

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 22nd April, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles – Chairman
" R. Barnett
" F. Purdue-Horan
" J. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was accepted from Councillors G. Davidson and A. Shelton.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (*For information*)

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes for information to be considered.

02 Traffic & Transport Issues

(a) Civil Parking Enforcement

The introduction of C.P.E. will take place on the 12th May, 2008.
Between two and four wardens will be allocated to Rushcliffe.

A leaflet outlining Civil Parking Enforcement is now available, further supplies of which have been ordered.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow questions from a member of the public regarding the proposed one-way system.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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03 Traffic & Transport Issues continued.....

(b) Parking Issues, Including Union Street Car Park

Clerk to follow up remedial works on Union Street.

(c) H.G.V. Signs

No response had been received from any of the agencies involved in re-signing on the A52. Clerk to follow up.

(d) Mallow Way – Proposed Bus Route

Responses from residents had been positive – they would welcome the alteration to the bus route.

(e) Long Acre Zebra Crossing

A site meeting has taken place and a number of options considered, but, as yet, no idea has been adopted.

(f) Tythby Road Bridge

Exploratory work would be taking place shortly to locate services. In addition, pruning of trees adjacent to the bridge would be carried out during the following two weeks to allow erection of scaffolding prior to bridge works. Clerk to inform Friends of Linear Park.

It is anticipated that work will commence in late August/early September, necessitating a road closure of four to five months. To date, no public notice of diversion route had been published.

(g) Cycle Route

Signs had been painted upside down on the path at The Banks. Councillors were disappointed at the casual attitude of the County Council to the cost of remedial works.

3.00 **BEAUTIFUL BINGHAM:**

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02 Street Scene

(a) Dropped Kerbs

Following an article in the Town News, a comprehensive list of dropped kerb locations and related problems had been received by the Town Office. In addition, a resident had volunteered to take part in an access audit, together with a representative from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways. Details to be forwarded to Paul Hillier at Nottinghamshire County Council.

(b) Market Place Signage

Work had recently been carried out by Nottinghamshire County Council replacing signage in the Market Place. Painting had been carried out by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

03 Glass Recycling

A list of twenty appropriate sites had been compiled by Councillor Eagles and Phil Barker (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

Planning permission had been sought for two of the sites – Brendon Grove and Newgate Street car park – and permission had been obtained for over half the total number of sites. However, permission had not been granted for the following sites owned by Nottinghamshire County Council:-

Westfield Avenue	Skylark Close
Cogley Lane	Toot Hill School
Mallard Close/Swallow Drive	Bingham Leisure Centre
Meadowsweet Hill	

The Clerk was asked to ascertain the reasons behind Nottinghamshire County Council's refusal to allow sites on its land.

The glass-recycling trial was due to start in the summer.

The Clerk was asked to confirm if the 'assisted' collections would automatically be issued with glass-recycling boxes.

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4.00 PROPOSAL FOR ECO TOWN:

The Committee felt that it was unsure of the definition of an 'Eco town'. The following points were made:-

- The Government had identified Rushcliffe as a suitable location for the development of additional housing, although the proposals are not clear at present.
- Rushcliffe Borough Council is taking the matter very seriously and has arranged an extraordinary meeting on the 8th May, 2008. There is also the opportunity for residents to air their views at the Annual Town Meeting on the 29th April, 2008.
- An 'Eco' town by definition should be self-contained.
- The former R.A.F. Newton site was refused permission as an asylum site.
- No development should be taking place on the Newton site until the A46 is dualled.
- Much more information is needed before the Town Council can express an informed opinion.

5.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items of correspondence were received for consideration:-

- (a) E-mail from Mr. Wilson re. (i) Speed Control and Possible Crossing, Grantham Road, and (ii) Open Space off Grantham Road
- (i) The response from Nottinghamshire County Council was reported – it would encourage new discussion about a possible crossing and raise the issue of a joint pedestrian/cycle crossing, although the proposal was previously rejected.
 - (ii) The issue of the adoption of the open space off Grantham Road by Bingham Town Council had been raised with Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Clerk would follow this up.
- (b) Interactive Speed Signs

Following a recent article in the Nottingham Evening Post regarding the purchase of sixty-five interactive signs for the County, it was agreed that a request for Bingham to be allocated one or two signs should be repeated. Clerk to follow up and refer to County Councillor M. Suthers.

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(c) 30 M.P.H. Signage

A response had been received from Paul Hillier at Nottinghamshire County Council that a review of speed limits will be carried out over the next two years with the results not being known until 2010.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.