

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of the  
Bingham Town Council held in **The Old Court House**,  
Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 14th October, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Shelton and Mrs. A. Stockwood.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August, 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 Update from Paul Hillier, Nottinghamshire County Council  
The Chairman gave an update from Paul Hillier on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. There were no further details available regarding the HGV sign and this matter will be addressed at the next meeting. Concerning the possible bollards on Willow Road, other factors have to be taken into account such as no further obstructions will be created for emergency vehicles due to parked cars and a genuine need for such bollards would have to be shown. It was noted that residents would not want double yellow lines to ensure that the road remained clear.

(b) Closure of Tythby Road

This closure is now in operation. However, the lack of signage at strategic points is inadequate, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Nottinghamshire County Council in this connection.

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## **2.00** **TRAFFIC** continued.....

### 01 (c) Dropped Kerbs

Two complaints had been received about the dropped kerbs. The Clerk referred one to Rushcliffe Borough Council about the access on market days and a response had been received from the Borough Council confirming that members of the public should use other access points on these days.

### (d) Grantham Road Speed Limit/Nottingham Road Interactive Speed Sign

No sites along these routes meet the current criteria for installing the signs in relation to pedestrian crossing movements. However, new criteria is to be introduced and the sites will be revisited at that time. If Nottingham Road is found to meet the criteria, then it will be included on the next list for possible approval next year.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow County Councillor Suthers to comment on the above matters.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

### 02 Market Place Seat

An e-mail had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council, suggesting neither it or the police had had any reports of anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that the Clerk should suggest matter be referred by the complainant to the Borough Council.

## **3.00** **STREETWISE:**

One thousand questionnaires had been sent out by Rushcliffe Borough Council in connection with glass-recycling and, based on these, there will be a presentation to the Place Shaping Committee at the Borough Council next week.

It was also reported that the paved area in the precinct is to be cleaned, and that there are no problems in general with the toilets

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### **3.00 STREETWISE continued.....**

Complaints had been received about dog-fouling on school playing fields but it was noted that no dog bins are provided on these areas. It was suggested to look into purchasing three dog bins with a view to them being erected shortly on the highway at strategic entrances to Toot Hill playing fields and one on the bridge on Tythby Road once the work on the bridge has been completed. It was also agreed that the Clerk should clarify with Rushcliffe Borough Council the number of dog bins emptied by Streetwise in Bingham and the cost implications.

### **4.00 SPEEDWATCH:**

The Chairman apologised to Speedwatch for the delay in their report being presented to the Committee.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Suthers to participate in discussion on this subject.

The findings in the report were referred to and Councillor Suthers confirmed that £750.00 was still available for the speed gun. The report criticised the police and Bingham Town Council for the lack of support. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between Speedwatch, the police, Bingham Town Council and County Councillor Suthers, and also to confirm to Speedwatch that Bingham Town Council contact should be via the Clerk.

Regarding the issue of the interactive sign, it was agreed that Bingham Town Council should send a letter to Nottinghamshire County Council supporting an interactive sign on Nottingham Road. In the same vein, it was stated that if Nottingham Road now qualifies for a sign, what about Grantham Road!

Standing Orders were reinstated.

### **5.00 PUBLIC TRANSPORT:**

#### **01 Trent Barton**

A letter had been received from Trent Barton, confirming that any incident should be reported immediately to the police and themselves, quoting specific details, i.e. times, bus numbers, etc. Trent Barton reiterated that drivers do not exceed the speed limit.

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02 Bus Timetable No. 57

Councillor Eagles referred to the recent timetable for this Bingham Town Bus Service being incorrect. A Nottinghamshire County Council official is addressing this and a more detailed timetable is to be produced.

03 'Adopt a Station'

Reference was made to an article in "Journeys" magazine. It was agreed that the Town Council should contact the dentist at the station and other businesses local to that area in order to establish whether or not there was any interest in such a scheme. It was also suggested that a 'Friends of Bingham Station' community group could be formed.

**6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Bingham Police

An e-mail had had been received from the police with a suggestion to remove the railings at Eaton Place near to Oddbins and Clive Lancaster Butchers. The general opinion was that, from a highway point of view, the railings were necessary.

02 Post Boxes

A suggestion was made that a request be made to the Post Office for a review of all post boxes within the Bingham area.

03 Newgate Street

A letter had been received from a resident concerning buses that were parking on Newgate Street and causing an obstruction. A suggestion was made as to whether drivers could use the school to alleviate the concern of drivers taking breaks on Newgate Street.

04 RCAN

Notice of a Transport for Communities seminar to be held on the 21st October, 2008.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....