

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 9th October, 2012**, at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor A. Harvey - Chairman  
 " A. Ashmore  
 " G. Davidson  
 " J. Eagles

Also in attendance: Councillor T. Fox and Mr. P. Hillier, Notts. County Council.

**1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. T. Kerry F. Purdue-Horan and County Councillor M. Suthers.

**2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th August, 2012, 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):**

01 Weight Restrictions – F6806/4.01

Some weight restriction signs still outstanding.

02 Disabled Parking – F6806/4.03

Disabled parking in the vicinity of Wallenfels Park is still being investigated by the County Council.

03 Cogley Lane Junction – F6807/11.00

Nottinghamshire County Council has confirmed it will paint a 'Stop' sign in the road.

**5.00 ACTION POINTS:**

See attached Appendix 'A'.

**6.00 FLOODING/DRAINAGE ISSUES:**

The Chairman gave brief update on a recent meeting with a Nottinghamshire County Council Officer to discuss flooding issues. See notes attached at Appendix 'B'

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**7.00**      **ORNATE STREET-LIGHTING COLUMNS AROUND THE MARKET SQUARE:**

There was a brief discussion regarding these columns due to a large piece falling of the top of one of them. The Clerk had already reported the incident to Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. Councillors were extremely concerned, and the Committee determined that Rushcliffe Borough Council should be asked to undertake a structural check and risk analysis of all the lighting columns around the Market Square.

**8.00**      **THE MANOR HOUSE - UPDATE:**

The Chairman confirmed a positive public meeting had been held back in September regarding the Manor House. A further meeting is to be held at the Methodist Church on the 18th October, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. The County Council is funding a condition survey and B.H.T.A. has been given permission to undertake dating work of the beams. A survey to determine the need of the demand for room hire will be undertaken, both from local businesses and charity/social organisations. Assessment of the need for a large hall will also be covered and whether or not such a hall could be attached to the rear of the property; information to support grant-funding would be required. The Chairman also confirmed that he had given an update to Bingham Business Club who had demonstrated a positive interest in the project.

**9.00**      **TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION:**

The Chairman gave an update from the County Council, confirming that the proposed changes put out in the April - July consultation would not now take place. It was agreed to invite Chris Ward from Nottinghamshire County Council to meet with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**10.00**      **REQUEST TO INSTALL MIRROR AT END OF WILLOW ROAD:**

After careful consideration, Councillors concurred with the County Council's view that the request for installation of a mirror at the end of Willow Road could not, for technical reasons, be supported. The Clerk to confirm this to the County Council and resident who made the request.

**11.00**      **REQUEST TO INSTALL A BOX JUNCTION ON FAIRFIELD STREET:**

An Officer from Nottinghamshire County Council attended the meeting and gave a brief account of the request to install a yellow box marking on Fairfield Street. The Borough Council had requested the County Council to design a scheme to overcome the poor air quality in respect of one property in Fairfield Street. A plan was presented, showing the location of a yellow box junction designed to prevent cars from waiting with their engines running outside the property.

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However, Councillors felt that the 'box' should cover the full width of the road rather than just halfway as shown on the plan. This would also assist the School Crossing Patrol and traffic exiting Newgate Street. It was agreed that any design would be monitored to ensure implementation did not cause traffic problems elsewhere. Councillors also suggested a box junction be installed at the end of Carnarvon Place/Kirkhill to aid egress, but it was agreed that no further action be taken on additional schemes pending review of the proposed scheme.

It was

**RECOMMENDED** to support the Nottinghamshire County Council proposals. However, the box junction to be the full width of the road with the scheme being monitored over a six month period following implementation

**12.00**      **PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CHERRY STREET:**

A summary of questionnaires was presented in relation to the recent Cherry Street parking survey from which it was noted that most support appeared to be for a single yellow line restricting parking on the east side during daytime hours. However, the Committee was concerned at the overall lack of responses, and it was agreed that a further questionnaire be prepared, with one question relating to the result of the survey and requiring a 'Yes' or 'No' response.

**13.00**      **GRANTHAM ROAD SPEED SIGNAGE - UPDATE:**

Nottinghamshire County Council was reviewing the Committee's request for an additional speed sign on Grantham Road. It was hoped that the existing temporary sign would be replaced with a new sign which would be resited to overcome encountered issues.

**14.00**      **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01      Nottinghamshire Waste Core Strategy

Clerk to forward a copy of this document to Councillors.

