

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 30 July 2024 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, W Stapleton, E Georgiou, V Leach, F Purdue-Horan, R Bird, N Mees, M Stockwood, A Shelton, P Walters, M Baulcombe and S Perkins.

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk) and C Beecroft (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 1 including County Councillor N Clarke

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors T Wallace and N Jejna.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that his chosen charity for the 2024/25 Civic Year was the Vale First Responders.

The Mayor also confirmed that he had attended the opening of the Cricket Net Bay at Butt Field.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No comments or queries were received.

5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke that he had also attended the opening of the Cricket Net Bay at Butt Field and B Fest, which he had supported from his NCC Community Fund. An update was given on the additional half million investment into gully cleansing ahead of the winter period. NCC Officers were working to secure a date for Severn Trent to attend site to fix their Chapel Lane asset. It was also confirmed that investigations were taking place into the possibility of extending local village bus services into the evenings.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed that the Borough were consulting on the Growth Strategy and a residents survey was currently ongoing.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2024 (Folios 10196 to 10198), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) HR, 09 July 2024

RESOLVED: to approve the recommendation.

(b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 16 July 2024

RESOLVED: to approve the recommendations.

(c) Planning Committee, 16 July 2024

The decisions of the meeting were noted.

8. COUNCILLOR MOTION

Proposal to vary Standing Order 3i to read:

A person shall raise his/her/their hand when requesting to speak.

Proposer: Cllr S Perkins

Secunder: Councillor T Wallace

In the absence of Cllr T Wallace, Councillor N Mees seconded the motion at the meeting.

A proposal to vary the motion was received:

A person shall raise his/her/their hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)]. The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person shall raise his/her/their hand when requesting to speak at a committee meeting.

Proposer: Cllr F Purdue-Horan

Secunder : Cllr M Stockwood

A recorded vote was requested on the amended motion by Cllr F Purdue-Horan.

For:

Cllr A Shelton

Cllr F Purdue-Horan

Cllr M Stockwood

Cllr W Stapleton

Against:

Cllr S Perkins

Cllr N Mees

Cllr R Bird

Cllr P Walters

Abstain:

Cllr E Georgiou

Cllr V Leach

Cllr M Balcombe

Cllr G Williams

The Chair voted with his casting vote to accept the amendment to the motion and the amended motion was then put forward as the substantive motion.

A recorded vote was requested on the substantive motion by Cllr M Stockwood

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For:	Abstain:
Cllr A Shelton	Cllr N Mees
Cllr F Purdue-Horan	Cllr V Leach
Cllr M Stockwood	Cllr R Bird
Cllr W Stapleton	Cllr G Williams
Cllr E Georgiou	Cllr S Perkins
Cllr M Baulcombe	Cllr P Walters

RESOLVED: to accept the motion.

9. LONG ACRE ROAD WORKS

The Council noted the road works along Long Acre and concerns regarding timescales and disruptions were noted.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8pm and were re-instated at 8.08pm to allow Councillor N Clarke to respond to queries.

It was confirmed that the work was scheduled for 18 November 2024 and there was no opportunity to bring forward the works in the scheduling. It was expected to take two weeks with work taking place between the hours of 8pm and 6am with the majority of the louder works taking place before 1am. Cllr N Clarke confirmed that the teams would work with residents affected on access to homes and businesses and that work during the daytime would have had a profound impact on the town. The Town Fair taking place on 29 November was noted but was not of concern as the work was due to finish prior to the event.

RESOLVED: to write to Nottinghamshire County Council/Via EM to ask for clarification of the impact to residents businesses and the Christmas Fair.

10. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 79TH AGM

Notification of the 78th Annual General meeting to be held on Saturday 12 October 2024 has been given with the following options:

- (a) To appoint one voting delegate
RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr N Mees as the voting delegate
- (b) Nominations for the election of President
RESOLVED: to nominate Ivor Walker as president
- (c) Nominations for the election of the Executive Committee
No nominations were received
- (d) Submission of up to two Motions for debate
No motions were received

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- (e) Nominations for Long Service certificate recognising 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of continuous service
No nominations were received

11. WYNHILL PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council noted the report regarding costs for a planning consultant to assist with planning for a temporary car parking surface and temporary changing facilities and also for the regularisation of planning for the shipping containers.

RESOLVED: to give delegated authority to the Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee to work with the Rugby Club and Planning Consultant to ascertain timescales and accept appropriate costs to the values in the report from the Community Facilities Budget in the three year reserves plan.

12. STAKEHOLDER INITIAL CONSULTATIONS

- (a) Market Place and Market Street – Prohibition changes to parking restrictions
No comments were received.

- (b) Cherry Street – Prohibition of waiting

RESOLVED: to confirm an objection to the installation of double yellow lines resulting in a loss of parking provision for residents and to request consideration is given to a larger review including investigating a one way network.

13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor N Mees confirmed that the NALC office would move to Collingham with the staff mainly homeworking and encouraged Cllrs to attend the AGM and read the opportunities available at the event.

Councillor W Stapleton, F Purdue-Horan and M Stockwood all confirmed that they had attended the Police Priority Setting meeting and updated that a residents query about issue regarding Cogley Lane was raised and no reports had been received by the police, 2 additional officers would be part of the local team and would not be seconded to other areas for nighttime support. Crime figures were noted as including reports on issues between students at local schools. The other items were noted were an expected increase in ASB during the summer break, use of E Scooters and residents not reporting crime.

Councillor G Williams updated on the Twinning Association's Beer Festival and that tickets were still available for the Friday night. An update was also received that the Cricket Net Bay was opened at Butt Field and the Cricket Club will be managing access to the new facility. Solar Panels were operational and after a successful B Fest, plans for the fireworks in November were underway. The flood light that had been knocked over by contractors was being progressed with a potential for the lights to be LED on re-installation.

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14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence from the Department of Education has been received in relation to the re-development of the Toot Hill site and that it was noted as being approx. 8 months before plans would be available for consultation. The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been requested to start early engagement.

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 25 June 2024

The notes were approved as an accurate record.

- Confidential decisions and recommendations, HR Committee meeting on 09 July 2024.

RESOLVED: to approve the recommendation.

- Recruitment

RESOLVED: to give delegated authority to Clerk to employ a candidate within the advertised salary scale points after second interviews with the Mayor or Chair of HR.

The Meeting closed at 9.59pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....