

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 8th January, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles – Chairman
" R. Barnett
" G. Davidson
" F. Purdue-Horan
" A. Shelton
" J. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

No apologies for absence were received.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th October, 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the addition at F5702. under 'Present' of Councillor R. Barnett, and the deletion under 'Apologies' of Mrs. J. Marshall.

2.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (*For information*)

(a) F5702/2.02 (a) – Cycle Route, Tythby Road

The Chairman advised that work had commenced with dropped kerbs being installed along Tythby Road.

(b) Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk reported on current outstanding matters and the Committee agreed actions as appropriate. A copy of the Outstanding Matters Schedule is attached at Appendix A.

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2.00 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES continued.....**

02 Traffic & Transport Issues:

(a) Community Speed Watch Update

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk, updating members with regard to Community Speed Watch issues.

In respect of the request made at the last meeting (F5706 refers), the County Council had advised that as Bingham's major routes did not qualify in terms of traffic movements, it would not provide details of installation or equipment costs for flashing signs, although a member was of the view that recent legal powers did allow the Council to install such equipment.

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish Council which indicated that it may be interested in a joint scheme with Bingham Speed Watch. The Speed Watch Co-ordinator had agreed to be part of any consultations with Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish Council.

The Chairman pointed out that County Councillor Suthers had a Ward Fund, and that he should be asked if he would be prepared to make a contribution. It was

RECOMMENDED that agreement be given in principle to the purchase of a speed-monitoring device, subject to:-

1. The Town Clerk arranging a meeting with Whatton-in-the-Vale representatives and the Co-ordinator of Bingham Community Speed Watch to ascertain the possibilities of joint working and to report back; and
2. The Town Clerk approaching County Councillor Suthers to seek a grant from his Ward Fund towards the cost of a speed-monitoring device.

(b) Car Parking in Bingham

The Town Clerk reported that further to Folio 5706, Rushcliffe Borough Council was preparing to hold meetings in Bingham, Radcliffe and Keyworth of its Car-Parking Group who would be taking evidence from parish councillors and councillors and representatives of community and business groups. The meeting (which would not be open to the public) would be at Bingham and would be held on 31st January. A Town Councillor would be asked to present Bingham's view on parking issues.

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02 Traffic & Transport Issues:

(b) Car Parking in Bingham continued.....

In preparation for this event, and in order to develop a Town Council strategy in this area, the Town Clerk requested the Committee to consider the key issues it considered imperative in relation to parking issues.

Following a detailed debate, the Committee

RESOLVED that:-

1. At its Extraordinary meeting on the 15th January, 2008, the Full Council be requested to consider the following principles:-

The Town Council supports and recognises the need for:

- Fair and equitable parking enforcement for both off-road parking and the car parks;
- Low level charging for short-term stay parking;
- Provision for long-stay parking by permits, or part of car park designated; (Only possible additional site near to the town centre would seem to be on land once occupied by allotments over the railway. Could also be good area for park and ride by rail from existing station but obvious problems);
- Rationalising parking around the Market Place within any short-stay parking scheme. At present, where parking is permitted, it is available for twenty-four parking. New traffic regulations required. (N.B. The B.T.C. is totally opposed to any proposal to allow car parking ON the Market Place);
- Dedicated long-stay parking for the disabled within the town centre, both in car parks and in Market Place;
- Dropped kerbs need protection if they are to be of use;

The Town Council also considers that:

- As many residents of outlying villages travel to Bingham both to shop, or park, and then catch bus to Nottingham:

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03 Traffic & Transport Issues continued.....

(b) Car Parking in Bingham continued.....

