

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 February, 2010**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

1.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

2.00 APOLOGIES:

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

3.00 MINUTES, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising for information.

02 Folio 6178, Item 3.02 - Parish Planting & Landscape Scheme 2009/10

This matter was still being addressed.

03 Folio 6179, Item 4.00 – Hanging Baskets

The contract for the hanging baskets had been received and returned to Plantscape.

04 Folio 6179, Item 6.00 – Drains and Hedge

The Clerk confirmed that both Nottinghamshire County Council and Network Rail had agreed to address these problems.

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3.00 MINUTES, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING continued.....

05 Meadowsweet Hill Corner

It was reported that the Town Council's groundsmen had inadvertently addressed this. The Clerk to chase the Crown.

4.00 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MEETINGS:

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council – Car-Parking

A meeting was held on the 12th February, 2010, see notes attached. It was agreed to invite Andrew Barnes to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

02 Premiere Buses

A meeting was held on the 11th January, 2010, (see notes attached). Councillor Eagles confirmed that Trent Buses were receiving major upgrades. Problems were still being experienced outside the Co-op in the market square and also concerns regarding the laying-over of buses on Long Acre.

03 Adopt-a-Station

It was agreed not to pursue this idea due to insufficient interest being shown.

5.00 BINGHAM 2020 - SHAPING OUR FUTURE:

It was agreed to assume five major certainties outside the control of Bingham Town Council, i.e.:-

1. Increase in housing north of the railway.
2. Upgrade of the A46
3. New health centre
4. Tesco (or another) supermarket
5. Business park to be built north of the railway

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5.00 **BINGHAM 2020 - SHAPING OUR FUTURE** continued.....

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
United front therefore strength in numbers.	Lack of power	Working with partners i.e. N.C.C./R.B.C., etc.	Infrastructure not keeping up with development.
	Sometimes not seeming to be heard.	A fresh look at the town.	Current resources will be stretched by any new development.
	Drains	Drains/ditches etc. Severn Trent Water.	Lack of grounds-staff with necessary expertise to maintain standards.
	Land contamination		

NEW ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION	ISSUES FOR REVIEW AND REFRESH
Additional crossing over railway	Transport infrastructure
Future of land at public weighbridge site	Public transport requires addressing - both buses and trains.
Existing railway crossings if town expands	Parking
Support Park & Ride scheme	Traffic flow
	Town centre parking
	Cycle routes
	Market town initiative environmental projects such as small-scale landscaping; litter bins an street furniture; streets swept and bins emptied regularly; repairs and maintenance promptly; graffiti removed rapidly; trees surveyed and maintained; footpaths sign-posted and maintained; more dog litter-bins; public toilets cleaned regularly; street-lighting of sufficient standard and working; provision of recycling facilities.

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6.00 TRAFFIC:-

01 Zebra Crossing and Barrier on Grantham Road

Councillor Eagles referred to information provided by County Councillor Suthers in relation to Nottinghamshire County Council's Safer Routes to School Programme. The following installations are were also reported:-

- Pedestrian tactile crossings at Carnarvon Primary School
- Two-metre panel of guard rail across the footpath at Willow Road.
- Two-metres of pedestrian guard rail either side of the existing crossing on to Grantham Road.

Paul Hillier from Nottinghamshire County Council had also confirmed the following:-

- Grantham Road – A zebra crossing would replace the existing bollards and this to be sited in the same location.
- None of the proposed cycle routes would have to be revisited.

02 Toucan Crossing, Nottingham Road

It was reported that this crossing is now operational.

03 Closure of Tythby Road

Councillor Eagles confirmed that the Town Council should shortly received notification of this closure.

04 Road Signs for H.G.V's. and Butt Field Directional Sign

It was reported that these should be in place by the end of March. Councillors raised concerns over the signs for the Town Pavilion in Bingham facing the wrong direction. It was suggested that Nottinghamshire County Council be requested to raise the signs in order to prevent them from being changed by mischievous fingers.

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Dog Walkers' Group

Reference was made to an e-mail dated the 11th January, 2010. It was pointed out that once a decision had been made, it had to stand for a period of time. However, this matter would be reviewed at the next budget setting for 2011/12.

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7.00 **CORRESPONDENCE continued.....**

02 Nottinghamshire County Council

A Local Transport Plan Survey had been received, and Councillor Eagles confirmed that he had forwarded this to Councillors before completing it.

03 Request from a Resident for Secure Bicycle Parking

An e-mail had been received for secure bicycle parking. This matter had been raised previously but, unfortunately, there had been no obvious solution forthcoming.

04 Request for Disabled Parking Facilities

The Clerk to forward this letter to Nottinghamshire County Council and reply, pointing out that parking is available on Church Street. Regarding the possibility of having Union Street as a one-way street, this is not feasible due to shop deliveries.

05 Disc Parking

Councillors referred to this letter . However, the matter has been suggested previously and is costly as it requires monitoring.

06 Nottinghamshire County Council – Carnarvon Place Area

Nottinghamshire County Council has suggested that certain grassed areas could be tarmaced over under a Building Better Communities scheme as they are unsightly and difficult to maintain. Further information is being forwarded by the County Council.

8.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Councillors were informed of the amended date of the 13th April, 2010, for the next meeting.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
3.02	Parish Planting Scheme 09/10	C.P. identifying ownership of land.
4.01	Car Parking – Meeting with Andrew Barnes	Clerk to arrange meeting.
7	Correspondence	Clerk to reply and forward if necessary to relevant Authority.