



## Annual Town Meeting

### Annual Town Council Report for 31 May 2022

Summary for the civic year ending 24 May 2022 and financial year ending 31 March 2022

Council returned to face to face meetings in May 2021 and as restrictions have ended, there has been a return to normality for Council meetings. Over the last Civic Year the Council's work has included:

- 43 Council, Committee, and Sub-Committee meetings taking place
- 4 community grant awards were made to local community groups
- Free Room rental was granted to Bingham Food Warriors who have opened their doors in the Old Court House
- Provided financial support to Bingham Community Events for August 2021 Events
- 10 Civic Awards were given to members of the community
- An Improvement Board was agreed to identify areas to move the Council's work forward
- Two newly elected Councillors joined in March 2022
- The 2021 Christmas Fair was able to take place with the lifting of restrictions

The Town Council also continue to work in partnership with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park to support the Biodiversity Management Plan. A grant of £45,000 towards maintenance costs for 30 yrs has been granted to ensure the work of the group is supported.

Bingham Town Council have recently facilitated a community consultation with Barratt David Wilson Homes on their plans for Parsons Hill, an event which was well attended.

In terms of projects delivered and progressed:

- Work has continued to establish plans for a long stay car parking provision at the former allotment site, including many preliminary surveys and this remains a key priority for the Town Council.
- Plans for the re-development of the Wynhill site to provide enhanced community facilities continued but with changes to access to grant facilities the project has not progressed at the expected pace. The Council have put a new committee in place to work with Bingham Rugby Club to continue to progress the increased sports and community facilities at the site
- Joint working continued with Bingham Community Events who provided a programme of successful events in 2021 including the Classic Car Show and Beer Festival.
- A new Town Map and Town Centre Map was created for the 2022/2023 Town Guide and all Bingham residents received their copy in May 2022
- New lighting was added to Eaton Place with the help of the Welcome Back Funding

The Council is supported by:

- 1 Full Time Clerk
- 2 Part Time administrative staff
- 1 Full Time administrative staff member
- In the office the longest serving member of staff has been with the Council nearly 7 years
- 2 full time grounds men
- 1 part-time cleaner