

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 11th June, 2013, at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Harvey – For items 1 and 2
 A. Ashmore
 " G. Davidson "
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: County Councillor Suthers

1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor J. Eagles, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor A. Ashmore, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. 3 in favour.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor T. Fox, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor A. Ashmore, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. 3 in favour

Due to the absence of the newly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Davidson elected to Chair the meeting from this point.

3.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillors J. Eagles and T. Fox.

4.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor G. Davidson declared an interest in Folio 7025, Item 12, "Friends of the Manor House".

5.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April, 2013, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to amendment of Folio 6977, Item 6, Route 53 to read "***to be reinstated***".

6.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April, 2013, for information to report.

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7.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'. The Chairman presented these, and County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the Lengthsman Scheme would continue. The Clerk to confirm with Nottinghamshire County Council whether or not T.I.T.A.N. roadshow attended on the 8th June as advertised. Clerk to speak to Nottinghamshire County Council re. Cherry Street parking scheme.

8.00 BUS ISSUES - UPDATE:

01 The Chairman reported a complaint had been received regarding non-arrival of buses. The bus company had investigated and no complaints had been received on the day in question.

02 Service 101 provided one service in the morning and one in the evening. Clerk to contact bus company re. Increase in Service 101 and request Service No. 6 (Lowdham) to be reinstated as this was an important link service. Clerk to contact Clive Greyson at Nottinghamshire County Council, expressing concerns over the temporary nature of the rural services as they are critical for the intra Bingham routes.

9.00 PARKING IN AND AROUND BINGHAM:

Several complaints had been received in relation to the lack of parking around Bingham. Unfortunately, there was no simple solution, and the construction of the Health Centre, along with the Breast Screening Unit in the car park, were adding to the problems. An estimate in the region of £600 – 700k had been received on making a recent enquiry into a parking scheme utilising contaminated land, and this without even considering the access to the area. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Rushcliffe Borough Council re. the possibility of a zoned area scheme in the car park (i.e. certain areas can only park for a few hours). Other ideas were the utilisation of the Town Pavilion and Moot House car parks. However, these would be dependent on a regular bus service from and to the areas. Clerk to invite the County Council (Clive Grayson) to the next meeting, along with all Councillors.

10.00 N.C.C. MATTERS - UPDATE:

01 Update on Market Street One-Way System and Cherry Street Parking

The Chairman briefed members on the recent meeting held with the County Council re. a one-way system on Market Street. County Council Officers were redrafting a scheme which would hopefully be available for Full Council. A small amount of funding was available in 2013/14 for a scheme, and works would have to commence by January, 2014.

02 Update on Interactive Speed Signs – Tythby Road and Chapel Lane

County Councillor Suthers had provided details of signs on Tythby Road and Chapel Lane. However, whilst it was felt that the Tythby Road sign was a priority, the Chapel Lane sign was not. Councillors would prefer to see the sign east-bound on Grantham Road instead.

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10.00 **N.C.C. MATTERS - UPDATE** continued.....

03 Cogley Lane Road Markings – Update on Meeting with N.C.C. Officer

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Eagles had met with N.C.C. Officer re. road markings at the junction of Cogley Lane/Abbey Road. Unfortunately, due to the position of dropped crossings which would fall where the white lines should be painted, there was no easy solution. The County Council Officer noted there was a good visibility splay and agreed to monitor the situation.

04 East Street Resurfacing

This was due to be undertaken 24th to 28th June, 2013.

11.00 **UPDATE ON NETWORK RAIL ISSUES - AUTOMATION OF LEVEL CROSSING:**

It had been brought to the attention of the Town Council that the level crossing on Chapel Lane was to be automated and controlled from Derby, and that this would cut the waiting time at the crossing. As previously noted, all unmanned crossings were being investigated by Network Rail, and the one at Bingham fell within the top fifty. The Clerk to contact Network Rail for an update on all crossings and the bridge at Bingham railway station and also report that debris left from remedial works at the level crossing was causing problems for mobility scooters and pushchairs. The Clerk to report also to Nottinghamshire County Council the problems being experienced by mobility scooter-users on either side of the crossing.

12.00 **THE MANOR HOUSE - UPDATE:**

A letter had been received from the Borough Council confirming it was unable to add The Manor House to the Community Assets Register as it did not meet the criteria. It was reported that new members of "Friends of the Manor House" had signed up at the Town Fair and there was also to be a display in the Library. The "Friends of the Manor House" had taken steps to obtain a valuation of the Manor House.

13.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Nottinghamshire County Council

Notification had been received of a temporary road closure at Harby Road, Langar (for information only). Noted.

02 C.P.R.E.

An invitation to a meeting to consider the impact of HS2 on the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire in general had been received. Noted. Councillors were invited to attend the meeting at 18.00 hours on the 12th June, 2013, at the Belgrave Rooms, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham.

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13.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

03 Linden Homes

An e-mail had been received from the above, confirming that they would sand and seed the grass verges on Tythby Road.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Lengthsman Scheme Pilot – continue monitoring.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. - On-going
F6523 14 th June 2011	East Street	Work being undertaken 24 th - 28 th June 2013
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C on-going. Agreed to follow up after Health Centre plans addressed. Suggest speed check undertaken.
	Restricted parking on Cherry Street / Church Street.	On-going
	One-way system on Market Street	Following the June meeting N.C.C. are redrafting a scheme.
	Transport Consultation	NCC Titan Project did attend on 8 th June 2013 outside Co-op. Clerk to contact Clive Greyson. Clerk to contact RBC re. zoned areas.
F6940	Cogley Lane road markings	Update re. meeting with N.C.C.
F7024/11	Network Rail – Crossing and Station	Clerk to contact Network Rail for update on all crossings and footbridge at station. Report debris left from remedial works. Clerk to contact NCC re. problems exp. by mobility scooter-users either side of crossing.