

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 4th March, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Hillier, Local Transport Planning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was accepted from Councillor R. Barnett.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.00 TYTHBY ROAD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - PRESENTATION BY PAUL HILLIER, N.C.C:

Paul Hillier was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. He went on to present details of the proposals for improvements to the Tythby Road bridge. Nottinghamshire County Council had received the sum of £320,000 as part of the development process for improvement schemes directly related to access to the Mill Hill site from the town centre. The Town Council had requested a contribution to improve the safety of the bridge.

Following consultation with Development Control, Rushcliffe Borough Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council conducted a feasibility study, requesting the engineers to consider improving pedestrian access to the bridge. From several options originally considered, a preference was agreed for the construction of two concrete, cantilevered walkways either side of the bridge to accommodate pedestrians. This would involve major structural work to the bridge, necessitating road closures and temporary closure of the Linear Park.

Further design/cost details needed to be confirmed before a final decision was reached.

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It was anticipated that the work would be carried out during the 2008/09 financial year.

It was hoped that a short stretch of footpath linking the eastern side of the bridge to the top of the current Tythby Road footpath could be installed in the following financial year.

3.00 **OUTSTANDING ISSUES:**

01 H.G.V. Signs on Bypass

Paul Hillier to check progress. He would appreciate some idea of what the Town Council would recommend in the form of diversionary signage, e.g. electronic vehicle-activated signs. Councillors asked if it would be feasible to alter the existing over-height vehicle signs to instruct vehicles to remain on the A46.

02 Building Better Communities

Paul Hillier to report back on progress over rationalisation of signage on the Market Square.

03 Access Road to Robert Miles Junior School

Councillors suggested that Nottinghamshire County Council should adopt this particular stretch of road. Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire County Council.

04 Community Speedwatch

County Councillor Suthers agreed to fund up to £800.00 from Ward Fund (subject to invoice).

05 Cycle Track, Tythby Road

Paul Hillier to check progress.

06 Bus Route to Whatton

Further discussions with Trent Barton pending.

07 Car-Parking in Bingham

Town Councillors put forward proposals to establish 'pocket Park & Ride' sites; awaiting Cabinet report in May, 08.

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3.00 OUTSTANDING ISSUES continued.....

08 Kirkhill/Fairfield Street Petition

Nottinghamshire County Council contacted on all matters, including thirty miles per hour signs, cameras and traffic signage at Kirkhill. Responses are awaited.

09 Long Acre Zebra Crossing

Awaiting response from Head Teacher/Nottinghamshire County Council re. safety audit.

4.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (For information)

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes for information to be considered.

02 Traffic & Transport Issues

(a) Parking Issues – Feedback from Presentation to Rushcliffe Borough Council

The Chairman reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council is hoping to have a presentation ready for the end of March, 2008, in time for the May Cabinet Meeting.

5.00 BEAUTIFUL BINGHAM:

01 Matters Arising (For information)

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes for information to be considered.

02 Streetwise Update

- Eaton Place – Cleaning is due in May
- Graffiti removal is ongoing and being removed as soon as reported. Any large, inaccessible locations to be reported and dealt with when specialist equipment is available. Streetwise to inform Town Council if pattern of frequency/location emerges.
- Disabled toilet in Eaton Place is temporarily out of order. A jetting machine has been allocated to the public toilets and will be put to use in near future. The opening and locking-up of the toilets is working well.

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02 Streetwise Update continued.....

- Dyke clearance, Nottingham Road/A52 – Streetwise is working closely with AMScott re. A52 clearance. Nottinghamshire County Council needs to be reminded regarding dykes on Nottingham Road.
- Bedding plants are to be delivered mid to late May.

6.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no items of correspondence received to report.

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

CHAIRMAN.