

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th February, 2015**, at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 1 Press
 3 Members of the Public

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillor T. Fox.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December, 2014, 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 Bus Stops Along Meadowsweet Hill/Tythby Road Loop - Update

Action still awaited; the route now no longer travels up Tythby Road but uses Mallow Way and Mill Hill in the reverse direction.

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO BUSES:

01 Rushcliffe Greens and Centre Bus 24 Changes

From Sunday, 15th February, 2015, there will be a revised route around Mallow Way and the service will no longer run down to Saxondale island. There will also be some minor changes to times on the loop between Bingham and the Cropwells, Elton and Bottesford to improve timekeeping and reliability. The service will only be three times each day as opposed to four.

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5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO BUSES continued

02 Report on Recent Meeting with N.C.C. re. Supported Bus Services

The Chairman, Councillor Eagles, gave an update on the meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on the 10th February, 2015, attended by County Councillors and representatives from interested parishes. A useful meeting with a variety of issues raised.

03 Lack of Communication re. Advertising of Services and Changes, Etc.

Nottinghamshire County Council is to make additional funding available to address the advertising of the services and any changes.

6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAINS:

01 Update from Network Rail Following Attendance at a B.T.C. Meeting, including Update from Tesco Confirming Intention to go ahead with Bingham Store

The Chairman reported that Tesco had confirmed its commitment to having a presence in Bingham.

Network Rail's Route Team representatives would attend a meeting of the Environment Committee on the 7th April, 2015, to discuss Moor Lane level crossing as well as the other crossings in the vicinity and the impact of Lidl and Crown Estate's developments on the usage. This is a different team looking at level crossings in the Bingham area and associated risk and impact of proposed developments whilst previous representatives were solely focussed on the future of Moor Lane level crossing.

02 Pressure from Less-abled Residents to be able to Access both Platforms

Refer to previous Agenda item, 6.01 and note this matter would be progressed with Network Rail.

03 Possibility of Moor Lane Foot Crossing to have Locking Gates to Enable the Crossing to Remain in Use - Update

Refer to previous Agenda item, 6.01 and note this matter would be progressed with Network Rail.

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7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PARKING:

01 Parking Strategy Report

This item referred to Private & Confidential matters.

02 Meeting with Police Representatives re. ex Bingham Police Station Site – Update

This item referred to Private & Confidential matters.

03 Market Place Lay-bys Survey – Update

Rushcliffe Borough Council had undertaken a survey regarding laybys around the Market Place, and the results were awaited. Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood confirmed that the change of parking restrictions in relation to the Thursday market was progressing as well.

04 Illegal Parking on Pavements

It was reported that unless an obstruction was being caused, this was deemed low priority. However, it was agreed to include an article in the Town News, requesting residents to be considerate to other residents when parking their vehicles.

05 N.C.C. Consultation Ending 12th February, 2015, re. Carnarvon Primary School 'Keep Clear' Entrance Markings

Councillors supported the actions of Nottinghamshire County Council re. Carnarvon Primary School.

8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAFFIC FLOW:

01 Referral from Recreational & Cemetery Committee re. Possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing on Nottingham Road in Vicinity of Meadowsweet Hill and Mallow Way on the Current Refuge in Middle of Road

It was agreed to support the suggestion submitted from the Recreational & Cemetery Committee on the 27th January, 2015, (Folio 7753/8.01) to request that Nottinghamshire County Council investigates the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on Nottingham Road in the vicinity of Meadowsweet Hill/Mallow Way due to it being a busy road for children walking to and from school, plus accessing Bingham play areas.

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8.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO TRAFFIC FLOW** continued.....

02 N.C.C. Highways' Response to Two Recent Major Planning Applications - Update

Nottinghamshire County Council has submitted its Highways Report regarding a major planning application on Chapel Lane, and this is going to a Planning Committee meeting to be held on the 17th February, 2015. Members supported the request for the upgrading of Chapel Lane level crossing and also that there was an issue with the traffic count in the Transport Assessment.

03 Width of Pavements at Chapel Lane Level Crossing

Refer to previous Agenda item 8.02 in relation to receipt of Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways Report.

9.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO GRASS-CUTTING AND FELLING OF TREES:**

01 Amended Recommendation in Principle re. Nottinghamshire County Council's Areas of Responsibility re. Grass-Cutting in and around Bingham, in Line with Recommendation from Previous Environment Committee Meeting to Reflect Increase Due to Recent Pay Award

See attached report Appendix 'B'. Following a discussion, it was agreed to request a quotation for additional cuts from Nottinghamshire County Council.

02 R.B.C. re. Commencement of Remedial Works in Bingham Market Place - Update

It was noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that remedial work for the Market Place should be commenced towards the end of March, 2015.

