

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 12th June, 2012**, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Ashmore
 " G. Davidson
 " J. Eagles
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " F. Purdue-Horan

Also in attendance: County Councillor M. Suthers

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence and Acceptance received.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor A. Harvey, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry and **Seconded** by Councillor Purdue-Horan, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. There was 1 abstention

3.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor J. Eagles, **Proposed** by Councillor Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Harvey, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. There was 1 abstention.

4.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

5.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April, 2012, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

01 N.C.C'S Community Lorry Watch (F6730/6.00)

An e-mail had been received from the Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding his non-attendance at the meeting on the 3rd April, 2012. The road signage and Traffic Regulation Orders are being amended during the next few months and no drivers have received warnings for breaching the weight restriction. Trading Standards are to monitor and keep the Town Council updated and, if necessary, discuss the need to set up a Community Lorry Watch Scheme.

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7.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

8.00 N.C.C. ENERGY AND COST-SAVING IN RELATION TO STREET-LIGHTING - UPDATE:

The Chairman confirmed that certain street-lighting columns would be switched back on during the next three weeks following the successful pilot. A large scale plan for public viewing had been requested from the County Council by the Chairman.

9.00 LENGSTHMAN SCHEME:

County Councillor Suthers gave a brief account of the current situation, confirming that smaller parishes could form a cluster. However, larger parishes could operate individually. Councillors expressed concerns that areas of work belonged to the County Council, not parishes, yet only fifty per cent funding was offered. Concerns were also expressed as to the additional funding necessary by parishes who wished to engage in the scheme.

Whilst noting that there may be some merit in the scheme, the proposed costs were felt to be prohibitive. Notwithstanding the negative aspects, it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman meet with Officers and Councillors from the County Council to discuss the finer details and also consider the possibility of two larger parishes sharing a Lengsthman and report back in due course. Borough Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council may be investigating a similar scheme.

10.00 WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the current weight restriction scheme was being amended and updated to reflect the new road and the signing should be in place imminently.

11.00 BUS-RELATED ISSUES:

01 Titan Project Meeting – Feedback

The Chairman updated Councillors on the meeting with the Nottinghamshire County Council Officer regarding this project (see attached Appendix 'B'). Councillor Eagles expressed the opinion that a recent consultation by the County Council had been poor, whilst that of Leicestershire had been outstanding. It was agreed that Councillor Eagles should prepare a response to Leicestershire County Council's consultation. The Committee also expressed concern regarding the poor publicity given to bus timetable changes by Trent Barton, and it was agreed that the Clerk relays the Committee's concerns to Trent Barton.

02 Newgate Street Bus Stand Clearway

A letter received from Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that there would not be a bus stand clearway on Newgate Street.

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12.00 **IMPACT OF NEW A46 OPENING IN RELATION TO NOISE LEVELS AND SPEEDING THROUGH BINGHAM:**

The Clerk to chase the current situation re. noise monitoring. County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the matter of the Tythby Road sign was progressing. Councillors expressed concerns about the speed sign for west-bound traffic on Grantham Road. County Councillor Suthers would also investigate this.

Regarding speeding and wreckless driving on Dark Lane, the Clerk to contact Nottinghamshire County Council about the possibilities of a one-way system southwards for this narrow lane.

13.00 **PARKING ISSUES:**

Four complaints had been received in relation to parking in Bingham, and it was agreed that the Chairman should draft a general response and explore the possibility of double yellow lines for Cherry Street. Parking was included as part of ongoing objectives.

14.00 **2012/2013 - SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES:**

Refer to attached list (Appendix 'C'). Short-term, also to include:-

- Resurfacing of The Banks scheduled for August, 2012.
- One-way system for Dark Lane
- Foster's Lane – alteration of road markings
- Muster's Road and surrounding roads in poor condition (lots of potholes).

