

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 17th February, 2009**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Shelton.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Councillor J. Stockwood made reference to interactive speed signs and confirmed that the temporary signs were only for locations which did not qualify for a permanent one.

2.00 STREETWISE - GENERAL UPDATE:

01 Meeting Report

Councillor Eagles gave an update of the meeting held on 17th February, 2009, with Streetwise. Councillors were told that Rushcliffe Borough Council is to take over grass cutting from Nottinghamshire County Council, who in turn would undertake tree pruning, etc.

02 Eaton Place

(a) The cleaning which had originally been scheduled for May/October, 2009, has been deemed as being too excessive as this could possibly unseat the paving bricks. A sweeper has been purchased by the Borough Council and will eventually be in Bingham for a full day subject to a rota system.

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02 Eaton Place continued.....

- (b) It was confirmed that the slope near the Library belongs to Nottinghamshire County Council; however, the County Council does not grit pavements. If Rushcliffe Borough Council is in the area and its employees have grit with them, then they will address the problem. However, if a problem arises, it should always be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council first. It was suggested that the Town Council should inspect the severity of the problem and then report back to the County Council. The Clerk was also asked to send a letter to Nottinghamshire Council re. the condition of the paving slope as this is very icy in inclement weather.

03 Dog Bins

A letter had been received from a resident requesting the siting of a dog bin on the main road near the bottom of Meadowsweet Hill. However, it was reported that Streetwise were not aware of any problems with the depositing of dog waste in the current bin.

04 Glass Recycling

Due to financial constraints, Rushcliffe Borough Council is not rolling micro-recycling sites across the Borough. Therefore, they are to be removed from Bingham. Those on Newgate Street are to remain but the assisted boxes scheme is to be terminated.

3.00 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT:

01 HGV Signs

A meeting was held on the 12th January, 2009, with officers of Nottinghamshire County Council and a report is at Appendix 1.

02 Local Buses

It was reported that the route 57 bus appeared to be turning round at various places in Abbey Road and the problem was now being addressed. A letter had also been received from a resident of Willow Road.

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3.00 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT continued.....

02 Local Buses continued.....

There was also concern about the laying over of various buses on Long Acre to the east of the bus stops, and it was agreed that Toot Hill School should be contacted with a view to the laying over of buses in the coach park.

03 Adopt-a-Station

It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to John Hillman and business at Bingham Station, also that an article be placed in the Town News.

04 Parking

- (a) A letter had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council informing the Town Council that the Civil Parking Enforcement is to be reviewed
- (b) Regarding disabled parking, Councillors were informed that the Borough felt it was too complicated to make any of the bays around the market place 'disabled'. Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood confirmed that the disabled bays in the car parks had been brought into line with others in the Borough.

4.00 SPEEDWATCH UPDATE:

The Clerk referred to information provided by Councillor Suthers and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND:-

- (a) confirm with Speedwatch Group that it is still an active group with members, and, if the answer is yes
- (b) purchase of a speed gun after confirmation with Councillor Suthers.

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5.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Cogley Lane/Manor Road

A letter had been received from a resident of Cogley Lane in connection with the street lighting column and anti-social behaviour on the footpath. It was agreed to refer to the Community Committee as the problem had already been passed on to the police.

02 Nottinghamshire County Council

An e-mail had been received from the County Council in connection with East Street and the request for a bollard. The answer was that a bollard was not deemed to be in the best interest of highway safety as it would narrow the road.

03 Nottinghamshire County Council

Receipt of Travel & Transport brief.

04 Rushcliffe Borough Council

A copy letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council to a resident of Chaworth Road re. refuse accumulation had been received.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 10.18 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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NOTES ON MEETING HELD 12TH JANUARY, 2009, WITH NCC .

PAUL HILLIER & ANDY KIRK

Cllr. J.Eagles welcomed both N.C.C. Officers to the meeting AND thanked them for attending.

Paul Hillier confirmed that there was funding in 08/09 for improved HGV Signs. PH handed over to Andy Kirk.

Andy Kirk confirmed the following:

- There could be auto monitoring of HGV units eg. on time taken to pass through certain sites etc.
- HGV's were problematical along Tythby Rd/Long Acre & Grantham Rd due to access required to Bingham Shops etc.
- Accepted there was a big problem re HGV's entering Bingham (reference was made by Cllrs. to car transporters driving through)
- Steps would be taken to identify requirements when the A46 dualling work was undertaken
- Trying to keep vehicles on A52 to Saxondale rdabt via advisory signage. Weight limits should be self enforcing ie 71/2 tons keep out at all cost.
- Could make routes less attractive by making delays (ie. alternating give way chicanes;road humps) but these would affect everyone. Interactive signs would only be placed in Bingham which consequently would not have any affect on drivers already committed to driving through.
- Possible "Avoidance of Weigh Bridge" impacts on certain drivers.
- Potential for temporary wireless cameras on slc.
- Could remove "A46/A52" from signs at traffic lights& replace with "Bingham"
- Electronic warning signs – some in place but there are a few problems which are being addressed.
- Andy to provide an update report at a later date.
- Tythby Road due to be open prior to 31.3.09 & then the bridge will include cycle/pedestrian pavements