

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 13th October, 2009**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles – Chairman
 " R. Barnett
 " A. Shelton
 " J. Stockwood

1.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

2.00 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors G. Davidson and Mrs. M. Stockwood.

3.00 MINUTES, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th August, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Folio 6103/3.02 – Update on Parking Regulations

These were now officially in force.

02 Folio 6104/3.04 – Small Environmental Improvement Schemes 2009/10

Nothing to report.

03 Market Street Parking

It was reported that Nottinghamshire County Council should be replacing the bollards on Market Street.

4.00 DRAINS AND GULLIES:

Councillor Eagles presented photographs of four different drains which were blocked by vegetation. These had now been cleared but the question was asked as to whether or not Nottinghamshire County Council had a gully cleaning programme. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council in this respect.

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5.00 HANGING BASKETS - TO CONSIDER CONTRACTS FOR 2010:

Councillors were told that two quotations had been received for hanging baskets for 2010/11 as follows:-

- 01 The quotation received from Mansfield District Council was for £7,000 for brackets and baskets, plus £22.50 per half basket, excluding erection and watering.
- 02 Plantscape offered to retain the same price as 2009/2010 with a ten per cent reduction per annum if entered into a three year contract. No decision was made by Councillors but consideration would be given at the next meeting when budgets would be discussed. The issue of free dog bags would also be discussed at the budget meeting, along with other Environment budgets. It was agreed that the cost of dog bags from local shops should be obtained.

6.00 HIGHWAYS:

01 Road Closures

A Cancellation Notice for the A46 road closure had been received. However, there appeared to be confusion as to whether or not the cancellation was relating to Chapel Lane or the A46. The Clerk to clarify.

02 Signage

Councillors were told that the H.G.V. signs and directional sign for Butt Field should be erected soon.

03 Traffic Lights

Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed the possibility of a right-turning arrow from Long Acre to Fairfield Street.

7.00 CYCLE ROUTES - UPDATE ON PROGRESS:

Councillor J. Stockwood gave a brief update and confirmed comments had been referred to Nottinghamshire County Council. Councillor Eagles confirmed that the County Council was having second thoughts about a path alongside the agricultural field and removal of the hedgerow to the north of the tree estate and adjacent to Carnarvon Playingfield. It was felt cyclists would not be able to use the path unless the hedge was removed yet the hedge was an agricultural feature. The footpath is much used by local people.

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8.00 **BUSES:**

01 Bus-stop Survey

This was undertaken towards the end of September on a market day.

02 Bus Parking

Councillor Eagles reported that the bus companies were complaining about each other's actions regarding parking in lay-bys, thus preventing the other getting in.

03 Willow Road

Councillor Eagles confirmed there had been a meeting between Barton Bus Company and a local resident at the resident's home, and that there had been a positive outcome.

9.00 **ADOPT-A-STATION - UPDATE:**

Councillor Eagles reported on a meeting with officers from East Midlands Trains which was held on the 16th September, 2009, at which it was agreed to have a meeting with interested parties.

10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Shelton Parish Meeting

A letter had been received suggesting shared use of a speed gun. The Clerk to confirm that there is no active Speed Watch Group in Bingham, and, therefore, a gun was never purchased.

02 Greening Campaign

An e-mail had been received from a university student interested in the Greening initiative. It was agreed that the Clerk should refer the student to Rushcliffe Borough Council in order to possibly link up with any other active groups.

03 Footpath 7

Copy received of an e-mail a resident had sent to Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the state of this footpath. Noted.

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE continued.....**

04 Miller Homes Compound

Copy received of a letter sent by a resident to Miller Homes. Noted.

05 Town Centre Toilets

Councillor Barnett reported complaints which had been received regarding there being no public conveniences available for bus drivers as the toilets were locked all day on Sundays. The Clerk to follow up with the bus companies.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-