

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th June, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**APOLOGIES:**

An apology for absence was accepted from Councillor J. Eagles.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Eagles be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor J. Stockwood be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor J. Stockwood assumed the Chair.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

**2.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

01 Dropped Kerbs

The Committee reviewed details of the proposed sites for dropped kerbs as submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council following local consultations. The proposals were welcomed and supported by the Committee.

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**2.00 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES continued.....**

02 Dog Waste Bins/Signs

As part of the Town Council's initiative to promote responsible dog ownership, residents had been invited, via the Town News, to suggest locations that would benefit from a dog waste bin being provided and also where additional signs would be helpful.

Suggestions were being received and the Committee decided that these should be reviewed at the next meeting, together with:-

- (a) outcomes from Rushcliffe Borough Council's Dog Wardens' survey of bins and signs.
- (b) update on existing bin locations
- (c) funding available to provide new bins and to renew any needing replacement.

**3.00 BEAUTIFUL BINGHAM:**

01 Best Kept Village Competition

It was reported that judging was underway until 27th June, 2008. Forty-three villages had entered.

**4.00 TOWN MEETING - MATTERS ARISING:**

The Committee considered issues arising from the 2008 Town Meeting and, in particular, a letter from a resident outlining suggestions to improve or reduce some problems being experienced by residents.

The Committee concluded that, on balance, the issues centred on the Community Committee's activities, and it was agreed to refer the issues to that Committee.

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## **5.00**     **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### 01     Pedestrian Issues, Grantham Road

A letter from Councillor Purdue-Horan was considered that summarised problems pedestrians were experiencing and the outcome of meetings with County Council officers.

As a first step, traffic and pedestrian surveys were to take place over the next few weeks and there would be some local consultations.

The Committee supported the initiative and the residents in their campaign to seek measures to slow down traffic and allow pedestrians to cross Grantham Road more safely. It was agreed that an appropriate article be published in the Town News.

### 02     Car Park Charges

It was noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council had decided not to implement car park charges in Bingham for the time being. A decision would probably be delayed for a year to see how the new civil parking enforcement arrangement bedded in.

The Committee expressed the view that it would welcome discussions with Rushcliffe Borough Council about long-stay parking provision and encouraged the Borough Council to actively pursue this issue.

### 03     Market Square – Seat near to Go Sing Restaurant

The Committee noted that a letter had been sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council, asking for this seat to be relocated due to anti-social behaviour issues. The request asked for a resolution to be expedited.

### 04     Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme

#### 01     Parish Planting & Landscaping Scheme

Rushcliffe Borough Council had invited applications for funding support for projects under this scheme. As the deadline for applications was 5th September, 2008, it was agreed to defer consideration to enable members to identify potential schemes.

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05     Parking Policies – Effect on Retailers

A letter from a local retailer was reported, expressing concern that it was becoming increasingly difficult to continue normal business due to recent changes to parking policy and rumoured future changes. The letter also asked for consideration to be given to providing a loading bay in the Market Square, adjacent to the bus stop area.

It was agreed to acknowledge the letter and refer it to Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council for their consideration of the matters raised.

06     Willow Road – Speed of Buses

A letter was received from Councillor Purdue-Horan, outlining residents’ concerns about the continuing problem of buses speeding along Willow Road. An incident on the 18th April, 2008, had resulted in damage to a parked car and had reinforced residents’ concerns.

The Committee agreed to send a letter to the Bus Company to reinforce the legitimate concerns raised by local residents.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....