

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 8th October, 2013**, at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles - Chairman
 " G. Davidson
 " T. Fox
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: County Councillor M. Suthers
 13 members of the public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillors A. Ashmore and Mrs. T. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August, 2013, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) INCLUDING ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES:-

01 Bridge – Update

Network Rail had submitted a revised design showing a three section ramp ending on station platform rather than on Langtry Gardens. Whilst Councillors were pleased amendments had been made, the following were still concerns:-

- The aesthetic look of the whole structure. (Would the ramp sides be solid or preferably lattice-style?)
- Loss of trees. Would any replanting be undertaken?
- Would the area at the base be fenced off or open?
- Councillors await a more detailed plan.

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5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES continued.....

02 Station Platforms - Update

The Clerk confirmed that a ramp had been fixed to the station platform just outside the station building with a sign suggesting that coaches one and two would stop at that point. This raised platform, presumably, was to assist travellers getting on and off the trains!

6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS:-

County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the public consultation in relation to the following would take place shortly with the firm URS undertaking them all at the same time:-

01 Proposed One-Way Street System for Market Street

02 Yellow Lines on Cherry Street and Foster's Lane

03 Parking – An incident caused by a car parked on double yellow lines on the corner of Station Street was noted and Councillors supported that the problem of illegally parked cars should be addressed and followed through by the relevant enforcement officers.

03 Market Place Laybys During Thursday Market

Councillors acknowledged that a formal request should be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council supporting a change to the traffic regulations covering the Market Place laybys. As previously requested, the restriction should end nearer to the time that the actual market finishes, rather than the current time of 6.00 p.m. The Clerk to write to the Borough and County Councils requesting a change to the Traffic Regulation Orders. County Councillor Suthers also to progress the matter.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND LITTER CONTROL OF OPEN SPACE AREAS:

01 Overgrown Grassed Areas (also being considered by Community Committee in relation to Best Kept Village Competition)

Clerk to contact the relevant Authorities with a view to determining costs, areas, payment, etc. in order that a decision can be made in relation to one Authority undertaking all grass-cutting in the area.

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7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND LITTER CONTROL OF OPEN SPACE AREAS** continued.....

02 Overhanging Hedges Encroaching on to Footpath Along Chapel Lane - Update

The Clerk confirmed that issues relating to Chapel Lane had been addressed and the full width of the footpath should now be accessible as both hedges and grass had been trimmed back.

03 General State of Eaton Place Precinct – Shrubs, Beds and Weeds

Clerk to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council.

04 Gravelled Tree Bases in the Market Place

The Clerk had reported this to Rushcliffe Borough Council who had offered the solution of sweeping the Market Place! The Clerk to formally request another solution to prevent the stones from spreading around as they present an Health & Safety hazard.

8.00 **CONSIDERATION OF RISKS WHICH FALL UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S REMIT:**

Risks which fall under the Environment Committee's remit include:-

- Flower baskets which involve stress-testing of street-lighting columns.
- Provision of seats and benches.
- Work with partner agencies, i.e. Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council, etc.

9.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO BUS SERVICE PROVISION IN BINGHAM:**

01 E-mail from Resident re. Bus Services from Radcliffe-on-Trent

Trent Barton had confirmed that under-fives travel free and five to fifteen years pay half the adult fare. The Chairman confirmed that certain tariffs reflected it could be cheaper travelling by train from Nottingham to Bingham which was unusual. The TITAN scheme will focus on hubs at Bingham and Radcliffe-on-Trent.

10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Resident

A letter had been received regarding the planter at the end of Fisher Lane. The Clerk confirmed that the digging and replanting of this was in hand.

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

02 Resident

A request had been received regarding a street-light being operational all night outside 15, Fairfield Street. County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the part-night lighting scheme had been operational for approximately three years and this was the first request for a long while to have a light-timing changed. The Chairman confirmed that the Town Council supported the request to have the street light outside 15, Fairfield Street put back into operation all night. County Councillor Suthers also supported this and would arrange for the matter to be addressed.

03 Snow Warden

The Chairman confirmed that the Town Council Office was registered for this purpose.

04 Nottinghamshire County Council

An e-mail had been received regarding grit bins on Wharf Road/Medway Drive. The Clerk to request a copy of Nottinghamshire County Council's policy re. grit bins.

05 Linden Homes

The Clerk reported that Linden Homes had arranged winter landscaping works to include regrading and re-seeding at the junction of Mill Hill and Tythby Road. The delay had been due to work being undertaken in relation to the highway. The village gateway sign was also being reinstated on the edge of BTC owned land.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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After the meeting had finished members of the public raised concerns in relation to proposed parking restrictions on Cherry Street/Foster's Lane and the effect of a one-way system on Market Street. The following matters were requested to be considered before making any formal decisions:-

- Cherry Street –Double yellow line only part-way down on east side of street to enable parking at Long Acre end of the street.
- Residents' Permits – Consideration to be given to such a scheme.
- Consultation – To undertake a formal consultation.

Councillors reassured members of the public that a formal consultation was being arranged by the County Council through URS and that the Consultation formed a major part when undertaking any Traffic Regulation Orders.

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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 NCC/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 system on Market Street	On-going subject to consultation process.
	Transport Consultation	On-going
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Revised design submitted by Network Rail.
F7067/5.02	East Midlands Trains – Harrington Hump	Clerk confirmed a ramp now in place on platform just in front of station building.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	Clerk to arrange meeting with all Authorities.
F7067/7.02	N.C.C. – Encroaching grass verges	Now completed.
F7067/6.01, 04; 7.04	R.B.C. – Market Place laybys and stones at base of trees.	Clerk to formally request R.B.C. to review regulations/timings; Clerk to request remedial works re. loose stones under H & S.
F7068/7.03	R.B.C./Responsible Authorities - Eaton Place and Flowerbeds	Clerk to chase all, expressing concerns re. general state/cleaning.