

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th June, 2014**, at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Ashmore
 " G. Davidson
 " T. Fox
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 1 Public
 1 Press

Due to the absence of the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Fox elected to Chair the meeting from this point

1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor J. Eagles, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor T. Fox, **Proposed** by Councillor G. Davidson and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance received and accepted from Councillor J. Eagles.

4.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

5.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th April, 2014, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

01 F7271/12.02 – Possible Groundwork at Sound-Bund

"path being created *along* the sound-bund' ; '**along**' to read '**adjacent to**'.

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6.00 **MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) INCLUDING ACTION POINTS:**

See attached Appendix 'A'.

01 F7268/4.01 – Eaton Place Toilets

A letter had been received from a resident, confirming that Rushcliffe Borough Council was addressing the problems concerning these toilets were being addressed.

7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS:**

01 Recent Changes of Traffic Regulation Orders and Impact on Traffic Flow and Parking

- (a) Councillor Fox updated members on the responses received from Nottinghamshire County Council (Appendix 'B'). Following a discussion, it was agreed to forward to all Councillors with a view to a formal response following the meeting of Full Council in July.
- (b) It was noted that the sign on Church Street still showed 'No Waiting on Thursdays only'.
- (c) Councillor Purdue-Horan reported that a vehicle had been seen making deliveries facing the wrong way on a one-way street.

County Councillor Suthers supported the concerns raised by the Town Council.

- (d) A resident had reported that there had been an improvement with traffic flow following the recent changes.

8.00 **PARKING STRATEGY MEETING, INCLUDING SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SURVEY - UPDATE:**

Councillor Fox updated members on the two meetings held on the 17th April and 13th May, 2014, (Appendix 'C'), and confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for the 16th June, 2014. County Councillor Mrs. Stockwood and a Nottinghamshire County Council Officer would also attend the meeting. It was agreed that notes on the meetings would be forwarded to Councillors.

There was a discussion in relation to a meeting with the Crown Estate to discuss parking north of the railway line. The Mayor, Councillor Davidson, confirmed that he was in the process of writing to the Crown Estate, specifying the reason for the meeting.

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9.00 **ISSUES IN RELATION TO SPEEDING ON BINGHAM ROADS, INCLUDING LETTER RECEIVED FROM RESIDENT RE: TYTHBY ROAD/A52 BY-PASS JUNCTION:**

- 01 It was noted that a number of speeding tickets had been issued in relation to Bingham
- 02 A letter had been received from a resident with suggestions on road improvements at the A52/Tythby Road junction following an accident he had been involved in. It was agreed that the Clerk forwards these to the Highways Agency and requests further feedback in relation to previous correspondence. Nottinghamshire County Council to be copied into responses.
- 03 Speeding Along Nottingham Road and Grantham Road
- It was agreed to request Nottinghamshire County Council to undertake speeding surveys in both directions on both of these roads; the Clerk to enquire as to the cost of interactive speed signs.

10.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES:**

- 01 Bridge – Request to Purchase Land Which is Being Referred to Policy & Resources Committee.
- Noted.
- 02 East Midlands Trains
- It was noted that there was now an additional stop at various times at Netherfield included in the timetable.
- 03 Disabled Access at the Station
- A resident had raised the issue of access to the station, and also the height of the Harrington Humps, with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State recently. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Network Rail regarding the height of the platform in relation to the carriages.

11.00 **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE IN RELATION TO GRASS-CUTTING IN AND AROUND BINGHAM:**

The County Council had provided the amount it was willing to reimburse Bingham Town Council if the Town Council undertook all the grass-cutting on the County's behalf. It was agreed to refer the matter to a future Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

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12.00 **EATON PLACE PRECINCT REMEDIAL WORKS:**

It was noted that these works were underway but queries were raised as to whether or not the street-lighting columns would be painted.

13.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Fares

An e-mail from a resident was noted complaining about fares.

