

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of **Bingham Town Council** held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 27th September, 2016**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry - Chairman
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. S. Orr
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R. Bird
 " Mrs. E. Hutchison
 " Mrs. A. Langford
 " A. Shelton

Thanks were given to Julie Stephenson from Cotgrave for taking notes of the meeting.

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August, 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to noting that Councillor Harvey had not been present at that meeting.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

01 Linear Walk

- (a) The presentation board is now in situ and awaiting confirmation of unveiling date.
- (b) Alterations to entrance site to prevent access for quad bikes is ongoing.

01 New Sign on Linear Walk

Awaiting update.

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5.00 **CLERK'S UPDATE:**

See attached Appendix 'A'.

01 R.B.C. Leisure Strategy

The Borough Council will be giving an update at the Town & Parish Forum on the 5th October, 2016.

02 Future of Contaminated Land

The Tesco development had been discussed with Planning Officers and the matter is still ongoing.

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

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item to allow members of the public to speak.

A letter which had been received from Mrs. Tilley was read out asking for permission for U34A to have some space on Wynhill Play Area for a croquet pitch. It was explained that the area required would be 18m squared. The group is looking, in principle, towards using the grass area which is leased to the Rugby Club. Another area would need to be created and maintained and the Rugby Club would need to agree usage. It was queried whether Butt Field was able to offer a better site and whether this is leased out.

The Clerk to write to Mrs. Tilley to discuss insurance, leasing and further information required if Butt Field was used.

Councillor Mrs. Hutchison stated she would go and mark the required area out.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

01 Request re. Possible Scout H.Q., Wynhill Play Area - Update

The Scouts have no further information but a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the possibility of a piece of land on Wynhill Play Area and whether or not the Community Building Working Group should take this project over. To be discussed at the next meeting of the Working Group. A meeting to be arranged with the Scouts to ascertain what they are looking for and then decide which Committee should do the work.

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02 Updating Play Equipment – Information from Hags

It was reported that Hags have sent in designs for three play areas – Cogley Lane, Wynhill and Carnarvon. The group is looking for funding.

- Cogley Lane

Cogley Lane is not fit for purpose and is the play area in the poorest state. To achieve funding, the new design must include inclusive play. The design for Cogley Lane is for removal of play equipment and replace all at a cost of £56,000.00 which would be on the existing footprint of the play area, taking into account the heritage covenant.

- Carnarvon/Orchard Avenue

Mid-range children's play area, primary up to senior school, plus disability. Trying to use the same footprint and bark can be a problem. Area around the play park to play football, could consider a five-a-side pitch.

Cost of Orchard Avenue £40,000.00.

Hardwick – sports pitches. More teenagers because of rugby, area does have some broken or damaged equipment and new equipment would be more steel and better vandal-proof. Some inclusive play required. Cost £46,000.00.

Wynhill is the best park at the moment so leave for the time being.

Carnarvon is the most used, should this be first?

Decision of what land to be used at Carnarvon – maybe football, adult fitness and dog walking.

A message had been posted on Facebook by Councillor Mrs. Kerry, asking for help with the parks, and people are showing signs of interest. Need to engage the schools for more feedback.

Thanks to Councillor Mrs. Kerry for finding out information on the parks and getting the designs.

Which park first?

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Funding information from Jenny Kirkwood.

WREN deadline is tomorrow but will start again and grants can be up to £50,000.00.

Bingham does qualify for RCAN and Rushcliffe capital grants.

Spoken with Neil Bettison, N.C.C. can help to find national funding and other funding sources.

Councillor Mrs. Kerry would like to continue working on the project and to ask Hags to give a presentation.

What sort of park does Bingham want? Local parks or ones to attract people to come to Bingham to use the play areas. Must consider parking at any of the parks and the spread of equipment. Parks can attract anti-social behaviour. Should the park be away from housing but all local ones need improving.

Maybe a play area near new community hall on the land down the road. Move forward and find costings and where the grants would come from with the residents, schools and neighbourhood, all form a working group doing the work together to fact find.

03 Grass-cutting – Update on Meeting with Streetwise on 19.09.16

John Scott-Lee has been contacted by several Councillors, all giving instructions, who should he be contacting? Should be the Clerk, Clerk had been off sick. Streetwise do cutting, could be related to Butt Field. Butt Field deal with the grass-cutting contract and not the Town Council who do the tendering.

Is the specification clearly given to the contractors, should be able to be audited, Streetwise do contract out.

Should be looking at own groundstaff to do these jobs, someone should be checking all work is completed.

A resident cut back the entrance to Butt Field, very community minded resident. A letter should be sent to thank them. Councillor Mrs. Hutchison has the details.

Butt Field has not been cut for three weeks, should be every week during grass-cutting season; has the full instruction been passed on to Streetwise?

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There have been lots of complaints regarding the cemetery. Asked for Neil to be present at meetings to discuss the ground work, especially before budget-setting. Running around with 1½ groundstaff and half year only one staff; no lone worker policy.

Review ground staff employed by Bingham Town Council, should we need two staff? Need more facts and figures to consider having own staff. They would make a better job. Streetwise tied in until March, 2017.

01 To Note Possible Insurance Claims

Resident fell over paving stone, put in direction of the insurance company.

02 Full Length Decorated Grave in New Section

Raised edging on fully decorated surrounding grave should be at grass level to allow for grass cutting. Should be a standard letter. Ask the tenant to be in line with current Cemetery Rules

Councillor Mrs. Kerry to investigate.

03 Concerns over Wall and Trees to Eastern Side of Church Yard, Adjacent to Footpath

Trees and wall on east side of church, the holly tree and crack in wall near gate. Need quotes and then present to Policy & Resources Committee, also costs for maintaining church yard, all go to Policy & Resources Committee. Town Clerk to get the quotes.

04 Complaint re Items Damaged by Strimmer

Asking for £20.00 for cleaning and more about the principle. It was

RESOLVED to reimburse the resident.

8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO ALLOTMENTS:

Standing Orders were suspended for the next item to allow Mr. E. Shears to speak.

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01 Request from Hill Drive Allotment Association re. Self-Management

A letter was read out. Allotments started two and a half years ago to take over waiting list and complaints about long waiting list. Letters sent out to poor tenants. Report noted in June Minutes but no comments have been received. Clerk is proceeding with the request to look at self-management of allotments. Thirty-six plot holders, six are not in the Association. Ninety per cent would like to self-manage and grass has not been cut since June; very overgrown.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Councillor Harvey stated that they should be self-managed but check with Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding lease agreement for area. Small grant could be given to do some of the work to tidy up the site. Large ash tree, very high.

Standing Orders were suspended

Asking allotment holders for proposal, detailing how to self-manage.

The tree is an issue, could give money towards removing the tree and improving the boundary.

Next Policy & Resources Committee on 18th October, 2016, information required then to Full Council.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Consider self-management at next meeting.

02 Letter from Allotment Tenant in Response to Request to Keep Allotment Tidy

Will investigate the standard letter and who sent it out. Councillor Mrs. Kerry to follow up.

Do we take photos before handing over the plots?

9.00 LEISURE STRATEGY WORKING GROUP - DATE OF FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING:

Work with Haggis – put off setting a meeting – await report from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

10.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

A request had been received to spread a dog's ashes near the swings at Grantham Road. Tell resident that Council don't have a problem with this request. Letter from the Clerk.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

