



**BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of Bingham Town Council on Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 7.15pm.

Please note there is a Planning Committee meeting immediately before Full Council.

Members of the public and press who wish to remotely access the meeting, please click on the link below:

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Regards

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Sharon Pyke  
Clerk



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Press and Public joining the meeting

There will be an option on entering to use your video, mic and enter your name.

- Name - The name you enter will be displayed on screen, so please decide before joining the meeting if you wish to use your first or last name only, or put anonymous if you don't want your name displayed as the meeting will be recorded. If you already have a Teams account, the name you use will be displayed.
- Camera - This does not have to be used, you will see the Councillors and other attendees, but we will not see you unless you have the camera on. If you wish to speak, it would be useful for your camera to be on, but it is not essential.
- Mic - You will need the mic on if you wish to speak, but to ensure the meeting runs as smoothly as possible, please leave your mic off until item 3 on the agenda. At this point, the Mayor will ask for anyone wishing to speak, say your name to indicate you wish to speak, the Mayor will then ask you to speak in turn. Please turn off your mic after speaking in this item for the remainder of the meeting.
- Recording – The meeting will be recorded, when the recording is on, this should be shown on your screen. The recording may show faces of those with the camera turned on and this will be uploaded to the website. By having your camera on, you will therefore need to be aware that you are agreeing to this. If you do not wish your face to be seen, please leave your camera turned off.

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1. **Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence and acceptance

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest

3. **Public Session**

Members of the public to ask questions and make observations to the Town Council

4. **Minutes**

(a) To approve and sign the minutes of the 28 July 2020 meeting (Appendix A)

(b) To approve and sign the minutes of the 18 August 2020 extra-ordinary meeting (Appendix B)

(c) To approve and sign the minutes of the 01 September 2020 extra-ordinary meeting (Appendix C)

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive the Mayor's Announcements

6. **Committee Minutes**

To receive and resolve to approve recommendations from the following meetings:

(a) Community and Environment Committee, 01 September 2020 (Appendix D)

(b) Policy and Resources Committee, 15 September 2020 (Appendix E)

To receive the decisions from the following meetings:

(c) Extra-ordinary Planning Committee, 18 August 2020 (Appendix F)

(d) Planning Committee, 15 September 2020 (Appendix G)

7. **Sub-Committee Notes**

To receive and resolve to approve recommendations from the following meetings:

(a) Resilience Sub-Committee, 02 October 2020 (Appendix H)

(b) Car Park Sub-Committee, 09 October 2020 (Appendix I)

(c) Policy Sub-Committee, 09 October 2020 (Appendix J)

8. **Councillor Motion – Ellis Whittam Invoice**

In view of the concerns raised by Councillor Purdue-Horan at Policy and Resource over the inconsistent quality of the work provided by Ellis-Whittam, for which Council has been invoiced over £5,000, and in his continuing failure to provide members of Policy and Resources with full details of the work done by Ellis Whittam. Council resolve that full payment of this invoice be withheld until Councillor Purdue-Horan releases all of the documents he is currently withholding from Council along with a clear statement to explain why the invoice should be met in full.

Proposed: Councillor Tony Wallace

Seconded: Councillor John Lewis



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**9. Invoices**

To approve the payment of invoices in excess of £5,000

**10. Councillor Motion – Election of Mayor**

Councillor John Stockwood's term as Mayor should have ended in May. It is now October and Councillor Stockwood's term shows every sign of extending indefinitely. Council is further concerned by recent statements from the Mayor that he will block emails from, and no longer respond to legitimate questions from fellow Councillors. This Council resolves that Councillor Stockwood now stand down and that an election for a new Mayor be held without any further delay.

Proposed: Councillor Tony Wallace

Seconded: Councillor John Lewis

**11. Councillor Motion – Governance Review**

That this Council do adopt and implement the recommendations contained in the letter to this Council from the Rushcliffe Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer dated the 14th July 2020, and in particular that the Town Clerk as Proper Officer be authorised and instructed to engage independent advisors to give advice and support to this Council on the following matters:-

- (a) The Council's Standing Orders and governance arrangements and procedures with particular regard to calling extraordinary meetings, motions for meetings and their inclusion on the agenda, the publication of public notices and agendas and decisions of the Chair of a meeting on the application of standing orders
- (b) When and in what circumstances it is appropriate to move the Council into a closed session on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and what business is properly classed as confidential in the light of the Access to Information Procedure Rules at Part 4 of the Council's Constitution
- (c) How best to respond to the issues and differences that have arisen in respect of Human Resources and Staffing issues and review the Council's practices in line with best practice and ACAS guidance
- (d) How to reduce the number of behavioural complaints made about Bingham Town Councillors and to work to build more positive interpersonal relationships between Councillors and each other and with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Proposed: Councillor John Lewis

Seconded: Councillor Tony Wallace

**12. Letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council's Standards Committee (Appendix K)**

To consider the letter from the Standards Committee dated 2 October 2020

**13. Councillor Motion - Mediation**

That this Council do adopt and implement the recommendation of the Standards Committee of Rushcliffe Borough Council, that this Council do with the assistance of the National Association of Local Councils and the agreement of all affected parties appoint an



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independent arbitrator to assist in resolving the issues raised in the said letter to this Council from the Rushcliffe Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and abide by and implement any award made by such arbitrator.

Proposed: Councillor John Lewis

Seconded: Councillor Tony Wallace

**14. Memorial Bench**

- (a) To approve the siting of a memorial bench at the cemetery
- (b) To note that the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be considering alternative memorials to benches as there is a full complement

**15. Financial Regulations**

To increase the limit from £500 to £1,000 for the Clerk to authorise emergency expenditure. (Paragraph 4.5)

**16. Project Support**

To agree actions to support project delivery

**17. Deep Cleaning and Fogging Service**

To note the expenditure of £700.00 to fog and deep clean the Old Court House

**18. Local Government Re-organisation**

To note the Deputy Mayor's virtual attendance at the focus group for Town and Parish Councils (Appendix L)

**19. Confidential Business**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:-

To resolve that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting."

The following matters will be discussed:

- Confidential notes from the Full Council meeting held on 28 July 2020
- Confidential notes from the extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 18 August 2020
- Confidential notes and recommendations from Policy & Resources meeting held on 15 September 2020
- Staff Matters