- ❖ Better park and ride facilities needed (NB: N.C.C. Transport Plan proposes rail-based Park and Ride at Saxondale. Also, East Midlands Trains proposes increased services to Bingham from December, 2008);
- ❖ Better local bus services (both within, and to and from Bingham) needed. (Local feeder minibus services);
- The N.C.C. pocket park and ride proposals may not be entirely relevant to solving parking issues in Bingham unless local in town bus services are increased. Two possible sites: Moot Inn and Town Pavillion

The Town Council has concerns that:

- Any parking charge will put increased pressure on parking in town centre residential areas; some streets do not have off-road residential parking provision. Long Acre and Fairfield Street may need new parking restrictions to keep traffic flowing. Both carry a large number of inappropriate heavy traffic. (Over 7.5 tonnes but not making local deliveries, or under 15' 3").
- The Town Council and the local business community should be consulted as to what length of time is determined as suitable for short stay parking.
- There should be sufficient long-stay provision to meet local business needs; (i.e. those who work in town);
- The local business community has not been directly contacted;
- The Town Council has not received the latest information from car park surveys. Town Council comments could perhaps have been better informed if we had these facts to hand and been able to share in developments of the proposals.

Communication Issues:

- The Town Council considers that the democratically elected Town Council and the local business community should, in the first instance, have been able to work in open partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and is disappointed that this has not been so;

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03 Traffic & Transport Issues continued.....

(b) Car Parking in Bingham continued.....

Communication Issues continued.....

- The Town Council will publish the key principles above in order that local residents and businesses are clear as to the Town Council's approach to parking.
2. The Town Clerk requests details from Rushcliffe Borough Council of the statistics arising from its recent car-parking survey and that Nottinghamshire County Council informs the Town Council of any proposals it has for Bingham in relation to the ticket Park & Ride scheme.
 3. Councillor J. Eagles to be the Town Council's representative to present the Town Council's view to Rushcliffe Borough Council's Car Park Working Group.

04 Glass Recycling

The Town Clerk reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council was due to hold a meeting with Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council Ward Councillors to discuss possible glass-recycling issues. A meeting was scheduled for 17th January, although confirmation was still awaited.

05 Streetwise Meetings

The Town Clerk and Councillor Davidson reported on a meeting held with Streetwise on 7th January, 2008. The key topic of discussion had been the proposals for a grass-cutting map. Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Town Council had submitted grass-cutting information to Nottinghamshire County Council who would draw up a grass-cutting map, detailing which Authority cut which pieces of land and the frequency of grass-cutting. It was anticipated that the map would be available towards the end of March, 2008.

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3.00 **MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION:**

01 Revenue Matters

The Town Clerk reported that further to the Committee's considerations of its budget at its last meeting (Folio 5704/5.01 refers), the Policy & Resources Committee had recommended that the budget for dog bins and litter bins be rationalised under one budget head to be held by the Environment Committee. This was confirmed by Council at its meeting on 11th December, 2007.

02 Petition re Kirkhill/Fairfield Street

At its meeting on the 11th December, 2007, the Town Council considered a petition and comments from residents of Kirkhill and Fairfield Street in relation to traffic issues. Following this consideration, the matter was brought before the Environment Committee for a more detailed debate and to ascertain whether any further suggestions could be made in order to ease the traffic problems.

Following debate, as well as these suggestions made at Council (Folio refers), the Committee also suggested that the Town Clerk:-

- Seeks the erection of thirty miles per hour signs north of the industrial estate
- Ascertains whether appropriately worded traffic signs could be placed at the entrance to Kirkhill (wording to be agreed).
- Seeks the establishment of cameras to aid enforcement of H.G.V's. on Kirkhill.
- Requests VoSA if it would be prepared to patrol Kirkhill on an irregular basis.
- Contacts the police to ascertain the possibility of using preventative signs.

It was

RESOLVED that the above suggestions be implemented as far as possible and that the petitioner be advised accordingly.

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6.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Gregory of Fisher Lane concerning the need for a review of the zebra crossing on Long Acre. In considering this matter, the Committee requested the Town Clerk to:-

- Follow up the letter with the County Council
- Write to Toot Hill School on the dangers of children crossing
- Seek a lower speed limit along Long Acre
- Seek more appropriate signage on the highway
- Request the County Council to examine the possibility of installing a traffic chicane to slow traffic down near the crossing at Long Acre.

