

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 16th August, 2011**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Harvey - Chairman
 A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor J. Eagles.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June, 2011, 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:

There were no Matters Arising for information to report.

5.00 ACTION POINTS:

01 Folio 65233/6 – Update on Bus/Stop Stands and Meeting with Premiere

The Chairman updated members on a meeting he and the Vice-Chairman had held with representatives of Premiere Travel, and confirmed that the bus clearway scheme was now in operation and the zones were now being monitored. He would provide bullet points on the meeting with Premiere Bus Company.

02 Folio 6523/5.04 – Update on Old Court House Trade Waste Contract

The Chairman confirmed that discussions had been held with Nottingham City Council who was looking to take on Rushcliffe Borough Council's contract. Quotations are being sought from other providers. The Committee authorised the Chairman and Clerk to action this matter as the new contract has to be in place by the 30th September, 2011.

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03 Folio 6523/5.03 – Update on Eaton Place Precinct Issues

Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that, generally, following improvement schemes, it was only responsible for maintenance for a period of one year. There were further implications as Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council were responsible for certain areas. The Clerk to try to source a copy of the agreement made at the commencement of the works.

04 Folio 6523/5.01 – Update from County Councillor Suthers on Pilot Project Involving Southwell Town Council re. Grass Cutting

It was reported that the Southwell Town Council project was in its infancy. It was agreed to speak to Councillor Suthers re. arranging a meeting with a view to Policy & Resources addressing when discussing devolution of services with Rushcliffe Borough Council.

05 Folio 6523/5.05 – Update on East Street

Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that East Street was subject to a Detailed Visual Inspection (DVI) when drawing up next year's (2012/2013) resurfacing programme. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, confirmed a problem regarding an emergency services vehicle had been raised with County Councillor Suthers in relation to the lack of lighting on East Street. Nottinghamshire County Council to be pursued to ascertain a date for the Detailed Visual Inspection.

06 Folio 6485 – Update on Willow Road Resurfacing

Dissatisfaction on the resurfacing carried out on Willow Road had been logged with Nottinghamshire County Council. The Chairman expressed some concern at the time taken by Nottinghamshire County Council to respond to may queries from the Town Council (this being a case in point) as no timeframe for Inspectors had been provided despite frequent requests. Clerk to raise issue again. If difficulties persist, the Chairman would pursue with Councillor Suthers.

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6.00 BEAUTIFUL BINGHAM - MAINTENANCE/CARE OF FLOWER BASKETS:

The Chairman raised the issue of the maintenance of flower baskets/towers. It was accepted that due to the current groundstaff shortfalls, only essential work was being undertaken. It was anticipated that this issue would be resolved once normal staffing levels had resumed.

7.00 N.C.C. ENERGY AND COST-SAVING IN RELATION TO STREET LIGHTING - CONSIDERATION OF IMPLICATIONS AND FEEDBACK:

The Clerk confirmed a gentleman had reported he was unhappy with Nottinghamshire County Council's response regarding there being no street-lighting in the vicinity of sheltered housing accommodation. The Clerk had passed the complaint to County Councillor Suthers and was awaiting feedback. Councillor Suthers had confirmed that certain lights had been reinstated where complaints had been upheld. It was also reported that complaints had been received about misdemeanours on Church Street.

8.00 FISHER LANE FLOWER BED - FUTURE PLANTING/MAINTENANCE:

The Chairman confirmed receipt of two letters from a resident who had been tending the flower bed. It was agreed that the Clerk should thank the resident for the assistance given and also write to local residents/businesses, asking them for their views on the flower bed. It was suggested that berberis could be planted to deter the flower bed being abused, subject to any views received.

9.00 BINGHAM 2020 AND SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM PLANNING - DRAFT REPORT:

Further to a report submitted by the Chairman, Councillors were requested to submit any further ideas to the Clerk or Chairman for inclusion in the report. It was agreed to write to Network Rail regarding the upgrade of the station and lack of disabled access. The Chairman to write to the Government, requesting further resources to upgrade the rail network in Bingham. The Committee also briefly discussed a suggestion to expand the Robin Hood Line to Bingham, and the Chairman would include this suggestion within his letter

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Resident

A letter had been received from a resident about speeding in Newgate Street. Police figures had confirmed there had been one accident. It was suggested that due to the fact the proposed Health Centre may generate more footfall, a request be made to the County Council regarding a twenty miles per hour speed limit for Newgate Street. Clerk to respond to the resident and also contact Nottinghamshire County Council.

02 Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Core Strategy

Members were invited to take part in the above consultation and on-line survey which ends on the 16th September, 2011.

03 Rushcliffe Borough Council

A letter had been received about reviewing services, including Environment & Waste Management (EWM) which includes Streetwise, Recycling2Go and fleet services, as well as community facilities. It was agreed to refer to Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

04 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Members' Bulletin received relating to devolution of services.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-