

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 8th December, 2009**, at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Eagles – Chairman  
 " R. Barnett  
 " G. Davidson  
 " A. Shelton  
 " J. Stockwood  
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood  
 County Councillor M. Suthers

**1.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**2.00 APOLOGIES:**

No apologies for absence were received.

**3.00 MINUTES, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising for information.

02 Adopt-a-Station

A meeting has been arranged for the 10th December, 2009, at 2.30 p.m.

02 Parish Planting & Landscape Scheme 2009/10

Unfortunately, the application in connection with proposed improvements at Harebell Gardens was unsuccessful. The Clerk was asked to establish land ownership.

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**4.00 HANGING BASKETS:**

There was a brief discussion about the quality of the hanging baskets and the letter from Plantscape offering the Council a £500.00 discount for 2010. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND** the same number of baskets and also enter into a three year contract, securing a ten per cent discount each year.

An e-mail had also been received suggesting landscape roses at various locations. However, it was felt hanging baskets were preferable.

**5.00 DOG BAGS (SEE ATTACHED REPORT):**

The information contained in the reports was considered and there was a brief discussion reviewing the current provision due to cost implications. Suggestions were made such as bio-degradable bags and free provision to those on means tested benefits. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND** that the service be withdrawn during 2010/2011 with a view to reassessing the situation at next year's budget-setting. Members of the public can obtain dog bags at various shops within Bingham.

**6.00 DRAIN CLEANING:**

A letter had been received about the gulleys on Church Close. The Clerk had been in touch with Nottinghamshire County Council who had given assurances that these would be dealt with, if possible, that day. The Clerk was awaiting a return call as it would appear this was not the case. The Clerk to chase Nottinghamshire County and Rushcliffe Borough Councils about clearing leaves from various areas (Grantham Road, Church Close and the precinct), The Clerk had also written to Network Rail regarding the ditch (which falls within its land) at the rear of St. Mary's Road.

**7.00 TOILET OPENING HOURS:**

Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that these were 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday. The Borough Council would consider issuing keys to other groups (i.e. bus companies) when they discussed how they would manage the new system.

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## **8.00**     **TRAFFIC:**

The toucan crossing was progressing. However, the zebra crossing on Grantham Road was making slow progress but should be in place during this financial year. Councillor Davidson queried the previous request for a barrier on Grantham Road at the end of the jitty running from the tree estate. The Clerk to chase Paul Hillier.

Reference was made to six new bollards adjacent to the Co-op car park and a suggestion was made that another was required to prevent access from the end.

The Clerk to chase Paul Hillier regarding the signage for Butt Field.

Councillors were told that Trent Barton was having a follow-up meeting with a resident. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with bus companies to discuss various issues, along with availability of timetables.

Councillor Eagles confirmed that the interactive sign was for eastbound traffic.

County Councillor Suthers reported that Tythby Road was due to close for a short period in February, April/May, 2010. This was in relation to alterations regarding cycle tracks. The Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire County Council about the necessity for further road alterations if the proposed new Health Centre is sited at the top of Tythby Road.

## **9.00**     **2010/2011 BUDGET (REPORT ATTACHED)**

### **Environment**

	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Actual @ 30-Sep- 09</b>	<b>Estimated 31-Mar-09</b>	<b>Budget 2010/2011</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
General Maintenance	300	788	2250	500
Beautiful Bingham	5000	4,962	4962	4500
Litter/Dog Bins (Env & Rec)	1000	-30	-30	0
	<b>6300</b>	<b>5,720</b>	<b>7182</b>	<b>5000</b>

The above budget was agreed for recommendation to the Policy & Resources Committee. It was noted that following on from Agenda item 5 referring to dog bags and the decision to withdraw the service for 2010/2011, the general maintenance budget was reduced to £500.00 (to cover the emptying of dog bins only).

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**9.00**     **2010/2011 BUDGET (REPORT ATTACHED) (continued)**

The Beautiful Bingham budget was reduced by ten per cent due to this discount being offered for entering into a three year contract and also a reduction of £500.00 during 2010/2011 only.

**10.00**    **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01    Rushcliffe Borough Council

A letter had been received from the above regarding B.T's 'Adopt-a-Telephone Kiosk' scheme. It was noted that if a scenario arose whereby a kiosk was adopted and, at a later date, a decision to remove it made, the Clerk should now establish the cost of that removal. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Policy & Resources Committee.

02    Shelton Parish Meeting

A letter had been received from the Clerk at Shelton regarding the shared purchase of a speed gun. Noted.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

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**ACTION POINTS**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY</b>
3.	Matters arising: Parish Planting Scheme	Clerk to establish ownership of land.
4.	Hanging baskets	Apologies and acceptance of three years' contract, with further £500.00 off 2010/11. Ian Wilson's e-mail re. roses. Clerk to reply.
6.	Drains	Chase N.C.C. re. Church Close and R.B.C. re. leaf-clearing precinct, traffic lights, footpath crossings .
7.	Toilets	Chase R.B.C. re. decision for drivers to have key.
8.	Premiere Buses	Clerk to arrange meeting
	Tythby Road	What is happening re. cycle track/pavement (Louise Elliott)?
	Barrier end Tree Estate Grantham Road	N.C..C P. Hillier
	Zebra crossing Grantham Road	Where exactly, i.e. location in relation to bollards; footpath routes and existing cycle crossing.
9.	Budget	Refer to Full Council
10.	Adopt-a-kiosk	Refer to P. & R; Clerk to confirm cost of removal.
From last meeting	Meadowsweet Hill and Nottingham Road - overgrown trees/hedge.	Clerk to chase Crown again!