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 01 Hutton Energy UK Ltd. Re. Extension of Consultation for Application for a Waste Mining Permit & Radioactive Substances Regulation Permit to 13th February, 2015

This extension was noted and following a discussion (after Standing Orders were suspended and then reinstated to allow members of the public to speak), it was agreed to **OBJECT** to the application on the following grounds:-

"Bingham Town Council wishes to object due to the site location in the green belt, its obtrusive nature, smells/fumes and hazard to general traffic management in that area. The A52 is a busy dual carriageway; it is always busy in that vicinity and additional HGV traffic will be generated. What safety measures are in place in the event of a major problem?"

- 02 Resident re. Street-Lighting on Mallow Way

A resident had provided a copy of a letter from Nottinghamshire County Council in response to a complaint about street-light pollution affecting her garden. The Clerk confirmed that the resident had been requested to submit her complaint in writing, and once this had been received, then the Town Council would follow up the matter.

- 03 Complaint re. Works at Bostock White/Post Office

The Clerk to request that Rushcliffe Borough Council's Enforcement Section investigates the matter in order to ensure that the planning application submitted was being adhered to.

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

04 Toothill School Footpaths

The Chairman reported the receipt of two separate e-mails regarding Toothill School footpaths – one requesting that steps and handrails be fitted to the slope where there is access to Toothill School site from Sandpiper Close and the other re. closure of footpaths. Councillors were aware that there was an unofficial access at this point and that the County Council was investigating a request from the school to divert the footpaths to around the edge of the site rather than through the centre. Once investigations had been concluded, a formal public consultation would be necessary before any official diversion could be made. It had been noted by Nottinghamshire County Council that there had been public access to the school site for many years and that members of the public used the area as an open space. It was agreed to await further development.

05 Acknowledgement of Registration of Comments re. Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Additional Consultation on Sand & Gravel Provision – Shelford West

Noted.

11.00 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:**

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw."

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 Parking Strategy Report
- 02 Ex Bingham Police Station Site

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	Lengthsman Scheme Pilot – continue monitoring. N.C.C has provided figures for cutting its areas. Clerk has also obtained quotes from contractors.
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 street on Market Street	Completed March 2014. Amended T.R.O's and alterations on-going.
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.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	To make a recommendation

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Report to the Environment Committee 10th February 2015

To consider Nottinghamshire County Council's response in relation to grass-cutting in and around Bingham along with quotes obtained.

1 Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on information obtained to date in relation to consideration of B.T.C. taking on maintenance of N.C.C's grassed areas.

2 Background

Councillors wished to address the problem of grassed areas in and around Bingham being maintained to different standards.

N.C.C. was requested to provide a map of all its grassed areas (due to the fact that B.T.C. was already cutting certain ones under an agreement), along with the payment which would be made to B.T.C.

Third party quotes were obtained for outsourcing the cutting of the grass verges and also for outsourcing the Sports Grounds.

B.T.C. Groundstaff time-sheets were analysed to identify amount of time currently spent on cutting grassed areas which were N.C.C's responsibility, along with time spent on Sports Grounds.

3 Information provided by N.C.C.

N.C.C. confirmed the total area would be 27982 sq. metres. (exact details and locations previously circulated) and would be paid at a rate of 2p per sq. mtr. for 5 cuts per year.

N.C.C. would pay B.T.C. £2,798.20.

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4 Third Party Quotes obtained to undertake all N.C.C. verges.

Quotes were obtained on a like-for-like basis, i.e. 5 cuts per year

FIRM	QUOTE £	COMMENTS
Firm 1	5596.40	27982 m2 @ 20p (equates to 4p per sq.mtr.)
Firm 2	3990.00	Based on £798 per cut x 5 Willing to undertake more than 5 up to 9 at above rate but no less than 5. (equates to approx.. 2.8p per sq, mtr)
BTC hrly rate	Estimated at £1052 (Based on £11 per hr.)	10,000 additional sq. mtrs. Includes oncost

5. Third party quote obtained for cutting of sports grounds

FIRM	QUOTE £	COMMENTS
Firm 1	260 per cut 100 per cut 187.5 per cut	Total for both sports grounds = £8450 Based on 26 wkly cuts & fortnightly over 13 wks. ie. winter months excluded. To cut Wynhill Sports Ground = £3,250 Butt Field Sports Ground = £6,094

Recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee

After analysing the number of hours, it is estimated that the additional work (10,000 sq. mtrs. of grass verge) equates to the amount of time spent cutting one of the Sports Grounds p.a.

It is recommended that if B.T.C. takes on all of N.C.C's. grass verges and receives £2,798.20 (noting that B.T.C. already receives approx. £1250 i.e. only additional £1548.20 being received), it will be necessary to outsource one of the Sports Grounds.

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Recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee continued.....

As a guide, if Wynhill Sports Ground is outsourced at a cost of £3250 less £1,548.20 (additional income received from N.C.C.) = £1702.

I also recommend that the agreement is for a trial period of 3 years in order to assess different weather conditions and also to assess whether or not the costs to B.T.C. and payments received from N.C.C. remain constant.

Policy & Resources Committee would have to consider all work implications previously referred to in relation to unpredictable work commitments of groundstaff, i.e. funerals etc.

**Lynn Holland
Town Clerk**