

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 6 December, 2011**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Councillor F. Purdue-Horan

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs J Marshall and J Eagles.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A Ashmore declared an interest in respect of the Item 11 regarding impact of new A46

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October, 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:

See action points.

5.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached, including:-

Folio 6572, Item 5.01 – Proposed school entrance markings re Carnarvon Primary School

Refer to Action points

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6.00 NCC Energy and cost saving in relation to street-lighting. To consider implications and any feedback on the scheme now in operation:

The Chairman confirmed a petition was to be presented to the January Full Council meeting. The review period ended mid December, however it would be late January when the review would take place. There was a brief discussion in relation to the viability of every alternate light being left on, and use of low energy lighting across the board. It was agreed that a formal letter should be sent to Notts County Council requesting consideration of these suggestions. Also agreed Councillors would undertake walking the area in the hours of darkness to experience the impact of reduced street-lighting.

7.00 To consider request for dog waste bins:

There was a brief discussion regarding requests for siting of dog bins and it was agreed to include provision in the budget for one bin at a site yet to be determined in East Bingham.

8.00 Update on bus stop/stand scheme – General and in relation to Newgate Street:

An officer from Notts County Council had requested a meeting on site to consider proposals for Newgate Street; however; Councillors felt that Newgate Street was unsuitable for a bus stand. Agreed to invite the NCC Officer to the next meeting to provide an update on bus stop siting, enforcement issues and other NCC highways projects.

9.00 To consider sponsorship offers in relation to Fisher Lane flower bed:

Responses had been received from a resident and several businesses. It was

RECOMMENDED to accept the contribution of £50 from the resident with a view to the Town Council planting suitable shrubbery, and to plant up the flower planters and hanging baskets with red white and blue for next year.

10.00 Community Lorry Watch:

The Town Council had been contacted by a Trading Standards officer from Notts County Council, regarding a community initiative involving monitoring overweight vehicles driving through Bingham. It was agreed to invite the officer to a future Environment Committee meeting.

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11.00 Impact of new A46 opening:

The Chairman reported on a query regarding noise impact for residents in the Langdale Grove area, following the opening of the new A46. It was agreed that it was difficult to assess the impact at this time of year due to dark nights and residents' windows remaining closed.

Temporary signage on Saxondale roundabout had been removed and drivers were finding it difficult to negotiate the roundabout in the correct lane. Two Councillors had experienced dangerous situations with drivers switching lanes. It was agreed that the Clerk should report this to the relevant authority.

12.00 Notts County Council - items for consideration, including:-

01 Localism – Update on meeting with County Councillor M Suthers

The Chairman referred to notes on the meeting held on 14 November 2011 (see notes attached)

02 Roads in Winter leaflet

A copy of this leaflet was provided for councillors

13.00 To consider all Environment Committee budgets for 2012/2013

The following budgets were agreed:

	Budget	Actual @	Estimated	Budget
	2011/2012	30-Sep-11	31-Mar-12	2012/2013
<u>Expenditure</u>				
General Maintenance	740	8	100	640
Beautiful Bingham	4414	4,511	4511	4500
Litter/Dog Bins (Env & Rec)	200	0	0	450
	5354	4,519	4611	5590

14.00 To consider any correspondence received, including:-

01 Letter from Lambert Smith Hampton

The letter dated 25 October from Lambert Smith Hampton was noted

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14.00 02 Email regarding pigeons in area of Eaton Place

Complaints had been received in relation to pigeons in Eaton Place and surrounding area, together with an email from a Borough Council officer. Rushcliffe Borough Council suggested a joint initiative between Local Authorities and businesses to support a programme of cleaning, building repairs, building proofing and a control programme which would require both financial and political support.

Following a brief discussion it was

RECOMMENDED not to offer financial assistance at this stage but to seek a more natural deterrent, eg birds of prey to frighten away pigeons.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6264, Item 6.04	Hill Drive/Carnarvon Place – Adapting grass verges for parking.	A scheme has been logged with N.C.C .for 2012/13.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Update from County Councillor Suthers re. pilot project with Southwell Town Council.
F6303(6) 1 st June, 2010.	Butt Road/Cogley Lane junction – Lack of road markings.	N.C.C. has added to list for when next white lining.
F 6485 12 th April, 2011.	Willow Road - Resurfacing	Complaint of dissatisfaction with the works - Reported to N.C.C. Senior Highways Inspector to address.
F6523 14 TH June, 2011.	Precinct	R.B.C. e-mail from officer confirming only responsible for one year following refurbishment.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. new bus stop/stand scheme being monitored.
F6523 14 th June 2011	East Street	Refer to e-mail dated 14 th July from N.C.C. To be included for Detailed Visual Inspection (DVI) to assess inclusion in 2012/2013 Programme of Works.
F6574	Fisher Lane Flower Bed	Agreed to accept residents offer of £50 towards plants.
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C. unable to address (letter dated 13 th September, 2011, refers). 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
	Weight restrictions	Invite Officer to meeting