

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, R Bird, T Birch, F Purdue-Horan, T Wallace, V Leach, N Mees, J Lewis, A Shelton and W Stapleton

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2 (Including County Cllr N Clarke)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Moskwa, J Best, M Stockwood and J Stockwood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

No questions from the public received.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had a charity stall at the Christmas Market for his nominated charity, The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club, the event was well attended and he thanked residents for their support.

5. MINUTES

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 (Folios 9987 to 9991), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 13 December 2022 (Folio 9997), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) HR Committee, 29 November 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (b) Community, Recreation & Amenities, 13 December 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.

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- (c) Finance, Policy & Resources Committee, 10 January 2023
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (d) Planning Committee, 29 November 2022
The decisions of the meeting were noted.
- (e) Planning Committee, 13 December 2022
The decisions of the meeting were noted.
- (f) Planning Committee, 10 January 2023
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7. BUDGET

A budget of £349,124 for the year ending 31 March 2024 was proposed and a vote was taken. The proposal did not carry. It was proposed to accept the recommendation of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee to set a budget of £366,024.

RESOLVED: that a budget of £366,024 was set for the year ending 31 March 2024.

8. PRECEPT

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the precept requirement for the year ending 31 March 2024 be set at £366,024, resulting in a Band D increase of 4.84%.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk sign the precept demand.

9. THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN

It was proposed to make an alterations to move the Butt Field Expansion Project of £35,100 to the year 2024/2025.

RESOLVED: to accept the three-year reserves expenditure plan with the alteration.

10. LOCAL ELECTION 2023

The Clerk confirmed that an online election briefing was to be held on 01 March 2023 with Rushcliffe Borough Council for those interested in standing for the local Town/Parish elections. The Council noted that the Clerk will be promoting the upcoming election on 04 May 2023 using the NALC promotional material provided.

11. STAFF HANDBOOK

RESOLVED: to adopt the staff handbook and issue to all staff members.

12. INVOICES

RESOLVED: to make payment of £9984 to Gala Lights for the 2022 Christmas Lighting contract.

13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Cllr J Lewis updated that the NALC Executive Committee felt that the 2023 Parish/Town Elections would be underrepresented in the region and he welcomed any feedback on the work of NALC to take back to the committee.

b) Cllr R Bird confirmed that he would be attending the Police Priority Setting meeting on 19 January 2023 and that on the same evening there would be a meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch Group. It was noted that a vote was due to be taken to disband the Neighbourhood Watch Group due to low turnout at meetings. The Council asked that Cllr Shelton confirm that the Council would place the item on the Community, Recreation and Amenities agenda to consider how the Council could assist them as it was agreed it was an important community initiative.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Growth Board Minutes – The minutes were noted as more detailed and this was welcomed. The review of the Growth Board after the election was welcomed.

b) LGS Pay Update and Briefing – the update was noted.

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw”

- Confidential notes, Full Council meeting held on 15 November 2022

The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting on 13 December 2022

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The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, HR Committee meeting on 29 November 2022

The minutes were noted as the recommendations had been previously agreed or superseded.

- Confidential notes, Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 10 January 2023

It was noted that no recommendations were made.

- Staff Matters

RESOLVED: to accept the variation request.

The vacancy update was noted.

The Meeting closed at 9.11pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....