

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the  
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,  
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 7th April, 2009**, at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Eagles - Chairman  
" R. Barnett  
" G. Davidson  
" A. Shelton  
" J. Stockwood  
" Mrs. M. Stockwood

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the exception of the finish time being amended to "20.18".

**2.00 MATTERS ARISING:**

02 Folio 5994/3.02 – Local Buses

A letter had been received from Toothill School confirming that its bus park cannot be used by bus operators for 'down time' periods.

03 Folio 5993/2.02 (b) – Eaton Place

Nottinghamshire County Council had e-mailed an acknowledgement re. the slope in Eaton Place but there had been no full response to date.

04 Folio 5993.3.01 – HGV Signs

Councillor Barnett enquired about the update on HGV signs and Councillor Eagles responded by confirming that the signs on the outskirts of Bingham were in place but not the ones in the town centre.

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### **3.00 STREETWISE - GENERAL UPDATE:**

#### 01 Rushcliffe Borough Council

The Clerk was requested to write offering congratulations to Rushcliffe Borough Council on its success in achieving a five star rating in the 2009 Clean Britain Awards.

#### 02 Eaton Place

There was nothing to report in connection with Eaton Place. However, members of the Council had spotted the new street sweeper in the area. The Clerk to establish if the rota was available in order that the Town Council would know when the sweeper would be in the area in future

#### 03 Glass/Seats

Phil Barker from Rushcliffe Borough Council had raised the question as to whether or not a seat should be installed on the hard standing areas left behind after removal of the various micro sites. It was agreed to recommend Porchester Road as an ideal site, providing residents were consulted prior to the installation.

### **4.00 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT:**

#### 01 Tythby Road Bridge

It was reported that the road is now open but it should have temporary traffic lights. Scaffolding should be removed by the 17th April, 2009, and, hopefully, the area around the bridge finally completed by the 25th April, 2009.

#### 02 Local Buses

A copy of a letter had been received from a resident to Trent Barton. Councillor Eagles gave a brief account of the problems being experienced and confirmed he was in communication with Trent Barton direct.

A County directive confirmed that school buses have to be no more than five years old, and a national initiative stipulates that all buses should be wheelchair-friendly by a certain date. Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood suggested writing to the County Council asking why it was a requirement that all buses should be no more than five years old in order to meet the needs of vulnerable and older persons.

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##### 03     Adopt-a-Station

Two parties had registered an interest in this project. The Clerk to contact businesses near the station and then arrange a meeting with Chris Watson of the Community Rail Partnership.

##### 04     Bingham Level Crossing

It was reported that there appears now to be a longer waiting period at the level crossing. The Clerk to write to Network Rail and establish the frequency of trains and expected waiting times, and whether there have been any changes. Also to request a smoother surface for the crossing in general.

##### 05     Newgate Street Car Park

Following on from a letter received from Rushcliffe Borough Council in connection with improvements to this car park, the Borough Council does intend closing the whole car park over the Spring Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday, 24th and 25th May, 2009. The access on the following Tuesday will be available from the Health Centre and Library, and part of the car park will be open; by Wednesday the whole car park will be open. Obviously this will be subject to weather conditions.

A complaint had been received regarding the general untidiness of the car park. The Clerk to contact Streetwise.

#### **5.00**     **SPEEDWATCH UPDATE:**

Neither the Clerk nor Councillors had received any communication from the Group. It was agreed not to follow up the purchase of a speed gun through Councillor Suthers.

#### **6.00**     **GREENING CAMPAIGN:**

Councillor J. Stockwood presented a report on his attendance at a recent meeting which followed on from the Parish Council Conference held in February. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND** that Bingham Town Council supports this initiative. The Clerk to ensure that an article is included in the Town News and also on the Town Council's website, inviting residents to contact the Town Office.

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**6.00 GREENING CAMPAIGN continued.....**

The Clerk also to contact the Scouts, ComCon, B.H.T.A. and Friends of Linear Park, bringing the Campaign to their attention, and also reference be made to it at the Annual Town Meeting

**7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Cogley Lane/Manor Road – Letter from Resident

The anti-social behaviour aspect had been dealt with by the Community Committee. This Committee considered the reference to the street lighting column, and it was agreed that the column should remain; however, it was felt that the step in situ should be changed to a slope. The Clerk to contact Nottinghamshire County Council.

02 R.B.C. Structure of Environment and Waste Management Services

A letter had been received confirming the new structure was in place. There are now three district teams with experienced managers.

03 E-mail from Resident

An e-mail had been received regarding the possibility of secure cycle storage in Bingham, and it was agreed that the Town Council should look into the feasibility of such a scheme. The Clerk to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council's Sustainability Officer.

04 Nottinghamshire County Council

A letter had been received concerning Cherry Street maintenance issues. Cherry Street has been inspected and is included in the list for maintenance during 2009/10.

05 Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group

Notification received of the Group's annual meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st April, 2009. It was agreed that Councillor J. Stockwood should attend.

06 Glass Recycling

Copy letter from a resident to Rushcliffe Borough Council received regarding the Newgate Street glass recycling site.

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07 A46 Improvements

Maps received were available for inspection, and members of the public were viewing them at the Town Office.

08 St. Mary's Road to Butt Field

An e-mail and photograph had been received about the problem of water standing on the path leading from St. Mary's Road to Butt Field.

09 Electricity Alliance

Notification for information received of refurbishment being undertaken on the Staythorpe to Grendon overhead lines.

10 Butt Road

Councillor Mrs. Marshall had been approached about the recent refurbishment on Butt Road. The Clerk to contact Nottinghamshire County Council Highways.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....