

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 12th August, 2008**, 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 10th June, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.00 TRAFFIC, INCLUDING:

01 (a) Update from Paul Hillier, Nottinghamshire County Council

The Chairman gave an update from Paul Hillier on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. At present, work is being undertaken on two projects – one to provide additional signing of the A46/A52 roads and one to improve signing at the White Lion corner. The speed limit review relates to a Class C road (level crossing and entrance to industrial estate access) which will be reviewed after the current reviews on Class A and B roads, and the village speed limit review.

(b) Closure of Tythby Road

The closure of this road now looks likely to be nearer to October, 2008, and will be for a quite a while.

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01 (c) H.G.V. Signs

Work is underway to improve signing on entrances into Bingham and changes at the corner of the White Lion; also, a 'low bridge' warning system on the A46 railway bridge which identifies over-height vehicles and advises the alternative route. The diversion route for such vehicles will be Bingham. However, these signs will not direct inappropriate vehicles through Bingham. Within the town centre the situation is more complicated as certain businesses require H.G.V. access. The initial intention is to concentrate on strengthening the message given by existing signage and also provide improved/altered route direction at the Long Acre/Tythby Road junction. The direction signing at the Long Acre/Tythby Road junction is under review, with the intention to redirect non local through traffic away from Long Acre.

(d) Relocation of 30 m.p.h. Sign at Chapel Lane/Kirkhill

It was reported that Central Government has instructed the County Council to review all village speed limit signs, but, with the sheer numbers to address, changes are not likely to take place until 2010.

02 Off-Street Parking, Etc.

Unfortunately, there is no further update from Rushcliffe Borough Council as the recommendations in respect of a large number of parking issues was not approved by Cabinet and was thus referred back to the Place Shaping & Community Engagement Group for further consideration.

03 Speed Watch Co-ordinator Resignation

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Co-ordinator and invite any interested parties for this position to contact the Town Clerk.

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It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders for the next item in order to let members of the public speak who were unable to access the public meeting held in July, 2008, (due to the high number of people in attendance).

04 Willow Road Buses

Concerns were expressed re. the safety of buses exceeding the speed limit.

A gentleman experienced travelling on a bus which he alleged was travelling at 44 m.p.h. Accidents had been photographed which involved a car and a bus.

A copy of a letter from County Councillor Suthers to Trent Barton was referred to, and it was requested that the Town Clerk obtains a copy of the response from Trent Barton.

A gentleman had to move off the pavement due to a car having to mount the pavement to negotiate a bus.

A suggestion was made to have concrete bollards installed on the corner of the pavement.

Another issue raised was the noise level of the cooling fans which appear to cut in frequently, and these appear to be excessive.

A question was raised asking if it was possible to readdress other turning points for the buses. The point was made that speed bumps were not the answer as, despite slowing the buses down, they would be noisier as they went over the bumps. It was the opinion of residents that the problems being experienced were definitely due to speeding.

It was agreed to look into the possibility of placing concrete bollards on the corner, and, in the event of any form of dangerous driving, it was recommended that reports should be made to the police at the time of the incident, giving details of vehicle registration numbers, times, location, etc.

Another problem area was in relation to the behaviour of drivers when taking their breaks, i.e. cigarette stubs being thrown on to the pavement and leaving engine running, etc.

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04 Willow Road Buses continued.....

Reference was made to recommendations made at Full Council re. centralised services in one area. However, unfortunately, the majority of these issues were outside the Town Council's remit. It was agreed to send a letter to Trent Barton re. drivers' behaviour during break time.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

3.00 **PEDESTRIANS:**

01 Grantham Road Speed Limit

The Grantham Road survey should be concluded over the summer break with results being available for the next meeting.

02 Long Acre Zebra Crossing

The construction of a high speed table is to commence 18th/21st August to September, 2008, with two-way traffic signals in place during that period.

03 Dropped Kerbs

A scheme had been proposed to introduce uncontrolled dropped-kerb crossing points with tactile paving at a number of sites. Proposed sites were currently awaiting approval from Rushcliffe Borough Council's Conservation Area Officers, and works should proceed later this year.

04 Crown Public House

Reference was made to a copy letter received from a resident which had been sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council complaining about signage and advertising boards on pavements. This had already been taken up with Rushcliffe Borough Council and the problem is being addressed.

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4.00 STREETWISE:

- 01/ Rushcliffe Borough Council Dog Warden Survey/Update on Streetwise
02 Meeting, 11th August, 2008.

It was reported that only two complaints out of a total of twenty-five received were in relation to Bingham during April – June.

A dog bin is required on Meadowsweet Hill. It was noted that as Rushcliffe Borough Council purchases dog bins in bulk, it could work out cheaper to purchase through the Borough rather than the Town Council buying individual ones.

Town Councillors expressed their thanks to Rushcliffe Borough Council for its contribution in relation to Bingham achieving the Best Kept Village Award. (See notes on meeting of 11th August, 2008, for a more detailed update).

- 03 Glass Recycling Micro-Sites

The micro-site glass recycling was for six months and sites generally were being used. Bingham Town Council agreed to give full support to Rushcliffe Borough Council in searching for new sites and running the trial for the entirety of the full six months before making any firm decisions. Old age pensioners' special blue boxes required greater publicity, along with explanations as to what should go in them. It was agreed to sent a letter to Rushcliffe Borough Council, giving Bingham Town Council's full support in recognising the Borough's efforts in provision of these sites so far.

5.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

- 01 Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk is to confirm the exact nature of the award and whether or not it can be wall-mounted or otherwise. A suitable location for the sign has yet to be identified.

- 02 Market Place Seat Near to Go Sing Restaurant (F5859/5.03)

The Town Clerk to chase Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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5.00 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** continued.....

03 Parish Planting

It was agreed to aim at 2009/10 to include Butt Field in the Parish Planting & Landscaping Scheme.

Two other possible areas for 2008/09 are tree works on Langtry Gardens near the station and the open space at the bottom of Harebell Gardens as this area turns into a mud bank in winter/wet weather.

6.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Rushcliffe Borough Council

A letter had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council re. Small Environmental Improvement Schemes' Future Rolling Programme. It was agreed to await further developments after contacting the Friends of Linear Park (Bill Bacon).

02 Robert Miles Junior School

A copy letter had been received from the school in connection with a horse chestnut tree. Nottinghamshire County Council is dealing with the matter.

03 Environmental Policy Scheme

It was agreed to adopt the Environmental Policy Statement which had been distributed.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:-