

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 13th August, 2013**, at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles - Chairman
 A. Ashmore
 " G. Davidson
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood
 Also in attendance: Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 Two members of the public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillors T. Fox 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 11th June, 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 (APPENDIX 'A':

01 F7024/11.00 – Network Rail Issues

A Councillor reported that this matter had not been addressed but Nottinghamshire County Council has since confirmed that this matter is, in fact, being investigated

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES:-

01 Bridge – Report on Meeting held on 5th August, 2013.

The Chairman reported on the above meeting. (Appendix 'B').

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

It was agreed that the Clerk chases Network Rail regarding concerns over the loss of trees, ramp structure being overbearing and bridge unsightly, etc., and requests amended plans addressing the concerns raised.

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

02 Station Platforms

The Chairman confirmed that a request for a Harrington Hump at the station would have to be addressed by East Midlands Trains.
Clerk to chase.

03 Retention of Current Signal Box to Avoid Demolition

Councillors felt that due to financial constraints, they could not support the suggestion to retain the signal box.

6.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS:-**

01 Proposed One-Way Street System for Market Street

The Chairman updated members on a meeting held in July with a representative of U.R.S. Revised plans were being drafted due to Councillors' concerns over loading and disabled parking bays, etc. The revised plans had yet to be received. Clerk to chase.
Nottinghamshire County Council has also been consulting with shops.

02 Yellow Lines on Cherry Street and Foster's Lane

No further update had been received in relation to these.

03 Parking – Rushcliffe Borough Council Study

The Chairman confirmed that in 2014, Rushcliffe Borough Council would be undertaking a parking survey across the Borough.

04 Market Place Laybys During Thursday Market

It was agreed to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council with a view to regulations being amended to between 6.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. in relation to laybys in the Market Place on Thursdays.

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

01 Overgrown Grassed Areas

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk was trying to arrange a meeting between all Authorities responsible for grass-cutting in Bingham.

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02 Overhanging Hedges Along Chapel Lane

An e-mail had been received confirming that a Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Inspector would be assessing this area. Clerk to ensure that the County Council also checks grassed verges encroaching on the footpath.

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

Clerk to contact managing agents and the Borough Council, expressing concerns over the general state of Eaton Place, and also request Rushcliffe Borough Council to undertake a stricter cleaning regime and maintenance of the flower beds

04 Gravelled Tree Bases in the Market Place

The Clerk to report gravelled tree bases in the Market Place which have become unsightly are causing a hazardous problem as the gravel has worked loose.

8.00 **CYCLING THROUGH PRECINCT:**

This was not considered to be a major problem.

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

01 Update of Meeting with N.C.C. and Alteration of Trent Barton Services

The Chairman referred to notes of a meeting held on the 4th July, 2013.

10.00 **AIMS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:**

The following were confirmed as aims for the forthcoming year:-

01 One-way system; yellow lines.

02 "Beautiful Bingham" - Determine area of responsibility re. grass-cutting and general maintenance of all areas, i.e. open spaces, Precinct, pavements, notice-boards, etc.

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10.00 **AIMS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR continued.....**

- 03 Greater awareness of impact of proposed developments north of the railway, and, in order to achieve this, a clearer picture of the said development.
- 04 Better facilities at the station, i.e. new bridge and Harrington Hump.
- 05 Maintain/improve local bus services.

11.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 01 A60987 – Notification of road restriction s due to slippage of the embankment at Gunthorpe. Restrictions are expected until the beginning of September.
- 02 Letter received from a resident in relation to the Fisher Lane flower bed. Suggestions were made that removal or changing the top of the wall may deter free runners from using it.
- 03 A copy letter and a response had been received from Miller Homes regarding decommissioning of the site compound. The work is due for completion during September. However, certain work is covered by the planning consent relating to the development and will be maintained to an adoptable standard as a matter of course. Planning approval is currently awaited in relation to culverting of the Swales running alongside Mill Hill Road. Once approval is granted, contractors are ready to commence work.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.17 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	Second stretch completed w/c 5 th August.
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
F7066/6.01	One-way system on Market Street	N.C.C. update meeting arranged June, 2013. On-going
	Transport Consultation	On-going
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Clerk to chase Network Rail re. Councillors' 7066 concerns.
F7067/5.02	East Midlands Trains – Harrington Hump	Clerk to chase.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	Clerk to arrange meeting with all Authorities.
F7067/7.02	N.C.C. – Encroaching grass verges	Clerk to check with N.C.C. re grass verges.
F7067/6.01, 04; 7.04	R.B.C. – Market Place laybys and stones at base of trees.	Clerk to contact R.B.C. re. regulations/timings; loose gravel .
F7068/7.03	R.B.C./Responsible Authorities - Eaton Place and Flowerbeds	Clerk to chase all, expressing concerns re. general state/cleaning.

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NOTES ON MEETING HELD 5TH AUGUST, 2013, WITH NETWORK RAIL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs. J .Eagles, T. Fox and J. Stockwood
Network Rail Representatives – Robert Goulding, Tristan and Dominic,
Town Clerk

Meeting was held at the station to consider the proposals in relation to a foot bridge and also whether or not Network Rail would be interested in any of the contaminated land area to enhance the station facilities.

Unfortunately, due to land restraints, the preferred option of a DDA compliant bridge at Moor Lane was not an option.

There was also confusion over the possibility of the future closure of the Moor Lane foot crossing.

Due to the previous fact Network Rail were proposing option 5 plans. (Refer to attached plan).

Councillors present wished following comments to be noted:-

Bridge Structure:

- 3 longer ramps instead of 4 ending on Station Street not Langtry Gardens end.
- Why cannot the ramp continue from the existing bridge platform avoiding the need for the staggered effect which also pushes the commencement of the ramp further along the platform?
- All the trees on north side of the ramp fall within Network Rail boundary and would be felled.
- There would be no improvement in the cosmetic structure of the bridge.
- North side access to the platform off the ramp.

Land Requirement

- South side i.e. Langtry Gardens exact area required by NR yet to be determined subject to final plans being drawn up.
- Once detail plans are available, matters such as maintenance and fencing-off yet to be determined.
- Short term – Contractors would like use of B.T.C. ex allotment site (approx.. 25%) as a works compound and access along Butt Field access road and car park for a crane and works vehicles. Exact details yet to be determined but site of temporary compound and any damage would be made good.

Mitigation for Langtry Gardens residents to minimise visual impact of new facility.

Considerations

If B.T.C. does not support the plans due to position, appearance, objections, Network Rail rep. suggested that the foot crossing would be left open (which is contrary to previous information given re. it being a high risk crossing).