02 Footpath 11

The Clerk confirmed that a Diversion Order regarding Footpath 11 (around Carnarvon School) had been applied for.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-

Appendix 'A'

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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. Clerk to contact N.C.C./RBC/Metropolitan re. possibility of one Organisation cutting all of Bingham.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. - On-going
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.
F6611 18 th Oct 11	Carnarvon Primary School	If adequate funding, consideration will be given to additional set of zig-zag lines.
	Restricted parking on Cherry Street / Church Street.	On-going subject to consultation process.
F7066/6.01	One-way street on Market Street	Completed March 2014.
	Transport Consultation	On-going
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Awaiting a more detailed Revised design from Network Rail.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	Clerk awaiting further information from NCC. Referred to P & R.
F7067/6.01, 04; 7.04	R.B.C. – Market Place laybys and stones at base of trees.	RBC have budgeted £60k for improvements 2014/2015.
F7068/7.03	R.B.C./Responsible Authorities - Eaton Place and Flowerbeds	Paving slabs have been partly jet- washed March 2014 but much more under the canopy has yet to be done.

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RESPONSE FROM URS RE CONCERNS OVER RECENT TRAFFIC MANGEMENT SCHEME

Disabled bay fell against a railing and therefore passenger door could not be opened.

The instruction to remove the railings at this location was missed from works package issued to the contractor, once highlighted by the Town Council and a member of public arrangements were made to remove the railings.

Right hand turn from Union Street to tight for larger vehicles currently cones etc. on Market Street in that area.

The extents of the parking bay at this location matched up with the single yellow lines previously laid along this section of road. As part of the consultation exercise discussions took place with local businesses who have large vehicles making this manoeuvre and no concerns or issues were raised at the time. However once the order was implemented and the road opened issues with vehicle movements was highlighted. Unfortunately as the order had been made and advertised there wasn't the opportunity to change to cones and barriers were put in place as a temporary measure.

An amended Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is due to be advertised during June that will include an amendment to shorten the parking bay and extend the double yellow lines around this junction by 6m to facilitate the vehicle movements. The TRO is subject to the statutory process and may generate objections, however as it is dealing with minor amendments that should improve the situation then I am not envisaging a problem.

Parking bays fall over dropped kerbs in at least 3 locations (Church St. Frank Inness corner, approx. end of Station Street on to Market Place previously stated Keep Clear yet parking bay fall across it & outside Pods & Petals).

The dropped crossings referred to fall into areas which have been changed from no parking restrictions to 2 hours limited waiting Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm. These include:

1. Church Street opposite Frank Innes
2. Market Place opposite Station Street junction near to Wetherspoons
3. Market Street outside Pet Care / Pods and Petals

It was considered as part of the design process that car parked across the dropped crossing are no more likely now than before and with the timed restrictions there should be a greater turnover, however based on feedback it appears that vehicles regularly park across the dropped kerbs.

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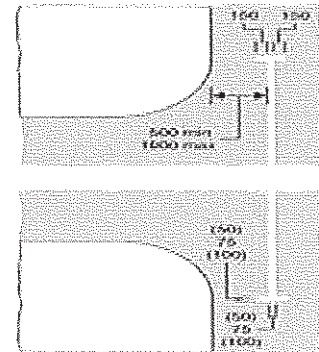
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These crossing points are not what the Council would consider formal uncontrolled crossing points as particularly the locations on Market Place opposite Station Street junction and Market Street outside Pet Care do not have a corresponding dropped crossing directly opposite and there locations tends to lead pedestrians out into wide junction areas. After various site visits around Bingham I have noted that there are several other pedestrian crossing points that are more suitable and meet County Council standards, i.e. they have flush kerbs, tactile paving, dropped kerbs on opposite sides of the roads and are in locations where visibility is better. These crossing points listed have probably been installed over the years to suit local pedestrian desire lines.

I consider a number of options that a number of issues are available, these are:

- Take out the dropped crossings and reinstate full height kerbs

I am not intending to proceed with this option as it appears that they are used by local people.



1026.1 Part of this crossing may be used as a refuge for off-street pedestrians or a private drive, or where the kerb is dropped to provide a convenient crossing place for pedestrians, which should be kept clear of existing vehicles

How	
1	Regulation: Kerbs
2	Diagram: Kerbs
3	Diagram: Kerbs
4	Diagram: Kerbs
5	Diagram: Kerbs

- Formally amend parking bays to keep them clear

In order to ensure adequate visibility for pedestrians parking bays would have to be significantly shortened around the dropped crossings resulting in a loss of parking. This would be required as the County Council as Local Highway Authority need to consider safety of all road users and promoting pedestrians to cross in between parked vehicles is not something that would be promoted. Given the parking issues in Bingham it is important that all issues are considered and restrictions provide the most appropriate balance for all road users.

