

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, W Stapleton, R Bird, N Mees, M Stockwood, A Shelton, F Purdue-Horan, M Baulcombe and I Shouler.

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2 Including Councillor N Clarke.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Walters, T Wallace and S Perkins.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those that attended the annual Civic Service and passed on thanks to the staff for arranging the service.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No comments or questions were received.

5. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke confirmed that additional resources had been allocated to clearing drains and that road repairs had received an increased budget. Residents' concerns over the queuing traffic on Chapel Lane had been raised with officers. Options including contact with Lidl for a second left exit lane would be progressed by officers. A consultation for yellow lines along one side of Long Acre was being progressed and would include a box junction outside of the Fire Station.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed the latest UKSPF Funding opportunity available and the consultation on the Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2025 (Folios 10256 to 10258), 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) Community, Recreation & Amenities 04 February 2025

RESOLVED: to note the resolutions.

- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 04 March 2025

RESOLVED: to note the resolutions.

- (c) Planning Committee, 04 February 2025

The decisions of the meeting were noted.

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8. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

An application for the vacancy in the South East Ward was received and standing orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak directly with the Council.

It was then **RESOLVED** that:

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”

A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED: that Isabel Shouler be co-opted to the Town Councillor Vacancy in the South East Ward.

The meeting paused for the signing of the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr I Shouler joined the remainder of the meeting.

9. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Council received the latest feasibility report for a shared site at the Wynhill Grounds. The Council had met with Welham Associates to consider the report and conclusion prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: to accept the feasibility report and conclusion that a shared facility would not be viable to progress.

10. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

No payments were presented.

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor R Bird confirmed that he had attended the Rushcliffe South Community Safety Group meeting.

Councillor M Stockwood updated the Council on the increased government funding recently announced and asked that if any Councillor wished to consider becoming the Councillor representative for the Rural Market Town Group prior to consideration at the May meeting.

Councillor G Williams had no update to announce from Bingham Twinning Association and confirmed that the flood light awaiting replacement at Butt Field had now been completed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that the Crown Estates had experienced numerous incidents of damage to the new fencing installed at Starnhill adjacent to the Linear Park. The police had been informed and the damage was repeatedly taking place, officers asked that any suspicious activity be reported.

Councillor R Bird reminded Councillors that a bike marking event was being held in the Market Place on Saturday 22 March 2025.

13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

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The following matters were discussed:

- Confidential notes from the Council meeting held on 21 January 2025

RESOLVED: to approve the notes as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes and decisions from the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 04 March 2025

The confidential decisions were noted.

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- Cogley Lane

RESOLVED: to seek authority for a land valuation.

- Staff Matters

The update was noted and it was

RESOLVED: to grant delegated authority to the HR Committee to proceed with advertisement of two office vacancies.

The Meeting closed at 8.27pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....