

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**, at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Stockwood – Chairman  
 " R. Barnett  
 " G. Davidson  
 " J. Eagles  
 " A. Shelton  
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. J. Bien, Nottinghamshire County Council

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor R. Barnett declared an interest in Folio 6336, Item 7.00, 'Focus on the Crocus'.

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2.00 MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, for information to report.

**3.00 BUS STOPS/STANDS:**

Mr. Jarek Bien was welcomed to the meeting to give an update on the County's suggestions for town centre improvements and agreement to investigate options for a future scheme.

Town Councillors' made the following observations:-

- (a) Scheme time limit restrictions should also cover Sundays.
- (b) Buses parking closer to congested Market Street/Church Street junction may hinder traffic flow, both for buses negotiating parked vehicles on Market Street and other vehicles seeking to turn into Church Street.

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### **3.00 BUS STOPS/STANDS continued.....**

- (c) Newgate Street is a particularly narrow street on which to accommodate a formal bus-parking place.
- (d) Any bus-parking place on Newgate Street may limit access to the loading area at the rear of Eaton Place shops.
- (e) Bank security may present a problem if the security vans could not stop directly outside the NatWest bank in the Market Place.
- (f) The 'No Waiting by Buses at Any Time' area appears far larger than necessary. The knock-on effect will be buses waiting just outside the specified.
- (g) Any scheme should seek the support of local businesses and bus companies.
- (h) Effectiveness of the scheme is linked to effectiveness of parking enforcement.

### **4.00 ACTION POINTS:**

See Appendix 1.

### **5.00 HANGING BASKETS - UPDATE:**

Following Nottinghamshire County Council's instructions that its permission had to be sought and street lighting columns had to be stress-tested before having flower baskets attached to them, the Chairman confirmed that some of the flower baskets had been re-sited and ten street-lighting columns had been stress-tested. Flower baskets that could not be re-sited were repositioned outside The Old Court House and along the railings to St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should look into alternative flower towers, etc. for the next years, bearing in mind that this year was the first year of a three year contract for the supply of the floral displays.

### **6.00 DOG LITTER BINS - UPDATE:**

In an effort to investigate options for improving the way dog litter bins are managed, the Clerk provided a map of current locations of both Bingham Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council dog bins. The Chairman confirmed that certain enquiries had been made at Rushcliffe Borough Council. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should progress this matter and, hopefully, ensure that both the Town and Borough Councils' information was accurate.

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**7.00**     **'FOCUS ON THE CROCUS'**

Councillor Barnett declared an interest in this item and then went on to present information on the 'Purple Pinkie Project' aimed at eradicating polio by planting one thousand crocus bulbs to support a local charity. It was agreed to accept the offer of crocus bulbs for planting in the Fisher Lane planter, with a view to them being planted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010, either by local schoolchildren or Bingham Town Council staff.

**8.00**     **SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:**

Suggestions for this scheme were considered and it was agreed to apply for additional trees to be planted on Butt Field.

**9.00**     **BUDGET PLANNING:**

It was agreed that budget items were the provision of dog bins, including emptying of same, and provision of floral displays.

**10.00**    **BINGHAM 2020:**

It was agreed that the issues highlighted were all inter-linked. However, traffic management, parking, transport and infrastructure were all priority issues.

**11.00**    **CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING:**

01     Netherfield Adopt-A-Station Scheme

A letter had been received on the progress of this scheme, and it was agreed that the Clerk should respond with a letter of support.

02     Rushcliffe Borough Council

A letter had been received from the Borough Council regarding tackling anti-social behaviour on the footpath adjacent to Brewster's Close. The responses from various agencies were noted.

03     Notice of Temporary Road Restriction for Newgate Street and Market Street

The Clerk to ensure access to the car park would not be a problem.

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**11.00**      **CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING** continued.....

04      Nottinghamshire County Council

A letter had been received about the feedback from the N.C.C. Parish Council Workshop. The letter confirmed new initiatives were in place following the workshop such as parish walkabouts, contacts directory, Highways Liaison Officers, information packs and website improvements.

05      Saxondale Island

A letter had been received from a resident concerning the lane markings at this island. It was noted that the lane markings were subject to change in September due to works on the new A46 road improvements.

06      Balfour Beatty

A copy of a letter was received which Balfour Beatty had sent to some Bingham residents informing them of evening working in relation to the new railway bridge. It was noted that some aerial photographs of the A46 were also available.

07      Willow Road - Buses

A complaint had been received in relation to bus drivers on Willow Road. The Clerk to acknowledge the complainant and also contact bus company.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....

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**ACTION POINTS**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY</b>
	Harebell Close/Nottingham Road – Planting Scheme	Letter sent
F6263, Item 6.02	Town Pavilion Signs	N.C.C. had provided new replacement fittings and sign on Nottingham Road raised.
F6263, Item 6.01	Grantham Road/ Willow Road – Road Safety Improvements	Work scheduled for this financial year.
F6264, Item 6.04	Hill Drive/Carnarvon Place	Chairman and N.C.C. had met. Awaiting dedicated N.C.C Liaison Officer.
F6264, Item 7.02	E-mail re. Mill Hill Road housing development.	Response received confirming number of cabins to be reduced with a view to site being completed July, 2011.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Butt Road/Cogley Lane junction – Lack of road markings.	N.C.C. investigating.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Willow Road - Resurfacing	N.C.C. investigating and will update on findings.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010.	Precinct	Repainting of street furniture. Chairman liaising with RBC
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Cogley Lane/Manor Road footpath	N.C.C. scheme to replace step with a slope this financial year.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Newgate/Fairfield Streets/Kirkhill Resurfacing	Newgate Street scheduled for 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25th August, 2010; Kirkhill to Long Acre 11 <sup>th</sup> -12th and 18th -19th September. Clerk to confirm whether or not there will be access to car park during this period.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre)	Clerk to arrange meeting – Speeding of buses along Willow Road to be included.

