

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Lewis, A Shelton, M Stockwood, J Stockwood and W Stapleton

Members of the Public: 5 including Councillor F Purdue-Horan

Officers: S Pyke (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor J Best due to illness.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 November 2020, Folio 9647 to 9649 were taken as read, approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record retrospectively signed once the lockdown has been lifted.

4. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

A list of outstanding actions was reviewed and updates were given as follows:

- a) Operation London Bridge – no further progress was reported
- b) Wild Flower Planting – no further progress was reported and it was agreed this item was to be on the next agenda
- c) CCTV – Councillor Stockwood updated the Committee that the four actions tasked were updating the existing 5 cameras, investigating a new camera on the north-east side of the Market Place, updating of the control system and advice and support on how to achieve this. As Rushcliffe Borough Council do not run a CCTV scheme, Newark and Sherwood District Council currently have a partnership with Ashfield and Broxtowe District Councils and the scheme has a 24hr monitoring system. It was agreed to:

RECOMMEND: that the CCTV scheme was to be investigated further with Newark and Sherwood District Council.

5. Q3 BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

The report was **NOTED** by the Committee.

6. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

The Town Clerk updated the Committee that due to the pandemic, copies of the Town Guide had yet to be delivered to outlying villages. A query was raised as to whether the Town Guide budget was required for 2021/22.

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the Community and Environment Committee, of Bingham Town Council, on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7.00pm

The Committee confirmed that the Town Guide would still be required and the map was considered a one off cost. No alterations were made to the draft budget.

A meeting with Bingham Community Events was required to look at a programme of events to support the Town as restrictions lift.

7. PROJECTS FOR THE THREE YEAR RESERVE EXPENDITURE PLAN

RECOMMEND £5000 to be added to the Reserve Plan to support the cost of a scheme to provide electric points for the small Christmas trees and £2,500 for a new map design to include all of Bingham.

8. ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Updates were required to the current draft.

RECOMMEND: that an updated plan would come to the next meeting in March to be finalised.

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

It was **NOTED** by the Committee that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had now been dissolved and the Chair of the group would be providing a report to Council of the work undertaken. It was also **NOTED** that £608.80 had been returned to the Town Council from the group as the Town Council had originally granted money to the group.

10. UPDATE ON RURAL GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

The Clerk updated the Committee that the initial stage was completed and that the response received was that Bingham fell in the range for the voucher scheme. The next stage would be started, once the Open Reach officer had been in touch with the office. The closing date for the Voucher scheme was noted as 31 March 2021.

11. UPDATE ON J9 INITIATIVE

Councillor J Stockwood had attended training for the J9 initiative. The Committee were updated that the J9 Initiative was a Domestic Abuse Awareness Campaign, active all around the country. To support the Campaign the Committee agreed to

RECOMMEND:

- a) To display the J9 sign at The Old Court House and to provide telephone access to domestic abuse survivors seeking to access support information from local service providers.
- b) To post a picture on the Town Council's website showing the sign and using the hashtag #J9Rushcliffe
- c) To encourage Council employees to take the training
- d) To use the Town Council website and other publications to encourage Bingham businesses and organisations to take the training and further expand the network of safe spaces across Rushcliffe.

12. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The Growth Board Brilliant Bingham Master Plan contained an action to improve way-finding signage in the Town. The Committee considered a news items on the website to engage and ask for residents views. The item would also be placed on the Committee's next agenda.

RECOMMEND: that a news items be created to ask residents views on the following points with four weeks to respond and Councillors to approach local groups for their views:

- Whether the existing signing is easy to follow. That is, are there locations where signing is missing that make it difficult to follow a route?
- Whether the destinations that have been signed are appropriate. If not, what destinations are missing and what destinations are included on the signing that perhaps might not be.
- Whether the roads/footways the signed routes follow are considered most appropriate and whether additional routes need to be identified.

13. CIVIC AWARD ARRANGEMENTS

It was agreed to delay the Civic Awards and review it again at the next meeting as it was preferred to hold the awards in person.

14. SUMMER FAIR 2021

Standing Orders were suspended at 7:50pm to allow a member of the public to speak and reinstated at 7:51pm

It was confirmed that Bingham Community Events had a trustees meeting later that week and a then a meeting would be required with the Town Council to discuss a budget and criteria of what the Town Council requirements for events was.

15. REVIEW OF DOG AND LITTER BINS AT WYNHILL AND BUTT FIELD

The bin review of 2010 was reviewed and the need to update the map. Lidded bins were noted a preference to open top bins. As the location for an additional bin at Butt Field, was also the location of evolving plans, that would be considered as plans develop as to the best location.

RECOMMEND: that an additional metal bin be placed at Wynhill near the teen area and the 2010 bin review was updated with condition of all bins for repair/replacement.

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No reports were noted.

17. CORRESPONDENCE FROM RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL REGARDING CONSERVATION AREAS AND AREAS OF OUTSTANDING BEAUTY

RECOMMEND: to respond in support the Vale of Belvoir as a designated area of outstanding beauty.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Street Naming – late correspondence was received in relation to street naming of two new roads within the industrial estate with a short consultation deadline for response. Suggested names of Car Dyke Court and Parson Hill Avenue. The Committee raised a query over the use of Avenue as the area was industrial and not tree lined instead suggesting Avenue be replaced with Place.

19. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: -

To resolve that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting."

The following matter was discussed:

- Civic Award Nominees

RECOMMEND: that Civic Awards Nominees selected receive a Civic Award

Recommendations:

- the CCTV scheme was to be investigated further with Newark and Sherwood District Council.
- £5000 to be added to the Reserve Plan to support the cost of a scheme to provide electric points for the small Christmas trees and £2,500 for a new map design to include all of Bingham.
- An updated Emergency Plan would come to the next meeting in March to be finalised.
- To display the J9 sign at The Old Court House and to provide telephone access to domestic abuse survivors seeking to access support information from local service providers.
- To post a picture on the Town Council's website showing the sign and using the hashtag #J9Rushcliffe
- To encourage Council employees to take the training
- To use the Town Council website and other publications to encourage Bingham businesses and organisations to take the training and further expand the network of safe spaces across Rushcliffe.
- An additional metal bin be placed at Wynhill near the teen area and the 2010 bin review was updated with condition of all bins for repair/replacement.
- To respond in support the Vale of Belvoir as a designated area of outstanding beauty

Meeting Closed at: 8.16pm

.....
CHAIRMAN

Date: