

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday 9 December 2008** at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 October 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Councillor R Barnett was still unsure if the Tythby Road closure signs were adequate.

2.00 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Cllr J Eagles had met with a representative from Speedwatch who felt that it may not be worthwhile purchasing a speedgun as there was no Speedwatch Group currently in operation. It had been suggested that Councillors could act as observers on a voluntary basis.

Cllr R Barnett felt that interactive speed signs worked well. However, the cost of the signs was prohibitive at £6,000 for a single sign on one side of the road and £8,000 for signs on both sides of the road. Paul Hillier had confirmed to Cllr Eagles that Notts County Council were monitoring existing signs and that there was only one portable unit per District.

It was agreed that the Town council would actively promote and encourage Speedwatch and would purchase a speedgun for Bingham.

The Clerk to contact County Cllr Suthers who supported Speedwatch and who had pledged £750 towards the cost of a speedgun for Bingham.

The Clerk to write to Notts County Council requesting interactive signs on both sides of Nottingham Road.

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3.00 TRAFFIC

01 Update from Notts County Council re:

a) HGV signs A46

New HGV signs were currently being installed on the A46. it was agreed that a letter should be sent to DfT in support of the proposed dualling of the A46

02 Update from Rushcliffe Borough Council re:

b) Cost of supply and emptying of dog bins

The cost of supplying and installing a post mounted dog bin is £175. Cost of emptying each bin is £3.20. Rushcliffe reported that Bingham had bins in 20 locations, however this number did not tally with the Town Council's figures.

The following actions were agreed:

- the number of bins would be checked,
- subject to funding, an additional 3 bins would be located on the Toot Hill site and 1 on Nottingham Road
- Streetwise to clarify if Nottingham Road bin is a problem

4.00 STREETWISE

01 Eaton Place

Streetwise to be asked why the precinct had not been steam cleaned as promised.

02 Recycling sites

Micro-glass recycling sites to be evaluated at the end of January 2009. Councillors were disappointed that members of the public were driving to the sites.

5.00 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

01 Local buses

Discussion took place regarding various routes. There appears to be a problem where buses are allowed to 'rest up'. Clerk to contact Toot Hill to establish if the bus park is acceptable for this purpose. It was agreed that a note should be placed in the Town News asking if any more services are required as the Town Bus Service is being developed.

02 'Adopt a Station'

It was agreed to meet in Jan '09

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6.00 2009/2010 BUDGET

The following revenue budget was recommended, subject to confirmation of current hanging basket contract and cost of dog bags:

	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10
Expenditure		
General Maintenance	340	300
Beautiful Bingham	3700	5000
Litter/dog bins	<u>1000</u>	<u>500</u>
Total	5040	5800

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Babcock Networks Ltd regarding a mast on Harvest Close was noted
- b) Cllr Eagles provided photographs of areas on Newton Avenue and East Street which needed bringing to the attention of NCC Highways and RBC. Clerk to follow up these issues with relevant authority.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-