- Install advisory keep clear marking to "diagram 1026.1" across the pedestrian crossing place – these are known as "H" bar markings and an example of the markings is included for information.

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In order to resolve this issue, I will arrange for the following works to be carried out:

- Advisory keep clear markings to diagram 1026.1 installed across the pedestrian crossing points within the parking bay on Market Place opposite the Station Street junction near to Wetherspoons and on Church Street opposite Frank Innes – work will be carried out when the parking bay on Market Street near to Union Street is amended following the proposed amended Traffic Regulation Order
- The County Council need to advertise and do a statutory consultation to modify the Traffic Regulation Order for the change to the parking bay along Market Street near to Union Street as detailed above. As part of this exercise it is proposed to shorten the parking bay on Market Street outside Pet Care and replace with double yellow lines to clear vehicles from this location. This option is suggested as the pedestrian crossing is at the end of the parking bay, if objections are received then advisory keep clear markings will be installed as an alternative.

Parking Bay falls across the access to Natwest Bank car park entrance.

Whilst it is preferable to terminate parking bays at each private access to avoid the possibility of parked vehicles blocking vehicular access, the traffic regulations permits parking bays to extend over such accesses to reduce the proliferation of signs and recommends that a possible solution to vehicles blocking the access being the installation of a "H" bar marking similar to those proposed at the pedestrian crossing points. This wasn't installed at the time of the new restrictions as it was considered that the vehicle access is obvious and people would keep the access clear as by parking over the crossing they are causing an obstruction.

Clearly, based on feedback from multiple sources people are regularly parking across the access and causing an obstruction. In this case I think the installation of a "H" bar marking would not necessarily solve the problem, as such as part of the amended Traffic Regulation Order the proposal will be to terminate the parking bay either side of the vehicle access and install double yellow lines.

Narrow width of parking bays especially Market Street.

The 2 hour limited waiting parking bay on Market Street south of Union Street was laid incorrectly and didn't follow the kerb line as planned, this means it is too narrow. This will be corrected as part of the lining works planned after the amended TRO consultation has finished.

In addition, queries have been raised regarding the width of the disabled bay on Market Street close to the Union Street junction. Usually disabled bays are installed with a minimum width of 2.7m, the permitted variants in the regulations allows for the minimum width to be reduced to 1.8m (the same as a normal bay) taking into account the nature of the traffic using the road and if the overall width of the carriageway is insufficient to accommodate a wider bay. The bays include the 'DISABLED' text markings and the decision made to go with the minimum width permitted based on the road width available.

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Yellow lines across RBC laybys around Market Place.

Double yellow lines were included in the consultation proposals across the Rushcliffe Borough Council laybys intentionally. The purpose being to keep the Market Street / Market Place junction clear at this location to assist with traffic movements and to prevent traffic parking and obstructing these laybys. The double yellow line restrictions are applicable to the extent of the public highway, which in this case is the end of the carriageway and doesn't include the layby hence it allows parking within the bays for RBC permit holders without the risk of obstruction and keeps this side of the road clear.

No yellow lines at Fosters Lane/East Street/Long Acre.

As part of the Market Street proposals the County Council tried to include other wider restrictions into the same consultation, this junction being one of those. However, I have checked with Gary Bridges at URS who has confirmed that he had discussions with the Town Council on the proposals for this junction and at the time the opinion was that there wasn't really a problem here and restrictions were not necessary. On this basis restrictions were excluded from the consultation undertaken late 2013. At this stage I am not intending to consult on restrictions at this junction as I do not want further objections slowing the process for the parking bay amendments around the Market Place. However, I have discussed with the Rushcliffe District Manager (Kendra Hourd) and suggested that proposals could be included in further work on Cherry Street if required.

Further consultation should have taken place with residents on Cherry Street/Long Acre.

During the last consultation, the Cherry Street aspect of the proposals attracted the most comments, with eight objection received from nearby residents specifically suggesting that the proposals were too extensive. This was reported in the Transport and Highways Committee report and recommendations to remove the proposals for Cherry Street from the advertised order approved. The recommendation included the commitment to discuss these proposals further with residents and consider amended proposals at a later date.

I have agreed with Kendra Hourd that restrictions on Cherry Street will be revisited during 2014/15. However, based on previous objections I am not intending to combine any Cherry Street restrictions with the amended Traffic Regulation Order as I am keen to get the Market Street issues sorted first.

