

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 11th November, 2008**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Davidson– Town Mayor in the Chair
 " P. Abbey
 " J. Eagles
 " A. Hall
 " S. Hull
 " F. Kerry
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " A. Shelton
 " J. Stockwood
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: County Councillor M. Suthers, twenty-three members of the public, M/s. J. Kowalski, Lynn Sharpe, Peter Jones and John Horton (Nottinghamshire County Teaching P.C.T.), Inspector J. Heywood and Pc. J. Kneale.

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend David Harper, were said prior to the start of the meeting, followed by one minute's silence held in memory of a former Town Councillor and Deputy Town Mayor, Mr. Brian Middlemiss, and also of a former Town Clerk, Mr. Brian Jones.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Barnett, Mrs. A. Bryan and C. Lancaster

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced that he had attended the following functions:-

- 1.00** Tuesday, 14th October, 2008, attended Beavers' "Young Cubs" meeting; explained the role of Mayor and answered questions.
- 2.00** Sunday, 26th October, 2008, attended Bingham Town Council's Civic Service at St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church. Also, immediately after the service, attended the dedication and unveiling of the Best Kept Village sign on the Market Square.
- 3.00** Monday, 3rd November, 2008, attended the funeral of former Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Mr. Brian Middlemiss.

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1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the following presentations.

(a) Police

Inspector Jeff Heywood of Nottinghamshire Police gave a brief account of changes which would be taking place at the beginning of 2009. Certain police officers would move to Cotgrave and use Cotgrave as a base. However, Bingham Officers would remain at Bingham Police Station and it would also be used for training.

Inspector Heywood was pleased to report that compared to last year's crime figures, there had been a drop in crime in Bingham. He also said he would be happy to attend Bingham Council meetings periodically.

Councillor Davidson thanked Inspector Heywood for his update.

(b) Nottinghamshire County P.C.T. – Health Centre

A presentation on the Health Centre was lead by Mr. Horton and Mr. Jones. Mr. Horton gave a brief explanation as to the partnership arrangements, and confirmed that the Health Centre consultation would end on the 6th February, 2009. The meeting was told that two public meetings are to be held on the 27th November in the evening and 1st December, 2008, during the afternoon - both to be at the Methodist Hall.

The business case had to prove value for money, and Mr. Jones went on to explain how the ten sites had been appraised to leave the three sites which were forming part of the consultation. Councillors raised various queries, including why the site opposite the Buttercross Veterinary Centre had not been considered. What would happen to the present Health Centre site? Mr. Horton confirmed that the current site would revert back to the County Council as it owns it and certain sites may have been taken out of consideration as they did not meet the criteria. He felt that the consultation period would run its course. It was also stated that the ambulance service had expressed an interest in being based at the new Health Centre.

Certain Councillors felt that none of the sites were appropriate. Mr. Jones confirmed that any area within Warner's Paddock could be utilised. However, it would only consume forty per cent of the Paddock. Due to the fact that the bus service was on a loop, it was possible to have a regular and routine bus service.

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(b) Nottinghamshire County P.C.T. – Health Centre continued.....

Mr. Jones confirmed he would look into whether or not a site to the East of Bingham, near Derry Lane, had been looked at. It was also felt that a Health Centre should be high on the agenda and a Community Centre secondary.

Councillor Davidson thanked the P.C.T. Officers for attending and providing an informative presentation. He also said that whilst he was pleased that the Health Centre was high on the agenda, he felt the three sites were not the right ones. He encouraged members of the public to participate in the consultation and hoped it would be a great success; also that, ultimately, Bingham would have a Health Centre to be proud of. Councillor Davidson also said he hoped that at the next Full Council meeting to be held in early January, 2009, Bingham Town Council would be able to make an official resolution.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

2.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes as follows:-

01 Planning Committee – 16th September and 14th October, 2008.

02 Community Committee – 16th September, 2008.
Rushcliffe Support had managed to attract other funding towards hosting of the meeting requested. (Folio 5916 refers).

03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 30th September, 2008.
County Councillor Suthers was thanked for the presentation to the Town Council of his cheque for £1,000.00 and it was

RESOLVED to approve submission of the grant application towards a wind turbine on Butt Field, along with processing a planning application if the grants are successful.

04 Environment Committee – 14th October, 2008.

05 Policy & Resources Committee – 28th October, 2008.
It was

RESOLVED to approve the donations of £100.00 to Sherwood Foresters and £100.00 to Mencap. (Folio 5932 refers).

3.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence received for consideration.

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4.00 ANY OTHER REPORTS:

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

Councillor Suthers reported on the Ecotown proposals for Newton and told the meeting that the site had not been removed from the list and, therefore, was still in the frame subject to further consultation.

Regarding the matter of a speed camera, other local parishes had expressed interest in this and it was, therefore, felt it may be worthwhile investigating further as he still had £750.00 earmarked for Bingham.

Concerning the "Adopt a Station" schemes, he was aware of these and felt they were beneficial.

02 Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood confirmed that, along with the Clerk, she had attended a Town & Parish Planning Seminar, and it had been confirmed that the Market Town Initiative was Bingham's Town Plan, and, whilst it would require updating, this was a good starting point.

5.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The following issue was discussed:-

01 Bingham Town Council Communications

It was pointed out that the Town Council's communications required addressing as they are inadequate. Minutes were not up to date in the Library and the County Councillor's surgery dates were not in the current Town News. It was felt that details of the Health Centre Consultation should also be in the Town News.

02 Train Links

These were felt to be inadequate.

03 Glass Recycling Micro Sites

The trial period for these sites was coming to an end and it was felt that the main principle of 'walk to' sites was being violated as most people use their cars to get to them.

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6.00 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.”

The following matters were discussed:-

**STAFFING MATTERS
WEBSITE AND E-MAIL FACILITIES
C.C.T.V.
FENCING TENDER
ALLOTMENTS**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.