

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 21st July, 2015, at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	R. Bird - Chairman
"	A. Harvey
"	Mrs. A. Langford
"	A. Shelton
"	Mrs. C. Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Shelton and Mrs. Williams declared an interest in Folio 7919, Item 9, Twinning Association, and Councillor Mrs. C. Williams declared an interest in Folio 7919, Item 7.01, Thera.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June, 2015, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes held on the 2nd June, 2015.

4.00 CLERK'S UPDATE:

01 Best Kept Village Competition

Unfortunately, Bingham was unsuccessful in the first round of this competition. Clerk to chase feedback.

02 Reduction in Number of P.C.S.O's

The Police & Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, was not able to attend this meeting but confirmation is awaited of other available dates.

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5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:

01 Town Fair, 13th June, 2015 – Statement of Income & Expenditure and Constructive Feedback

The Clerk presented a Statement of Income & Expenditure which showed a shortfall of approximately £379.00. However, there was income yet to be received. Despite the bad weather, a good time was had by those who attended.

02 Preparation of Town Guide – Update

The Clerk confirmed the timeline re. editorial/printing etc. and also the fact that updates were required for the Town Council items within the Guide. The Clerk also confirmed a reduced quotation had been accepted for the next two editions of the Town Guide.

03 Christmas Fair and Christmas Lights, including Confirmation of Stall Charges, etc.

The Clerk reported that the Christmas lights contractor had confirmed there were sufficient trees still on the Market Place which would allow Christmas lights to be installed. However, the power source would have to be split due to the new locations which would incur a slight charge. The contractor was sourcing a sample of pre-lit outdoor artificial trees which would be able to be placed within the current brackets. There would also be a discount if bought in bulk (approximately sixty-two real trees are ordered each year that have to be cut back to fit the brackets and which, last year, the suppliers cut back too much. This meant the Clerk had to reject the whole order with the new trees only being delivered a couple of days prior to the Christmas Fair). The Chairman had also sourced a tree sample. However, this was not pre-lit and also had its own bracket, i.e. existing brackets would have to be removed, new ones installed and wayleaves, sourced, etc.

It was agreed to

RECOMMEND to Policy & Resources Committee that an additional budget of £2,000.00 be approved in order to purchase some artificial trees, with a sample being viewed first before an order is placed.

It was also agreed that stall charges for the Christmas Fair should remain as per those in 2014 as the supplier had agreed to keep his price the same as last year.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:

- 01 Police Priority Setting Group Meeting – Update on Meeting Held on 11th June, 2015

See Appendix 'A'

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES:

- 01 Volunteering

Following a discussion it was agreed that Councillor Harvey arranges for the R.C.V.S. to meet with members to discuss this further. Ideas such as having a directory of both volunteers and those organisations/individuals looking for volunteers. Toothill School sixth formers may be a possible source for volunteers and community forums could also be set up. It was agreed that the topic for the next meeting would be Health Provision.

Councillor Mrs. Williams reported that the Thera Allsorts Group was looking at undertaking litter-picking, and wondered about supplying the litter-pickers with high vis jackets, etc. The Clerk confirmed that an application for grant-funding should be made through the normal channels to the Policy & Resources Committee, and reminded Councillors that Thera Allsorts Group had recently received a donation towards a screen, laptop, printer, etc.

8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS:

It was agreed to set up a Communications Working Group with a representative from each Committee, plus all Community Committee members.

9.00 LACE GIFT FOR WALLENFELS - UPDATE:

The Clerk confirmed that this was progressing and, hopefully, it would be finished in time for Butt Field Sports Clubs representatives to take with them in August for presenting to the Wallenfels Mayor.

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10.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Dementia Friends

It had been confirmed that an Alzheimer’s representative would attend the meeting of the Community Committee in September to give more details of the Dementia Friends Scheme.

02 Rushcliffe Borough Council Housing Delivery Plan Consultation

The closing date for the above consultation is 14th September, 2015. This item to be referred to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South (Northern Cluster) Priority Setting Meeting

▶ Chairperson: PC Steve Mathias / PC Caroline Voce ◀
Notes taken by Bob Clarke, Orston NHW

NOTES OF MEETING HELD on 11th June 2015, at the Council Offices, Bingham

Attendees: PC Steve Mathias, PC Caroline Voce, Susan Barker (Shelton Parish), Jenny Vowels (Shelton), Bob Clarke (Orston NHW), Rowan Bird (Bingham Town Council), Clare Williams (BTC), Bev Bingham (Shelford Parish Council), Heather Miller (SPC), Winifred Pell (Flawborough NHW), Kath Auckland (Aslockton Parish Council), Michael Pring (Kneeton), John Turner (E Bridgford PC), Norman Hall (EBPC), Paul Bancroft (EB NHW), Francis Purdue-Horan (RBC Cllr Bingham West), Martin Suthers (NCC Councillor & Borough Councillor for Cranmer Ward)

Apologies: Anthony Gee, Beryl Kemp, David Cartledge, David Griffin, Karen Griffin, Neil Smith, Granby PC

Item 1 – Introduction

PC Steve Mathias (SM) welcomed the delegates and in particular the new attendees and thanked them for a particularly good turn-out, in the main due to Susan Barker having circulated details to the various parish councils recommending delegates attend.

