

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, V Leach, J Lewis, W Stapleton, M Stockwood, J Stockwood and R Bird

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 3 including Councillors A Shelton and F Purdue-Horan

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor G Williams opened the meeting and invited nominations for a Chair.

Councillor J Lewis was proposed as Chair by Councillor R Bird and this was seconded by Councillor V Leach

Councillors M Stockwood was proposed as Chair by Councillor J Stockwood and this was seconded by Councillor W Stapleton.

A vote was taken and Councillor J Lewis was duly elected as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor P Moskwa. Councillor R Bird was noted as a substitute.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor P Moskwa was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor G Williams and this was seconded by Councillor R Bird. Councillor P Moskwa was, therefore, duly elected as Vice Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in item 11 as a member of the Twinning Association.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were noted by the committee.

6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 08 February 2022, Folios 9876 to 9880, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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7. MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 15 February 2022, Folios 9881 to 9884 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8. COMMITTEE PROJECTS FOR THE 2022/2023 YEAR

The Committee reviewed the projects within the three years reserves plan and noted that the strategic document that Council have agreed to produce would contain the outstanding actions and projects in one document.

9. 2022/2023 TOWN GUIDE

The committee members all noted positive feedback from residents, especially for the insertion of the new maps. It was agreed that its value was difficult to quantify but it was considered a welcome document for those new residents joining the community.

10. CIVIC AWARDS NOMINATIONS FORM

The committee noted that the nomination forms would be issued as a loose leaflet with the July Buttercross. Nominations would be considered at the October 2022 meeting for recommendation to the November meeting of the Full Council. The presentations would take place in February 2023.

11. PLANTING OF THE VICTORIA PLUM TREES FOR THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY AND TWINNING FRIENDSHIP TREE

The committee noted that two Victoria Plum Trees had been purchased and the planting would be taking place later in the month with the Twinning Association and Friends of Bingham Linear Park invited to attend. A plaque to commemorate the Friendship Tree would be sourced and it was agreed to look at the other trees planted in the cemetery for celebrations and that plaques would be arranged for those trees.

12. BUCKET SWING AT WALLENFELS PLAY AREA

The committee received confirmation that the costs of repair to the bucket swing at Wallenfells, would be higher than the cost of replaced.

RECOMMEND: that the costs of £1270 plus VAT to replace and install the swing seat from Streetwise be accepted.

13. ORCHARD PARK

a) Location for the recycled bench

The Recreation & Amenities committee members tasked with visiting the site had previously identified a location with the Clerk and grounds Staff for the bench owned. A request from a resident had been received for a bench for local residents to use outside of the fenced play equipment.

RECOMMEND: that the recycled bench be placed in the agreed location.

b) Update on the bucket swing

A quote for removal and re-siting had been received but an alternative location on that site had been difficult to identify due to the nature of the land not being flat. The committee were concerned about providing a piece of equipment that was accessible to all on the site if the swing could not be re-sited. It was agreed to look with the current provider and other firms for an inclusive piece of equipment for the site as an option if the swing was to be removed. No reports of antisocial behaviour on the site had been noted since the removal of the swing seat.

c) Play surfacing repair

The committee received an update from the play area installer regarding the surfacing inspection. It was considered that a water issue underneath the surfacing was causing the issue and an investigation to secure the ground underneath and do a surface repair was considered the only option. The contractor would also look to review the other minor areas whilst on site. The committee requested that the ground staff be present at the time of the work taking place.

RECOMMEND: acceptance of the quote for £750 from Proludic to repair the surfacing.

14. WYCHWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA

The repairs to the loose legs had taken place and on installation of the swings, movement was still noted. In the absence of a member of the team, the Clerk arranged an inspection of the swings. It was noted that the legs were considered loose and although not requiring removal of the swings, a permanent repair was still required. This information had been passed on to the contractors and a site visit would be taking place.

15. LINEAR PARK GRANT FUNDING

The committee noted receipt of the £45,000 grant for the Linear Park from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

17. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

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- Allotments

The committee noted the update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- £1270 plus VAT to replace and install the swing seat at Wallenfels from Streetwise be accepted.
- The recycled bench be placed in the agreed location at Orchard Park.
- Acceptance of the quote for £750 from Proludic to repair the surfacing.