

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 7th April, 2015**, at **7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles - Chairman
 " G. Davidson
 " T. Fox
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: Councillor A. Harvey
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 3 Network Rail Reps. – S. Bedford, J. Smith, L. Jones
 1 Press
 6 Members of the Public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillor A. Ashmore.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February, 2015, 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 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY), INCLUDING ACTION POINTS (APPENDIX 'A'):

01 Update on Request for Parking Changes in Bays on Market Place

Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that Cabinet had agreed to consult on the Parking Places Order relating to the Market Place in order to introduce a two hour time limit to off-street parking (excluding Sundays and market days, and to allow public off-street parking from 16.00 hours onwards on market days).

02 Parking on Pavements Article in May Town News

Noted.

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4.00 **MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY), INCLUDING ACTION POINTS (APPENDIX 'A') continued.....**

03 R.B.C. Investigation re. Bostock Whites' Remedial Works

Noted

04 Parking Strategy - Update

Forwarded to various parties and receipts acknowledged; is also on Town Council website.

05 Police Station Site - Update

Clerk to chase police for an update regarding police station site.

06 Felling and Replacement of Trees in Market Place – Update

Work has commenced re. felling and replacement of trees.

07 Request for an Additional Crossing on Nottingham Road – Update

Nottinghamshire County Council had added the request for a crossing to its list for consideration.

Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated for the following item to allow a member of the public to speak

5.00 **AMENDMENTS TO PLANS FOR BRIDGE UPGRADE AT BINGHAM STATION AND PROPOSALS FOR ALL FOOT-CROSSINGS IN BINGHAM - UPDATE FROM NETWORK RAIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

The Chairman thanked Network Rail representatives for attending. The representatives confirmed that Network Rail should investigate other funding and priority of the project in the event that the supermarket funding fell through. At the moment the ramped bridge relies heavily on the supermarket funding and there would be a £700k deficit. The money available from Network Rail had to be spent by 2017. Network Rail confirmed it would like to see Moor Lane crossing closed. It also confirmed that lockable gates and lights instead would work out more expensive than the bridge and recommended contacting East Midlands Trains – as the operators of the station – regarding the problem of access to the station platforms.

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Councillors expressed the following concerns:-

- The closure of the foot crossings would split the community once the houses north of the railway line had been built.
- There would be more pressure on the level crossing once the houses were built and the supermarket(s) opened.
- It was up to all partner agencies to work together and address public safety in relation to all the crossings, i.e. three foot-crossings and level crossing
- A D.D.A. compliant bridge was still essential even if the supermarket plans fell through.

A member of the public felt that it was important to have disability access to both station platforms as the problem had been discussed for several years yet no changes had been made. Less-abled members of the public were unable to arrive back in Bingham and disembark on the north side of the station platform. The Chairman confirmed it was essential to make safe the foot crossing and build a footpath on the north side of the railway line from Moor Lane to the platform at least to enable access.

6.00 **FLOWER BASKETS AND FLOWER TOWERS - UPDATE:**

The Clerk confirmed these had been ordered in line with the contract, noting a mixed colour scheme.

7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO BUS SERVICES:**

01 Trent Barton – Complaint Response

A copy of an e-mail to a resident had been received regarding a recent problem involving a bus breaking down. Trent Barton apologised and gave assurance it was looking at Rushcliffe Greens to improve the reliability and ensure there are always big buses on the main route from Bingham to Nottingham.

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8.00 **YELLOW LINES/ROAD MARKINGS RE. FOSTER'S LANE/LONG ACRE AND CHERRY STREET - UPDATE:**

Clerk to chase Nottinghamshire County Council.

9.00 **CONTRACT RE. CUTTING OF N.C.C.'s. GRASS VERGES IN BINGHAM BY B.T.C. - UPDATE:**

The Clerk confirmed that Bingham Town Council had commenced cutting the County Council's grassed verges, and any queries were being discussed with the County Council. Nottinghamshire County Council had agreed to make quarterly payments to Bingham Town Council.

10.00 **COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO LITTER:**

01 Litter on Toothill Site in Vicinity of Suther's Building

A resident had reported that the level of litter on the Toothill School site was unacceptable.

02 Litter Along Side of A52 – Response Update

A response from A-one+ in connection with this litter complaint was noted. Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood reported that there was confusion as to whether or not this problem was the Highways Agency to Rushcliffe Borough Council's responsibility.

11.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Request for a Dog Bin at End of Ringwood Road

Noted.

02 Complaint re. Public Footpath/Cycle Path Over A46

Noted. Councillor Harvey confirmed that Saxondale Parish Meeting was in discussions with Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the problem.

03 Complaint re. State of Eaton Place Ladies' Toilets

Noted. Forwarded to Rushcliffe Borough Council for action.

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11.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

04 N.C.C. Temporary Road Restrictions

- (a) Balmoral Road, 29th April, 2015, 08.00 hours to 1st May, 2015, 18.00 hours. Full Road Closure. Noted.
- (b) Kirkhill/Chapel Lane Crossing, 25th April, 2015, 23.00 hours, to 26th April, 2015, 06.00 hours. Full Road Closure. Noted.

04 4 and 6 Station Street

A letter which had been received from a resident regarding the possibility of No's. 4 and 6 Station Street being turned into car-parking spaces was noted.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	B.T.C. was now cutting all N.C.C. grass verges in Bingham with effect from 1 st April 2015.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	Parking Strategy adopted March 2015
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street.	N.C.C on-going. Agreed to follow up after Health Centre plans addressed. Suggest speed check undertaken.
F6611 18 th Oct 11	Carnarvon Primary School	If adequate funding, consideration will be given to additional set of zig-zag lines.
	Restricted parking on Cherry Street/ Church Street.	On-going subject to consultation process.
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Planning application received and B.T.C. approved sale of land required for bridge July 2014. Awaiting R.B.C. decision on planning application.