

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 February, 2012**, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Harvey - Chairman
 " A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " J. Eagles
 " Mrs M Stockwood

Also in attendance: Councillor J. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 Officer from Nottinghamshire County Council
 1 member of the public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

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

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December, 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:

See action points.

5.00 ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

6.00 N.C.C. PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO NEWGATE STREET BUS STAND SCHEME AND OTHER BUS-RELATED ISSUES:

The Officer from Nottinghamshire County Council presented current proposals for a bus stand in Newgate Street. Councillors expressed their objections to the scheme and felt that both the current and proposed situations presented a dangerous situation. They went on to suggest that better time-tabling may be a better solution, i.e. to prevent several buses being at the same spot at the same time. The Nottinghamshire County Council Officer would report Councillors' comments to the appropriate department.

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A member of the public was then invited to present his comments on the problems faced by service delivery vehicles, and requested parking areas outside the flower shop, pet shop and also the empty unit on the edge of Eaton Place. Nottinghamshire County Council's Officer confirmed that a Traffic Regulation Order would have to be applied for, and Councillors, too, referred to the fact that there were parking areas to the rear of the properties. County Councillor Suthers also reported on the problem and confirmed that the County Council would explore all the options available in order to remedy the bus-parking problem in Bingham.

7.00 **N.C.C. ENERGY AND COST-SAVING IN RELATION TO STREET-LIGHTING - UPDATE:**

Councillors were informed that the County Council had approved a project (for a trial period of two months) relating to twenty-four street lights at 'node points' being returned to all night operation. The trial should already be in place and would be evaluated in mid April. County Councillor Martin Suthers also reported that he had requested lights to be switched on from the Old Rectory along the thoroughfare to the church.

8.00 **LOCALISM - UPDATE ON N.C.C. POLICY:**

County Councillor Suthers reported on the County policy and some of the detail that was still being evaluated. The Clerk had provided a copy of the N.C.C. Localism Policy which was attached to its letter dated the 26th January, 2012.

9.00 **BUS SHELTER ON GRANTHAM ROAD/WALLENFELS PLAY AREA BOUNDARY:**

The Committee requested that the County Council replace the current bus shelter with a polycarbonate one to deter anti-social activities at the site. The Officer from Nottinghamshire County Council agreed to pass on the request to the appropriate department.

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10.00 **FEASIBILITY OF ONE-WAY SYSTEM AROUND BINGHAM MARKET PLACE:**

County Councillor Suthers confirmed that a budget had been included in 2012/13 to re-examine the feasibility of a one-way system around the Market Place and Market Street. Previously, it had been decided that this was not the correct solution. However, the matter would be re-evaluated. County Councillor Suthers also confirmed that The Banks would be resurfaced in 2012/13

11.00 **COMMUNITY LORRY WATCH:**

The Chairman confirmed that the relevant Officer from the County Council would be attending the next Environment Committee meeting to discuss this issue.

12.00 **IMPACT OF NEW A46 OPENING IN RELATION TO NOISE LEVELS AND SPEEDING THROUGH BINGHAM:**

The Chairman confirmed that the Borough Council would be undertaking noise monitoring and the matter would be kept under review. County Councillor Suthers reported that speeding was a problem along Grantham Road, near Wallenfels Park, hence why it was necessary for the pedestrian crossing installed at that location to be light-controlled. County Councillor Suthers confirmed that the situation would be monitored.

13.00 **REQUEST FOR TREES AND LITTER BINS AROUND CARNARVON PLACE PLAY AREA:**

Further to a request for more trees and litter bins around Carnarvon Place, the Clerk confirmed that a local improvement scheme had been submitted to the County Council to create additional parking on the verges in the Carnarvon Place area. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Borough Council removing and consolidating dog and litter bins at certain locations. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

14.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 **Morgan Tucker re. Linden Homes, Tythby Road**

An e-mail had been received asking if the Town Council would consider taking over responsibility for the storm-water balancing pond after its construction at the above site. At the meeting of the Planning Committee held immediately prior to the Environment Committee meeting, Councillors agreed not to accept responsibility for the storm-water balancing pond and the Environment Committee supported this decision.

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02 Mill Hill/Mallow Way

An e-mail had been received about the general state of the above areas. The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been referred to the Borough Council.

02 Nottinghamshire County Council re. Flood Management Risk

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter regarding the above which would be circulated to Committee members.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6264, Item 6.04	Hill Drive/Carnarvon Place – Adapting grass verges for parking.	A scheme has been logged with N.C.C. for 2012/13.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Update from County Councillor Suthers re. pilot project with Southwell Town Council.
F6303(6) 1 st June, 2010.	Butt Road/Cogley Lane junction – Lack of road markings.	N.C.C. has added to list for when next white-lining.
F 6485 12 th April, 2011.	Willow Road - Resurfacing	Complaint of dissatisfaction with the works - Reported to N.C.C. Senior Highways Inspector to address.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Precinct	R.B.C. e-mail from officer confirming only responsible for one year following refurbishment.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. - Ongoing
F6523 14 th June 2011	East Street	Refer to e-mail dated 14 th July from N.C.C. To be included for Detailed Visual Inspection (DVI) to assess inclusion in 2012/2013 Programme of Works.
F6574	Fisher Lane Flower Bed	Flower bed now replanted and donation received.
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C. unable to address (letter dated 13 th September, 2011, refers). 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
	Weight restrictions	Officer invited to meeting, 3 rd April, 2012.