02 Trent Barton Buses

The Chairman and the Town Clerk reported on communications received from Trent Barton Buses and a possible review of bus shelters in Bingham. The Committee agreed that the Chairman and the Town Clerk meet with representatives of Trent Barton, and report back to a future meeting

03 Trains to Bingham

The Chairman reported that East Midland Trains were increasing their service to Bingham to an hourly service from December, 2008. There were also proposals for the Robin Hood Line to extend into Bingham.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk contacts the rail companies to ascertain future proposals, and report back to a future meeting.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AS AT 8.1.08

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Comment</u>
H.G.V. signs on by-pass	Ascertain when H.G.V. signs are to be installed on by-pass.	Some new signs being erected. No consultation with T.C.	5665/3.04	30.10.07	
Community Speed Watch	Possibility of purchase of monitoring device. Ascertain availability of other P.C.'s. to join in scheme/purchase. See if funds available from Cty. Cllr. Suthers' Ward Fund.	Agreed, in principle, subject to ascertaining Whatton-in-the-Vale's interest and contribution.	5746/2.02(a)	8.1.08	
Cycle Track, Tythby Road	Ascertain position re. proposed cycleway down Tythby Road. Clerk to pursue consultation.	Noted that matter to be progressed by N.C.C. in New Year (2008), but no consultation with T.C.	5702/2.02(a) 5745/2.01(a)	30.10.07 8.1.08	
Grass-cutting schedule	Formation of grass-cutting schedule plan showing areas and frequency of cut by N.C.C., R.B.C. and B.T.C.	Details for plan now agreed. N.C.C. would formulate plan in late March.	5749/2.05	8.1.08	
Sainsbury's delivery lorries	Action to prevent noise and damage to property from Sainsbury's delivery lorries – complaint issue.	Understanding reached between Sainsbury's senior management and complainant at current time. Clerk to keep in touch with complainant.	5624/5.02	30.10.07	Remove from list unless further reported incidents.
Network Rail – Dyke Clearance	Network Rail asked to clear dykes.	Network Rail communicated with on numerous occasions, but no response. Known that Company has commissioned report on dyke	5668/5.04	30.10.07	

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Bus route to Whatton	Obtain visiting statistics from Whatton Prison to enable further talks on provision of Whatton service with Trent Barton.	No response to communications, although much local staff support. Prison Governor contacted again.	5577/4.01	30.10.07	Will discuss with Trent Barton at future meeting.
Car parking in Bingham	Principle points to be sent to Council. Clerk to contact R.B.C. Car-parking Group Chairman to ascertain further information. Chairman of Environment Committee to represent T.C. view to Car-Parking Group.		5746/2.02(b)	8.1.08	
Petition re. Kirkhill/Fairfield Street	Clerk to:- Seek erection of 30 mph signs north of industrial estate. Ascertain whether appropriately worded traffic signs could be placed at entrance to Kirkhill (wording to be agreed). Seek establishment of cameras to aid enforcement of H.G.V's. on Kirkhill.		5750/3.02	8.1.08	

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Petition re. Kirkhill/Fairfield Street continued.....	Request VoSA if it would be prepared to patrol Kirkhill on an irregular basis. Contact police to ascertain possibility of using preventive signs.	Council considered on 11.12.07		8.1.08	
Glass Recycling	Chairs/R.B.C. members to attend meeting organised by R.B.C. on 17.1.08.		5749/2.04	8.1.08	
Correspondence – Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Gregory	Clerk to:- Follow up letter with C.C. Write to Toot Hill School on dangers of children crossing. Seek lower speed limit along Long Acre. Seek more appropriate signage on the highway.		5751/6.01	8.1.08	
Correspondence – Trent Barton Buses	Chairman and Clerk to meet representative of Trent Barton		5751/6.02	8.1.08	
Correspondence – Trains to Bingham	Clerk to contact Rail Companies to ascertain future proposals.		5751/6.03	8.1.08	