

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 14th June, 2011**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " J. Eagles
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers

IN ATTENDANCE: Jarek Bien, Nottinghamshire County Council
 Barry Allitt, Trent Barton

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall.

1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor A. Harvey, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor Barham, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor J. Eagles, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor Barham, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th April, 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:

There were no Matters Arising for information to report.

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5.00 **ACTION POINTS:**

01 Folio 6485 - Hill Drive/Carnarvon Place – Grass Verges

Councillor J. Stockwood, the previous Chairman of Environment, confirmed he had been dealing with damage to grass verges caused by residents parking on them and would offer his support to the new Chairman in addressing the issue.

02 Other issues were unsightly grass verges in and around the area. Nottinghamshire County Council had reduced grass-cutting to four cuts. Councillor Suthers confirmed he was trying to improve the services in that area. The County Council was piloting a project with Southwell Town Council to try to identify the number of cuts and areas of responsibility.

03 Folio 6485 - Eaton Place Precinct

It was reported that weeds and general untidiness still prevail. Also, the drains require attention.

04 Folio 6485 - The Old Court House

The trade waste contract with Rushcliffe Borough Council was still competitive.

05 Folio 6485 - East Street

This matter is still outstanding.

6.00 **BUS ISSUES - UPDATE FROM N.C.C:**

Jarek Bien from Nottinghamshire County Council gave an update of the County Council's scheme regarding the proposed bus-stops/stands. The first phase was already being implemented and phase two was in progress but there was no specific timescale at present. Members viewed the proposals and Councillors felt that enforcement of the two minutes waiting time was critical to the scheme being successful. Trent Barton's representative, Barry Allitt, welcomed the County Council's proposals and confirmed that Long Acre was their main issue.

The Chairman thanked the Nottinghamshire County Council Officer and Trent Barton's representative for attending.

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6.00 BUS ISSUES - UPDATE FROM N.C.C. continued.....

Regarding other outstanding bus issues, Trent Barton confirmed the introduction of a microlise system which monitors drivers' speeding, braking, acceleration, etc., and this would be fitted to all their vehicles. Trent Barton was also working with major employers to encourage more use of public transport by offering employees incentives.

The Chairman agreed to invite the police and enforcement officers, along with bus companies, to the next meeting to discuss bus issues.

7.00 N.C.C. ENERGY AND COST-SAVING - STREET LIGHTING:

It was reported that it was too early to assess the implications of the scheme. However, County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the scheme would be monitored once it was in operation. Agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

8.00 BEAUTIFUL BINGHAM - UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE/CARE OF FLOWER BASKETS:

The Clerk confirmed that a contractor had been appointed to water the flower baskets if the groundstaff were off for a week.

Councillors expressed concerns in relation to the recent announcement to preserve water.

9.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence received for consideration.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-