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02      Nottinghamshire County Council – Part-Night Lighting Review

The six and twelve months' review had now been completed, and showed no adverse problems. The County Council meets regularly with the police, crime partnership teams and accident investigation units on a monthly basis to discuss any concerns. However, the County Council will still address any specific concerns or comments. The Clerk confirmed that a complaint had been received regarding Shelford Drive which is an area mainly inhabited by elderly residents. The Clerk to liaise with Nottinghamshire County Council on the complaint.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.43 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.	N.C.C. confirmed unsuccessful with LIS application.
F6523 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Lengthsman Scheme Pilot was now in place with other Parishes. BTC would await outcome before committing.
F6303(6) 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2010.	Butt Road/Cogley Lane junction – Lack of road markings.	N.C.C. has added to list for when next white-lining.
F6523 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. – On-going
F6523 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	East Street	Refer to e-mail dated 14 <sup>th</sup> July from N.C.C. To be included for Detailed Visual Inspection (DVI) to assess inclusion in 2012/2013 Programme of Works.
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C. unable to address (letter dated 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2011, refers). Agreed to follow up after Health Centre plans addressed. Suggest speed check undertaken.
F6611 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 11	Carnarvon Primary School	If adequate funding, consideration will be given to additional set of zig-zag lines
	Weight restrictions	Further signage is in process of being erected.
	Restricted parking on Cherry Street/Church Street	6 Responses received re questionnaire. Clerk to send further letter with one Yes/No question.
	One way system on Market Street	NCC to prepare simple design by 31.3.13

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**FLOOD MANAGEMENT - INITIAL MEETING  
5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2012.**

Venue: The Old Court House, Bingham

Present: Alan R Harvey - Councillor BTC (ARH)  
Martin Suthers - County Councillor NCC (MS)  
Andy Wallace - Flood Risk Manager NCC (AW)  
Lynn Holland - Town Clerk BTC (LH)

Action

ARH explained that the Environment Committee had agreed to try and get relevant statutory authorities to discuss and resolve the various issues which had arisen as a result of recent flooding in Bingham and the surrounding environs. As such this meeting with AW was the first step in this process as the County were the lead authority on flood issues.

From 6<sup>th</sup> April NCC had become the legal entity responsible for flooding and issues with water courses and had taken over various responsibilities from Rushcliffe BC and Seven Trent. The Flood Risk Team was relatively new and would consist of seven staff, although only two part time staff (including AW) had been recruited to date. The Team would be required to draft a Flood Risk Management Strategy, an Asset Register and a Preliminary Assessment. The aim was to publish the Strategy and Register next year. The Assessment had already been completed. Predominantly the Team would deal with Section 19 investigations, (investigations into the reasons for incidents of reported flooding) and would liaise with the various responsible authorities. To date the existing team had undertaken 40 investigations in the current calendar year.

In the ensuing discussion the following points were noted:

- Many of the existing records were not as up to date as may be desirable;
- There were questions as to the responsibility for some of the water courses by Seven Trent. It would appear that some areas which were indicated as in private ownership may be more properly the responsibility of Seven Trent. (This includes the bottom end of Hill Drive where severe flooding occurred) and AW was in discussions with Seven Trent on such matters;
- AW was working with Metropolitan Housing with regard to Hill Drive and other areas where the Housing Association has properties. It was felt that additional external pressure may be useful. ARH would try to get a meeting with appropriate reps from Metropolitan to help move this forward; ARH

- The majority of the drains in the Home Farm/Church estates were in private ownership and as such it is possible that little action had been taken in respect of cleaning over a long period, resulting in the increased possibilities of minor blocking or silting which, together with the fact that there were only 3 main outlets for the whole estate (at the top end), would have led to problems experienced during heavy rainfall and if unchecked may lead to further problems. To assist in overcoming this, MS reported that NCC had offered to jet flush the drains on a one off basis to help relieve the problems experienced; NCC

- AW would keep BTC in the loop on any investigations he was undertaken in the Bingham area; and AW

- AW was keen to ensure that the ditches in the ownership of Network Rail were kept clear as these had a major role to play clearing away heavy rainfall. ARH stated that BTC could ask Network rail for the maintenance schedule, although this should be included in their 2012/2013 plans.

LH and ARH pointed out several areas where AW was not undertaking investigations and it was agreed that these would be formally reported to him by LH in order that they may be investigated. LH

The meeting commenced at 10.15 and concluded at 12.05

**Alan R Harvey**  
Chairman, Environment Committee