



Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Council Report for 23 May 2023

Summary for the civic year ending 16 May 2023 and financial year ending 31 March 2023

Bingham Town Council has been busy over the last Civic Year. The Council's work has included:

- 44 Council, Committee, and Sub-Committee meetings taking place
- 5 community grant awards were made to local community groups
- Free Room rental was granted for another year to Bingham Food Warriors who operate from the Old Court House
- Continued financial support for Bingham Community Events 2022 summer programme of events
- 10 Civic Awards were given to members and groups that support the community
- The 2022 Summer Fair returned after the lifting of restrictions and the 2022 Christmas Market and Light Switch On was well attended
- Following a grant from the Town Council, Positive Futures worked with local children to deliver a new graffiti project under the Tithby Road bridge, enhancing the Linear Park
- Recruitment of a Deputy Clerk and Ground Staff member in early 2023
- Delivery of Finding Fitness Free Summer Sports Club in August 2022
- Applied for the Foundation Award of the Local Councils Award Scheme

The Council was saddened by the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022, after reigning for 70 years. People were invited to lay flowers at the Old Court House and books of condolence were opened. On 11 September 2022 the Mayor read the proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Town Council have continued to work in partnership with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park to support the Biodiversity Management Plan. The Council continue to add budget each year to enhance the 30 year grant fund to ensure the work of the group is supported.

Alongside its commitment to the Linear Park Nature Reserve, the Town Council continues to take care of its responsibilities for:

- Sports Field and recreational areas at Wynhill and Butt Field
- Town Pavilion and Butt Field Sports Pavilion
- Five play area
- Allotments
- Bingham Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard
- Town Centre CCTV
- The Old Court House
- Extensive arboreal portfolio
- Town Centre floral display
- Christmas Lighting Scheme

In terms of projects delivered and progressed through the previous year:

- The Town Council have been receiving officer and grant support from Rushcliffe Borough Council to progress plans for a long stay car parking provision at the former allotment site. The Car Park Committee has commissioned transport feasibility reports and meetings with key stakeholders have taken place.
- Stage 1 of the feasibility work for the Chapel Lane Community land was completed and the Council will be looking to progress the project in 2023.
- The Wynhill Re-development have completed a building condition survey on the Pavilion and the Rugby Club are investigating the car parking at the site as the immediate priority.
- The Council have taken the Civility and Respect Pledge and the Member, Officer Protocol was adopted, following on from the advice of the Improvement Board
- Joint working has successfully continued with Bingham Community Events who provided another year of successful events in 2022 including the Classic Car Show and Beer Festival.
- A Cemetery review has been undertaken by the Institute of Cemetery Management, the results of which will be considered in 2023
- Memorial testing plans have been progressed for summer 2023
- A planned Building Maintenance survey has been completed on the Old Court House and a new video entry system was installed
- Inspection of the Linear Park bridges was completed to support planned maintenance work
- Successful in gaining Lottery Funding for the delivery of a Free Summer Sports Club for local children. 160 children benefitted from the Sports Club in August 2022.

The Council is supported by:

- 1 Full Time Clerk
- 1 Part Time Deputy Clerk
- 1 Part Time administrative assistant. The Council are carrying a vacancy for a second administrator
- In the office the longest serving member of staff has been with the Council nearly 8 years
- 2 full time ground staff
- 1 part-time cleaner

Recruitment of two new staff members during early 2023 has strengthened the team's knowledge and experience and the Council will be looking at the existing office vacancy during the new term of office.