

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee of Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 14th October, 2014**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman
 " P. Abbey.
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " G. Davidson
 " F. Purdue-Horan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood
 2 Members of the Public
 1 Press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for absence and acceptance were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th July, 2014, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION) ONLY:

01 F7368/6.01 – Fencing on Linear Walk

Work in connection with the fence on Linear Walk has been completed.

02 F7375 – Wychwood Road Play Area

The safer surface work has now been completed.

03 F7369 – 7370/10.00 – Toothill Footpath Diversion

A meeting is to be held on the 20th October, 2014, on site to discuss this footpath.

04 A meeting of Butt Field Working Group is to be held on the 20th October, 2014.

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5.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

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

01 Planned Maintenance of Play Areas

Following on from a referral at the Policy & Resources Committee to undertake a business plan regarding upgrading of play areas, it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk prepare a "Strategy for Future Fitness Provision For All Ages in Bingham". The strategy to include the following:-

- Overview of current provision, including details of current assets for all individual play areas, along with life expectancy.
- Consideration for replacement equipment, i.e. when, type, etc.
- Usage of current facilities play area by play area, equipment by equipment, including consultation with under-twelve years.
- Consideration regarding new play areas and recommendations.
- Compare other facilities in nearby villages.
- Consultation with other service-providers, i.e. Borough, etc.

02 Update on Meeting Regarding Maintenance of Linear Park

Councillor J. Stockwood reported on a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council's Sustainability Officer. It was agreed to compile a revised management plan for the Linear Park.

03 Standards of Maintenance of Council-Owned Land

It was agreed to prepare a policy of maintenance for each piece of Council-owned land.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD:

01 Ashes Plots - Memorials

The Clerk was addressing memorials which had been placed in the cemetery without permission.

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8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS continued.....

01 Update on Allotment Association Meeting held on 26th August, 2014.

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated after this Agenda item to allow the Chairman of the Allotment Association to contribute to the meeting.

- The Chairman, Councillor J. Stockwood, reported that Network Rail had confirmed that the fencing between its land and the allotments was deemed to be adequate.
- The Town Council had awarded grant-funding, and a noticeboard was due to be erected by the Allotment Association.
- A secure container would be purchased when all funding had been earmarked.
- Tenancies could be in joint names providing both people lived in Bingham.
- The Allotment Association Chairman confirmed that thefts from the allotments were being logged and would be reported to the Recreational & Cemetery Committee quarterly.
- New padlocks had been fitted to both entrances and new keys issued.

9.00 REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION FROM 1ST BINGHAM SCOUT GROUP:

The Chairman confirmed that a planning application for three metal storage containers on Wynhill Sports Ground had been made (one for the Rugby Club and one for West Bridgford Model Car Club were already in situ, and another container for the 1st Bingham Scout Group).

Further to a letter received from Bingham Scout Group requesting a long-term solution to their accommodation needs, the Chairman confirmed that there were on-going negotiations with Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding land adjacent to Bingham Town Council's land at Wynhill Sports Ground. This may necessitate a joint partnership between the Borough Council, the Town Council and Scouts, and any further development would be reported back to the Town Council for consideration.

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10.00 BUDGET-SETTING 2015/2016:

The Chairman confirmed that the budgets would be set at the next Recreational & Cemetery Committee meeting, and members would have to make difficult decisions due to overspends this year in relation to play areas and open spaces. Estimates of 700k had been obtained for future use of contaminated land, and Butt Field sports pitch maintenance costs were higher since the area was developed.

11.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Car-parking on Brendon Grove

The Clerk would liaise with the Rugby Club to try to alleviate any problems.

02 Grizzled Skipper Project on Linear Walk

A letter of thanks had been received from Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group regarding this project.

03 Cogley Lane

Notification that the log retainers around the swings on Cogley Lane had been replaced.

03 Butt Field Annual Inspection

This inspection had been undertaken and would be discussed at the Butt Field Working Group meeting to be held on the 20th October, 2014.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:

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Appendix 'A'

FOLIO REF.	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Matters Arising	Toothill School – Proposed Footpath Diversion Consultation.	Consultation on-going
	Planned Maintenance of Play Areas	To develop planned maintenance programme.
6517 Item 7.01 6 th June 2011.	Cemetery seats to be rubbed down	These were pressure washed and work completed August, 2014, with satisfactory results.
Folio 6688	Outdoor teen facilities	Superseded by N.C.C. closing Youth Centre.
Folio 6688	R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Folio 6721	B.F.S.C. – Reviewing of lease to include access road, wind turbine and old pavilion.	Meeting to be held
Folio 6723	Rugby Club – Review of lease	On-going
Folio 6971/7.01	Contaminated Land	Awaiting responses from Network Rail/Crown Estate.
Folio 6972/7.01	N.C.C. Land at Wynhill for Allotments	On-going. B.T.C's. interest registered at N.C.C.
	Allotment Association	Network Rail had confirmed its boundary fencing was adequate.