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Please would you investigate the reasons which led to the problems arising to ensure future schemes do not encounter the same problems.

It is acknowledged that there have been issues with the proposals and elements that could be improved. After a number of site visits and discussions internally I will ensure that the lessons learnt from this type of scheme are considered and included as part of planning for future similar schemes.

The Town Council will be included in the amended TRO consultation and for information this will include a slight amendment to the extent of the double yellow lines on Fosters Lane / Rutland Road junction based on feedback and photos from Councillor Suthers.

I trust this answers your queries and apologise for the delay in responding. The consultation and advertisement for the amended TRO will take place during June, depending on objections received I will arrange for the works to be carried out shortly afterwards.

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Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2014

Nature of Meeting: First meeting of the BTC Parking Working Group.

In attendance: Cllrs T. Fox, J. Eagles, S. Hull, J. Stockwood.

1. Apologies for absence:- Cllrs T. Kerry & G. Davidson
2. Appointment of Chairman & Vice Chairman - Cllr T. Fox appointed Chair & Cllr J. Stockwood appointed Deputy Chairman.
3. Terms of Reference & Objective - The proposal put forward by TF dated 17th April 2014 which also includes suggested methods was agreed. A copy is attached.
4. Agreed that the Community Survey results would be the starting point. To provide evidence for future discussions with RBC & NCC in particular it was agreed that these would be formally summarised in two ways:-
 - a) A raw statistical summary of all replies - **Action: TF & JS**
 - b) A summary of the 421 replies where comments were made - **Action TF**
5. Cllr Fox presented his vision for what might be an objective for the group and asked for comments.
As requested his 15th April aide memoir on the topic to be circulated - **Action TF**
(Note: A more refined version dated 22nd April including personal views on the Market Place has also been circulated).
Main points are Long term parking (ideally free) north of railway line, Short term parking (2 hour free) in centre & chargeable thereafter together with residential parking permits on streets in centre.
Comments received were:- Concerns over costs (JS), concerns over likely extent of use by Bingham workers of a new car park north of the line (JE) and desire to consider other ideas (SH). JS mentioned loan option via Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).
6. Agreed to bring in Partner agencies such as RBC (for off street parking) & NCC (for on street parking) to working group meetings. Timing to be agreed. The relationship between number of shops and number of car park spaces was queried - **Action TF to check recommendations.**
7. The CE (amongst others) have also to be considered as a partner agency and JS suggested that we need to discuss implications of a new car park with the CE at the next meeting with them - **Action TK**
8. TF mentioned his contact with RBC over their apparent lack of Parking Strategy. Response awaited - **Action TF**
9. In general discussion various process points were raised namely:- a) Any obvious solutions to be sort b) Project breakdown into specific areas related to different agencies c) Is a land search needed (for new car park/other uses)?- Clerk produced previous plan for 260 space car park on the contaminated land d) Funding sources such as PWLB & S106 monies etc.
10. JE raised potential of land near Derry lane as a P & R including new access to Carnarvon school. P & R issues to be discussed at next meeting - **Action TF**

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11. Other issues raised by TF namely traffic management around the Market Place & the design and uses of the Market Place (partly with the Tesco arrival in mind) to be redirected initially to the Environment committee - **Action JE**

The next meeting to be arranged for w/c 12th May 2014.

AJF 30th April 2014

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BTC Parking Strategy Working Group

Proposed Objectives & Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To propose to BTC full Council a strategic objective for parking in Bingham which covers both capacity & rules and regulations.
- 1.2. As a secondary matter consider side or knock on issues which come up through the process and either log for later use or pursue if appropriate.
2. Membership – a small group selected by the BTC including the Mayor & Deputy mayor.
3. Accountability – to the full council of BTC

4. Methods

- 4.1. Taking the feedback from the recent Community Survey supported by the Bingham Business club as a reference point decide the ideal strategic objective taking account of the working group members' views and previous data.
- 4.2. Discuss proposal with the bodies that have authority in the subject area or influence over implementation. Refine strategic objective as appropriate.
- 4.3. Consult businesses, residents & agencies with authority and/or influence. Refine as appropriate.
- 4.4. In view of the urgency attached to the matter attempt to complete at least 1.1 above within a short time frame (suggestion 6 months). Meetings of the working group and with other bodies to reflect this urgency.