For the benefit of those new to the PSM meetings SM summarised the main aims, i.e.

- To discuss with community representatives what our policing priorities should be for the next three months
- Help shape policing in our area

The importance of the meetings in sharing information on local and current policing issues was also highlighted.

Item 2 - Recent police activity dealing with PSM priorities agreed at the previous meeting

SM confirmed that the previous meeting had agreed the following priorities:

1. **Speeding**
2. **Mobile phone use** – Concerns had been raised specifically over the use of mobile phones at busy junctions and at traffic lights. It was agreed the Neighbourhood Policing Team would target key road junctions.

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In respect of **speeding** PC Caroline Voce (CV) confirmed that the 'speed gun' had been used on 'mini-days' with a highly visible police presence and speeding tickets had been issued. CV also provided a résumé of the Speed Reduction Scheme, details of which were included in the notes of the meeting in March.

Regarding **mobile phone** use CV confirmed the road junctions highlighted at the March meeting had been targeted and tickets issued. CV also confirmed that a new Fatal Four initiative (i.e. Speeding/Seatbelts/Mobile-Phones/Drink-Driving) would start at the end of June.

A question was raised as to whether or not the penalties for use of phones whilst driving were a sufficient deterrent. SM explained the penalties had increased over time. Initially it was a 'driving without due care' offence. It was then changed to a £60 fine, and more recently it was increased to a fine and penalty points.

Item 3. Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

a. Crime levels and trends:

CV confirmed that crime levels for our area are still very low, showing no particular 'spikes'. In particular there has been a significant reduction in burglaries.

A discussion ensued about an apparent increase in the number of thefts of 4x4 vehicles and catalytic converters close on the Nottinghamshire border, in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. This led to questions on the cross-border sharing of information both by police and NHW and how effective this was.

It was suggested that NHW coordinators bordering on other counties should also register to receive 'Alerts' from those county systems also.

(Details of how to do this are included below -

1. To "create an account" go to: <https://www.ourwatchmember.org.uk/> and register. Your user name is your email address.
2. Once you are registered, logging in will take you to "Your admin area".
3. Select "Message settings" (left side of page)
4. Select "Information providers" (left side of page) and select the ones (tick box) you wish to receive information/"Alerts" from. For example: The Police/Police & Crime Commissioner/Action Fraud//HWN/Trading Standards
5. If we wish to receive "Alerts" from areas outside your locality select "Alerting areas" (left side) and then select ""Add new area"
6. Choose other area by using town name or postcode

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7. *Technical advice can be obtained from Neighbourhood Alert System Support:*

Web: <http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk>

Email: support@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Tel: 0115 9245 517 option 1

b. Reports of approaches to children:

Concerns were raised at reports of approaches to children in Bingham by occupants of a white van and the posting of these incidents on social media. SM confirmed there had been only one incident reported and he was concerned that 'Chinese whispers' was increasing alarm amongst parents. It was agreed an 'Alert' should be issued immediately explaining the facts and giving advice to parents.

c. Grading of calls:

There was discussion as to how the police managed public's expectations when handling incident reports. To an individual the incident is personal and important/urgent. SM explained how the force dealt with calls to ensure the correct level of priority was given in the context of finite and reducing resources. Incidents are graded as to level of response as follows:

- Red – Immediate response/ blue light
- Pink – Response within the hour
- Blue – Police appointment visit within 2 to 3 days

d. Police reorganisation:

SM confirmed that there is to be a reduction of 72 PCSOs by September. There will be more cuts in the County compared with the City. Locally the number will reduce from 9 to 4 or 5. Also, the remaining County PCSOs may be allocated to the City. It was mentioned that there was a local petition suggesting an increase in Council tax to offset cuts. SM also explained the new system of sharing resources from a 'hub' with officers not being necessarily dedicated to specific locations. To facilitate this much of the administration work is being removed from front-line policing. For example, follow-up interviews are being done by civilian staff. Also, PCSOs are being given further, limited powers. This will free-up PCs for response duties.

Item - 4 Priorities for next 3 months

Following discussion these were agreed as:

1. **4x4 / Catalytic converter thefts** - Both police and NHW teams to provide information to local communities to warn and provide security advice in view of the apparent increase in incidents just over the border in Leicestershire and Lincs.
2. **Cannabis** - Police to follow up problem of cannabis smoking by youths in Shelford and generally in Bingham. The problem of the dumping of cannabis growing waste to be dealt with locally through the Council.

Item 5 – AOB

None

Item 6 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **East Bridgford Methodist Church, Main Street on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.00 pm.**