

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 11th February, 2014, at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Councillors A. Harvey, F. Purdue-Horan and J. Stockwood.
 County Councillor M. Suthers

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence and Acceptance received.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December, 2013, 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:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

01 F7162/5.02 – Parking Generally

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood confirmed that Rushcliffe Borough Council was progressing the request to amend parking restrictions on Thursdays around the Market Place to end at 4pm.

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS:

01 Roadworks, including Further Consultation with Cherry Street Residents

(a) The Chairman confirmed notification had been received that the road closure on Kirkhill had been extended until the 21st February, 2014.

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5.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS** continued.....

01 Roadworks, including Further Consultation with Cherry Street Residents continued.....

- (b) The roadworks in relation to Market Street becoming a one-way street were still on schedule to commence on the 17th February, 2014; however, there will be further consultation with residents in relation to changes on Cherry Street and Long Acre. Concern had been expressed by market traders in relation to the two hour parking restriction around the Market Place on Thursdays, and this would be monitored.

02 Parking Generally, including Strategy for the Future

- (a) Councillor Fox expressed concerns over parking problems in the future following the approval of a planning application for 1,050 homes north of the railway line. Reference was made to the earmarked funds allocated for cycle/footpaths. Crown Estate provision of car-parking facilities for the railway station was still outstanding. Contaminated land issues and current use of Butt Field Sports Club car park.

Following a lengthy discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that a Working Group be set up to include representatives from other Town Council Committees to consider all issues in relation to parking, i.e. to include future capacity and rules and regulations etc. Other partner agencies to be invited to the Working Group meetings as and when appropriate. The Crown Estate to be invited to a meeting as soon as possible to discuss future proposals to include parking provision for the future.

03 Grass-cutting - Update

The Chairman confirmed that a positive meeting had been held with a representative from Nottinghamshire County Council on the 10th February, 2014, and that Bingham Town Council's current grass-cutting schedule had been passed on to the County Council. Nottinghamshire County Council to cross-reference their records and areas of responsibility with a view to providing a comprehensive map in an easily readable format and larger scale. Clerk to speak to Metropolitan Housing Partnership to obtain a plan of areas it cuts.

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5.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS continued.....**

04 Request re. Toothill School Public Footpath

The Nottinghamshire County Council Rights of Way Officer had requested permission to link a footpath to the Linear Walk footpath in order for the path to continue under the A52 rather than over it.

6.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES:**

01 Railway Crossings – Update

The Chairman reported on the meeting held with Network Rail representatives on the 4th February, 2014, (copy attached, Appendix 'B'). It was

RECOMMENDED to agree in principle the plans presented, subject to further clarification of the area required and use of contaminated land, etc.

Councillors also expressed concerns over the need for a second pedestrian bridge at Moor Lane (not necessarily DDA/EA compliant) over the railway due to the recent approval for 1,050 houses north of the railway line and this would be addressed in the future.

Confirmation had been received that Network Rail had initiated the statutory consultation procedures in relation to the re-signalling of the level crossings, including Bingham. Notes on the public meeting held by Network Rail on the 13th December, 2013, had been received.

7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO BUS SERVICES:**

01 Report on Meeting held on the 31st January, 2014, with Trent Barton

The Chairman reported on the meeting held on the 31st January, 2014, with Trent Barton. It was agreed to include an article in the May edition of the Town News inviting members of the public to report any specific incidents of failure of bus services.

8.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Balmoral Road Potholes

Clerk to report to Nottinghamshire County Council regarding concern over the standard of recent work undertaken to fill potholes on Balmoral Road; the Clerk also to confirm if Balmoral Road is on a list for future consideration in relation to resurfacing, and, if so, date the work is to be completed. Rupert Road was also reported as being in need of repair due to potholes.

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8.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

02 Pavements on Garden Road

Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that the pavements on Orchard Avenue had been included for consideration in a future slurry scheme.

03 Health Centre – Access to Site from Precinct and Car Park

A complaint had been received and was being investigated by Rushcliffe Borough Council who is due to meet with the Health Centre Manager.

04 Tythby Road Dog Bin

Rushcliffe Borough Council had installed a dog bin at the top of Tythby Road following a request from the Dog Warden.

05 Yellow Box and 'Keep Clear' Markings on Kirkhill

The implications of the yellow box and 'Keep Clear' markings on Kirkhill will be monitored.

06 Eaton Place Toilets

Complaints had been received in relation to the state of the toilets at Eaton Place and a RADAR toilet requested. Clerk to investigate via the Borough Council.

