# Summary of Accounts 2014/2015

# BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2015

| 04.00.44      |              | <u> </u>            | 04.00.45      |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 31.03.14      |              |                     | 31.03.15      |
|               | LONG TERM    |                     |               |
| £             | ASSETS       |                     | £             |
| 0             |              | Investments         | 0             |
| 0             |              | Long Term Debtors   | 0             |
|               | CURRENT      |                     |               |
|               | ASSETS       |                     |               |
| 500           |              | Debtors             | 2498          |
| 159           |              | Payments In Advance | 21            |
| 17878         |              | VAT Recoverable     | 1499          |
| <u>243826</u> |              | Cash in hand        | <u>318746</u> |
|               | TOTAL ASSETS |                     |               |
| 262363        |              |                     | 322764        |
|               |              |                     |               |
|               | LESS CURRENT |                     |               |
|               | LIABILITIES  |                     |               |
| <u>7578</u>   |              | Creditors           | <u>9569</u>   |
|               | NET ASSETS   |                     | 313195        |
| <u>254785</u> |              |                     |               |

# REPRESENTED BY:

| 31.03.14 |                  | 31.03.15 |
|----------|------------------|----------|
| £        |                  | £        |
|          |                  |          |
| 254785   | Reserve Balances | 313195   |

# **Bingham Town Council**



# Annual Report 2014/2015

#### **Foreword**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

I am very proud to be Bingham's Town Mayor for the fourth time. Bingham is in many ways quite different now from the way it was in 1993, the first time that I was here. Nevertheless, many issues are still with us, as we all know.

The past year saw some notable anniversaries – the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1, and the 700th anniversary of Bingham's Market Charter. I was pleased to attend events relating to both of these. Our new Health Centre is working very well, and providing an excellent service for the residents of Bingham and the surround villages. In addition, in January of this year the newly refurbished Library was opened, together with an excellent Children's Centre, occupying much of the old Health Centre building. Both of these are very welcome additions to the Town.

The Council has been working hard to try to alleviate the intractable parking problems which Bingham faces, and also to try to obtain greatly improved access to the north side of the railway station.

The Town Council has been very anxious to work with the Crown Estates to ensure that the proposed development of more than 1000 houses north of the railway line is as sympathetic as possible to the environment, and to try to keep Bingham as a unified town - not two separate communities separated by the railway line.

I have been very pleased to support as my charity for the year Maggie's Cancer Support Centre at Nottingham City Hospital. I would like to thank everyone who has worked hard and given their time, and their money, to support this worthy cause.

The work to the Town Council could not be carried out without the sterling efforts of the Town Clerk, Mrs. L.Holland, and all her staff, both in the office and also the ground staff. My sincere thanks go to all of them, as well as my fellow Councillors.

George Davidson Town Mayor

# **Council Organisation**

Bingham Town Council has fourteen elected members, as at 31st March 2015 the following Councillors were in post:

#### **BINGHAM EAST**

#### **Malcolm Barham**

1 Walker's Close, Bingham NG13 8BB Tel 07966 245583

# Mrs. A.Bryan

60 Long Acre, Bingham NG13 8AH Tel 01949 831445

# **George Davidson**

101 Grantham Road, Bingham NG13 8DF Tel 01949 838564

#### John Eagles

33 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 838195

# Alan R. Harvey

The Laurels, Saxondale Village NG13 8AY Tel 07722 613753

# Mrs Jacqui Marshall

21 St Mary's Road, Bingham NG13 8DX Tel 01949 875841

# **Mrs Maureen Stockwood**

46 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 875778

#### **BINGHAM WEST**

## **Paul Abbey**

18 Rothbury Grove, Bingham NG13 8TG Tel 01949 837406

#### **Allen Ashmore**

73 Langdale Grove, Bingham NG13 8SS Tel 07726 226921

## Mrs Sue Hull

22 Long Acre East, Bingham NG13 8BY Tel 01949 839346

# **Tony Fox**

27 Copeland Grove, Bingham NG13 8SN Tel 07501 431353

# **Mrs Tracey Kerry**

22 Copeland Grove, Bingham NG13 8SN Tel 01949 836827

#### **Francis Purdue-Horan**

9 Beech Avenue, Bingham NG13 8DN Tel 01949 876401

## John Stockwood

46 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 875778

Town Councillors do not receive any payments or allowances for attending meetings or carrying out any Town Council business.

# **Council Offices:**

Old Court House, email: info@bingham-tc.gov.uk
Church Street www.bingham-tc.gov.uk
Bingham Tel: 01949 831445

**NG138AL** 

Town Clerk Lynn Holland Deputy Clerk Claire Pegg

There is an information centre in the reception area of the Old Court House where residents can find bus and train timetables, information about Bingham and a range of tourist guides for the surrounding area.

# What the Council does

#### **Allotments**

The Council operates allotment sites at Hill Drive. There is currently a waiting list due to the closure of the Moor Lane Allotment Site.

#### Cemetery

The Town Cemetery is on The Banks and has burial plots, a Garden of Rest and a Memorial Tower. Plots can be reserved in some areas. Contact the Town Clerk for details.

#### **Civic Functions and Duties**

The Town Mayor has represented the Council at various civic functions in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire and has attended events organised by local clubs and organisations in Bingham. The Town Council makes annual Civic Awards to local people who have made considerable contributions to the community and these are presented at a Civic Reception held each February. The Council holds an annual Civic Service and all residents are welcome to attend.

#### **Events and Promotion**

The Council is responsible for the organisation of the Bingham Festival and Town Fair, Carol singing, Festive Window competition, Christmas lighting display and the display of Hanging Baskets in summer and other community events. The Council publishes the Bingham Town News, delivered to every household with the Buttercross bi-monthly.

#### **Old Court House**

The building is fully accessible for the disabled and houses the Council Offices, Council Chamber, Committee rooms and the Register Office. Other offices are let to provide an income to help cover the costs of maintenance.

The building is now licensed to hold Civil Ceremonies – weddings, partnership and citizenship ceremonies – and is the only location in Bingham to offer this facility.

# Play Areas

Play equipment is provided and maintained by the Council at Carnarvon play area, Crow Close and Wychwood Road and Wallenfels (just off Swallow Drive). There is a teen play area at Wynhill. These areas are now all fully accessible in accordance with the Disability Discrimination act.

# Sports Fields

The Council maintains sports fields at Butt Field and Wynhill. Following funding applications a wind turbine was installed on Butt Field Sports Ground. This was grant funded by Low Carbon Building Programme, Community Sustainable Energy Programme, Scottish Power and County Councillor Martin Suthers.

#### **Town Centre**

The Council works in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to enhance the appearance of the town centre and to attempt to solve the traffic and parking problems. The Council has provided a CCTV system in the Market Square and Eaton Place precinct.