

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 3rd December, 2013, at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Eagles - Chairman
 " A. Ashmore
 " G. Davidson
 " T. Fox
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

Also in attendance: Councillors M. Barham, A. Harvey, F. Purdue-Horan and J. Stockwood.
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 Mr. G. Bridges, URS.
 3 members of the public and press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

There were no Apologies for Absence and Acceptance received.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October, 2013, 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) INCLUDING ACTION POINTS:

See attached Appendix 'A'.

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS:

01 Update on Proposals re. Cherry Street, Church Street and Market Street, and Recent Public Consultation

The Chairman thanked Gary Bridges for attending the meeting. Mr. Bridges confirmed that he would request Nottinghamshire County Council to send the current detailed plan of the proposed highway alterations affecting Market Street. He also confirmed that the traders on Market Street did not want loading bays. Councillors expressed concerns as, currently, when loading/unloading occurs, buses have to divert along Newgate Street. Mr. Bridges agreed to investigate this matter further. The public consultation had resulted in forty direct responses with a further fifty being left at The Old Court House.

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5.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS continued.....**

01 **Update on Proposals re. Cherry Street, Church Street and Market Street, and Recent Public Consultation continued.....**

Out of the thirty-seven responses, Mr. Bridges had seen only three objecting to Market Street being one-way and eight objections to the Cherry Street proposals. He confirmed that he would have a meeting with residents on Cherry Street. There was also great concern over the impact on The Paddocks, and these matters would receive further consideration. The proposals could be implemented in phases, i.e. Market Street one way implemented with parking restrictions at a later date. Parking bays on Market Street would lead to legal parking rather than the current illegal situation. Requests for residents' permits would have to be referred back to Nottinghamshire County Council and the proposals for Church Street, East Street, Foster's Lane, Rutland Road and Moor Lane were acceptable.

Councillors queried the Church Street proposals for restricted parking on Monday to Saturday only and Mr. Bridges confirmed that these were in line with other restrictions in the area. A suggestion of disc parking was put forward and Mr. Bridges agreed to investigate the idea.

Councillors supported their previous recommendation that Market Street be a one-way street.

02 **Parking Generally**

Various letters of complaint re parking had been received, including one from a resident in attendance at the meeting.

Chairman reiterated that NCC were responsible for parking on the highway & RBC were responsible for the car parks. Standing orders were suspended to allow the resident to speak & contribute to the discussion.

Following suggestions were raised:

- Utilising Butt Field Car park as a public car park.
- Utilising Rugby Club & Moot Pub Car parks with a mini park & ride scheme.
- Utilising surplus land around Saxondale Island.
- Access off Derry Lane to land near Carnarvon School for park & ride.

In relation to the Market Place bays on Thursdays Cllr. M. Stockwood confirmed that RBC were considering changing the restrictions to allow parking after 4pm and also allow 2 hour parking only.

The Chairman acknowledged current survey which was being undertaken by a local resident, re future proposals/solutions, and applauded the initiative.

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Standing orders were reinstated.

6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO TRAIN SERVICES:

01 Station Bridge – Update

Nothing to report.

02 Station Platforms – Update

Chairman confirmed that there was a Harrington Hump on both platforms to assist with access to carriages.

03 Consideration of Requirement of a Second Bridge at Moor Lane to Meet the Future Increase in Population North of Bingham

Following a discussion it was agreed the Clerk to write to Network Rail asking for consideration towards a second bridge to cross the railway line at Moor Lane due to the expansion of Bingham north of the railway line. The second bridge need only be a stepped pedestrian bridge and this is not to be at the expense of the upgrading of the current bridge.

Cllr. J.S. reported on Tesco Planning Application providing a service road which could eventually link with the tarmac access drive to Butt Field Sports Ground.

03 Public Consultation Re. Renewal and Upgrade of Level Crossings

Chairman confirmed there was to be a Public Consultation re. renewal and upgrade of level crossings to be held at The Old Court House 13th December 2013 10 – 12noon.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO BUS SERVICES:

01 Vale of Belvoir, Leicestershire

Chairman reported on a meeting he attended in relation to this matter.

02 TITAN – Nottinghamshire County Council – Public Consultation (Closing date 17th January, 2014)

The main aim was to provide transfer points at RoT & Bingham. Chairman would formulate a response on behalf of BTC & Cllrs. encouraged to respond direct.

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7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO BUS SERVICES** continued.....

03 Trent Barton Express – Overcrowding and Missing Buses

Clerk to write requesting improvement to services.

8.00 **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGETS FOR 2014/2015:**

Recommended budgets as per attached Appendix 'B'.

9.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Health Centre – traffic congestion Newgate Street

Unfortunately there would be disruption until mid January when the Eaton Place side of the Health Centre would be completed providing disabled and staff parking facilities, until then deliveries would add to the congestion. Concerns were raised re the footpaths along the car park to the Health Centre as they end at the entrance to the car park ie. Do not continue to the Health Centre at present. Clerk to make further enquiries.

02 Flower baskets 2014 – To reflect Commemoration of WW1.

RECOMMENDED

Approval of an appropriate planting scheme for flower baskets. Clerk to seek further advise.

03 Street lighting columns from Saxondale island to Balmoral Road along Nottingham Road.

Queries were raised re Street lighting columns from Saxondale island to Balmoral Road along Nottingham Road not working. Clerk to follow up.

04 Thank you from resident.

Chairman acknowledged a thank you letter from a resident had been received re a street light being switch back on overnight.

05 Grass-cutting - Update from N.C.C.

Clerk confirmed further information from NCC had been received re grass cutting in Bingham, however, further clarification is required.

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06 N.C.C. Budget Cuts – Closure of Langar Tip.

Chairman reported that the closure of Langar Tip would be discussed at the next Policy & Resources Cttee. Meeting to be held 10th December 2013 when the NCC Budget Cuts would be discussed.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	N.C.C. Grass-cutting	Lengthsman Scheme Pilot – continue monitoring. Clerk to contact NCC/RBC/Metropolitan re. possibility of one Organisation cutting all of Bingham.
F6523 14 th June, 2011.	Bus parking and driving (outside town centre).	N.C.C. - On-going
F6575 August, 2011.	Request for 20 m.p.h. restriction on Newgate Street	N.C.C on-going. Agreed to follow up after Health Centre plans addressed. Suggest speed check undertaken.
F6611 18 th Oct 11	Carnarvon Primary School	If adequate funding, consideration will be given to additional set of zig-zag lines.
	Restricted parking on Cherry Street / Church Street.	On-going subject to consultation process.
F7066/6.01	One-way system on Market Street	On-going subject to consultation process.
	Transport Consultation	On-going
F7066/5.01	Network Rail - Bridge	Revised design submitted by Network Rail.
F7067/5.02	East Midlands Trains – Harrington Hump	Clerk confirmed ramps now in place on both platforms.
F7067/7.01	Overgrown grassed areas in Bingham.	On going
F7067/6.01, 04; 7.04	R.B.C. – Market Place laybys and stones at base of trees.	On going
F7068/7.03	R.B.C./Responsible Authorities - Eaton Place and Flowerbeds	On going

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Environment

Expenditure

General Maintenance
Beautiful Bingham
Litter/Dog Bins (Env &
Rec)
Transfer to Environment
Reserve

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual @ 30-Sep-13	Estimated 31-Mar-14	Budget 2014/2015	Budget 2014/20 15
General Maintenance	640		100	640	
Beautiful Bingham	5500	4,047	5500	5500	
Litter/Dog Bins (Env & Rec)	450	195	450	450	
Transfer to Environment Reserve	500		500	500	
	7090	4,242	6550	7090	0