07 Carnarvon School – Roadside Parking

The problems in relation to roadside parking at Carnarvon School were noted.

08 Bypass Issues

The Chairman reported on a complaint regarding speed and safety issues along the A52 which had been sent to the Highways Agency by a resident. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Highways Agency, supporting the request of a reduction to fifty miles per hour and also that of road markings. Clerk to obtain accident statistics for the same stretch of road.

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8.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

09 Old Fosse Way

The Chairman confirmed that the old Fosse Way will be subject to a rolling programme of closure during April/May, 2014.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.45 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	Lengthsman Scheme Pilot – continue monitoring. Clerk to contact NCC/RBC/Metropolitan re. possibility of one Organisation cutting all of Bingham.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. - On-going
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.
F7066/6.01	One-way system on Market Street	On-going subject to consultation process.
	Transport Consultation	On-going
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Revised design submitted by Network Rail.
F7067/5.02	East Midlands Trains – Harrington Hump	Clerk ramps now in place on both platforms.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	Clerk to arrange meeting with all Authorities.
F7067/6.01, 04; 7.04	R.B.C. – Market Place laybys and stones at base of trees.	Clerk to formally request R.B.C. to review regulations/timings; Clerk to request remedial works re. loose stones under H. & S.
F7068/7.03	R.B.C./Responsible Authorities - Eaton Place and Flowerbeds	On going

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DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:	4 th Feb. 2014, at 2.00 p.m.
NATURE OF MEETING:	To discuss upgrading of existing bridge over railway line
IN ATTENDANCE:	Councillors J. Eagles, T. Fox, A. Harvey, F. Purdue-Horan, Mrs. S. Hull, J. Stockwood and Network Rail Representatives Rob Goulding and Tristan Haresign
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None

		TO BE ACTIONED BY
1.	Apologies – Cllrs. Mrs. T. Kerry, G. Davidson and Mrs. M. Stockwood	
2.	Cllr. Eagles thanked Network Rail Representatives for attending the meeting.	
3.	TH confirmed that the ramps would have open balustrade sides.	
4.	TH confirmed that when considering previous requests by BTC some of them could not be addressed due to engineering challenges. One of these meant that there had to be a platform going towards back of bridge prior to the ramp commencing rather than ramp being attached directly to current bridge.	
5.	TH presented a plan which showed red areas one on Butt Field side of station & other on Langtry Gardens side. He confirmed at this stage it was felt that the area on BF boundary may not be required, however, the area on Langtry Gardens represented the area which NR would require to purchase from BTC along with a small area shown in yellow ie. this formed a strip of Langtry Gardens which would be underneath the ramp section of the bridge and fenced off by NR.	
6.	TH confirmed that NR were looking at providing a 2mtre. high palisade fence. Cllrs. expressed concerns over this as whilst BFSC wanted it to be as high as possible Cllrs. felt it should be lower so it was less intimidating to walk along the path. One suggestion was a tall chain link fence which would stop footballs going on the track but anyone walking along path would be able to see through it. TH confirmed that on BF side all trees and vegetation would have to be removed.	BTC/NR
7.	TH confirmed there would be further consultation with PO re fence on their boundary.	NR
8.	TH confirmed Tesco was due to commence on site during final quarter of 2014 & they do not have to pay over S106 monies until commenced, therefore, NR would only commence once RBC had confirmed receipt of monies. NR probably looking at March 2015 to commence, he was unable to confirm the situation if Tesco did not go ahead with their plans.	
9.	NR confirmed that DDA/EA did not necessarily apply. He also confirmed that Moor Lane Bridleway crossing was closing but not St. Mary's crossing. (NCC did not see a problem with closing the bridleway).	
10.	Reference to desire for a 2 nd bridge – NR felt the land constraints would pose a problem. BTC agreed that whilst in the future this would be desirable at the moment the upgrading of the existing bridge was a priority.	

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11.	NR confirmed access to the contaminated land was still required. Clerk confirmed RBC would require exact details of area to be used & how it was to be used before giving permission for its use. NR to provide Clerk with details along with other options if contaminated land could not be used.	NR/LH
12.	NR to provide Clerk with specific sizes of area required along with boundary etc.	NR/LH
13.	Clerk to investigate land valuation both of strip required and whole grassed area on Langtry Gardens. Tree preservation orders to be checked. Land Registry documents to be checked with solicitor. BTC to consider consulting with neighbouring residents and BFSC.	LH
14.	A vote was taken and with exception of 1 objection. Councillors RECOMMEND acceptance of current plans subject to further clarification on certain matters.	