15.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 **The Manor House**

Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that an Officer was trying to gain access and, if unsuccessful, would apply for a warrant via the Magistrates Court. English Heritage to accompany the Borough Council on a visit. Councillor Davidson confirmed that the matter had been raised at the Borough Council as he was concerned the building was deteriorating at an alarming rate. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood also confirmed that the Nottinghamshire Buildings Preservation Trust had expressed concerns over The Manor House.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6264, Item 6.04	Hill Drive/Carnarvon Place – Adapting grass verges for parking.	A scheme has been logged with N.C.C .for 2012/13.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Update from County Councillor Suthers re. pilot project with Southwell Town Council.
F6303(6) 1 st June, 2010.	Butt Road/Cogley Lane junction – Lack of road markings.	N.C.C. has added to list for when next white-lining.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. – On-going
F6523 14 th June 2011	East Street	Refer to e-mail dated 14 th July from N.C.C. To be included for Detailed Visual Inspection (DVI) to assess inclusion in 2012/2013 Programme of Works.
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C. unable to address (letter dated 13 th September, 2011, refers). Agreed to follow up after Health Centre plans addressed. Suggest speed check undertaken.
F6611 18 th Oct 11	Carnarvon Primary School	If adequate funding, consideration will be given to additional set of zig-zag lines
	Weight restrictions	Officer did not attend 3 rd April 2012 refer to minutes. 12 th June 2012

TITAN PROJECT

Meeting with NCC Officers on 21 May 2012

Present from BTC: Councillors John Eagles and Alan R Harvey

TITAN - stands for Towards Integrated Travel Across Nottinghamshire.

Key points arising from meeting:

- Project intention is to conduct a holistic review of transport across the County considering School Transport, Dial-a-ride services, Adult Day care transport and Local / Commercial bus services;
- It is hoped to operate linked services with NCC looking at through tickets / kangaroo tickets and will try and bring these within commercial specifications;
- NCC have to find £2.08million savings (from a total budget of £30m) by the project which will take about 2 years to complete;
- The initial pilot project area is Newark and the Rushcliffe area is getting drawn into the pilot as many buses operate in the Rushcliffe area to Newark;
- With the Rushcliffe area getting drawn into the pilot project for TITAN, NCC are looking at options for service 24 - possibly reviewing service 53 to serve the Nottinghamshire villages. This may mean more changes but NCC will ensure that the Parish/District/town Councils are fully consulted;
- Project is due to finish in Newark area by Jan 2014 and in the Bingham area circa April 2014; and
- Also looking at possibility of one day services.

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Short Term:		
Item	Detail	Engagement
Budget (Annual)	Review assets, i.e. dog bins, flower baskets, etc. and monitor current year's budgets. Agree next year's budgets – October/December meetings	Policy/Resources Committee RDC NCC Local Stakeholder views
Bus Stops/Stands and service (Also Medium term)	Review stands proposals – monitor situation Keep services under review	NCC Bus companies User experience Business feedback
Car Parking (Also Medium and Long term)	Keep current parking arrangements under review. Examine other options as opportunities arise	RDC Business feedback
Eaton Place Precinct Street Furniture	Furniture may require light upkeep maintenance	RDC Facility holding company Local businesses
Dog/waste bins	Review (currently on-going)	RDC
Hanging Baskets	Monitor	
Willow Road Resurfacing	Monitor	Completed
East Street	Monitor	NCC
Newgate 20mph parking scheme	To be reassessed once Health Centre is under construction	Health Consortia Local Residents NCC
One Way System through Market Street Design / Consultation Stages	Design stage by NCC to be followed by Consultation	NCC Bus Companies Local Traders User Surveys Bingham Business Club
Disabled Parking	Potential for one/two bays near Wallenfels Park	NCC

Bays		Local Residents Recreation Committee
Street Lights	Monitoring of agreed proposals	Feedback
Community Lorry Watch	Proposal	NCC
Lengthsmen Scheme	Consider scheme implementation	NCC Council
Weight Restrictions	To consider amendment proposals	NCC
Butt Road/Cogley Lane Junction	Road Markings	NCC
East Street	Awaiting DVI	NCC
Medium Term:		
Environs and Access around proposed new health centre	Need to ensure environment safe for access/egress	NCC Health Consortia
Environmental arrangements around development of new supermarket	Transport links Access arrangements Local environ Waste arrangements Highways issues	Crown Estate TESCO/Developer NCC RDC
Follow up from NCC Southwell project	Joint working arrangement project. Follow up on any lessons learned from project	NCC Southwell Town Council
Environmental arrangements around Crown Estate Proposal	Highways and related issues Transport issues Access issues Environmental issues Footpaths Waste bins etc	Crown Estate NCC RDC Highways Agency Local Businesses
Environmental issues around Newton Development Project	Highways and related issues	NCC Highways Agency Newton developers
Proposal for Community Centre	Examine access/highways arrangements for any proposal	Crown Estate Local stakeholders
One Way System	Construction	As per short term

around Market Square		
A46	Monitoring of noise and other environmental issues	Highways Agency NCC
Unused Buildings Around Town Centre	Aim to prevent blight	RBC Building owners