400	375	375	400
Water charges	550	305	550	550
Maintenance (2)	300		300	1000
Tenants' rental				
	1250	680	1225	1950
<u>Less Income</u>				
Rent (3)	-300	-380	-380	-300
	950	300	845	1650

Recreation

	Budget 2009/2010	Actual at 30-Sep-09	Estimated 31-Mar-10	Budget 2010/2011
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Play Area Maintenance	5000	1,044	4000	10000
Fees	250	0	250	250
Rent	250	0	250	250
Dog Bins (moved to Env)	0	0		0
P3	0	1,128	1128	0
	5500	2,173	5628	10500
<u>Less Income</u>				
Play area maintenance				
P3	0	-1,173	-1173	
Rents	-590	-500	-590	-590
Wayleaves	-120	0	-120	-120
	4790	500	3745	9790

Members wished it to be noted that the above did not include monies for fencing on Cogley Lane (approximately £4,500.00). Allotment maintenance had been increased by £700.00 and play area maintenance by £5,000.00

6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Overgrown Hedge/Tree

A complaint had been received about an overgrown hawthorn hedge at the rear of Newton Avenue and a cherry tree at the rear/side of Hardwick Grove. It was agreed that the shrubbery should be cut back but not removed.

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6.00 CORRESPONDENCE continued.....

02 Cogley Lane Play Area

An e-mail had been received from a resident about play equipment in this area, and the Clerk confirmed that the motorbike had now been repaired but that the wobbly plank had had to be removed. It was agreed to speak to Jon Walker to see if the wobbly plank could possibly be reinstated.

7.00 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.”

There were no confidential items for consideration.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

ACTION POINTS

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
1.	Matters arising : barrier at Town Pavilion Allotment sign	Clerk/Cllrs/Rugby Club Clerk to chase
2.	Wallenfels Play Area Butt Field wind turbine additional expenses £4,000 Beauforts Contract – snags etc. Blakedowns inv. Retention Wallenfels visitors camping	Refer to Full Council Refer to P & R Clerk/NC Clerk/Agrostis Refer to P & R
3.	Cemetery – planting of tree	Clerk/Grdsman
4.	Hill Drive – allotment sign	Awaiting delivery
5.	Budget	Refer to P & R
6.	Cogley Lane	Clerk/John Walker

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: