

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 21 January 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, E Georgiou, T Wallace, F Purdue-Horan, M Baulcombe, N Jejna and P Walters.

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 1 including County Councillor N Clarke

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor S Perkins.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor N Mees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11, payment to Bingham Community Events, as a family member volunteers for the group. Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14, Storage Facility, as a County Councillor who may be asked to support a grant application. Councillor G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 as a member of the Bingham Town Sports Club group progressing the Storage Facility at Butt Field.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had attended:

- The Christmas Fair and thanked all those involved in the delivery of the event.
- Bingham Penguins party and awards night

The Mayor shared a magazine from Wallenfels which included an article about the Beer Festival.

The Mayor confirmed the resignation of Councillor V Leach and that the deadline for an election to be called was 06 February 2025.

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 updated:

- On road parking changes would be implemented shortly in the Town Centre to mirror the 30 minute parking restrictions in place in the market place bays.
- Continued talks were taking place with Network Rail regarding a foot bridge over the Moor Lane crossing.
- The Council were updated that a meeting had been held with all Council leaders to discuss the plans to remove the 2 tier local government arrangements currently in Place.

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All leaders had agreed that public consultation would form part of the process. Detailed plans would be submitted to government in September 2025.

County Councillor F Purdue-Horan confirmed that he was assisting residents of Fairfield Street in looking at a residents parking permit scheme as they were experiencing parking issues after the recent changes to the Town Centre car parks.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2024 (Folios 10242 to 10244), 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 03 December 2024

RESOLVED: to approve the recommendations.

(b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 07 January 2025

RESOLVED: to approve the recommendations.

(c) Planning Committee, 03 December 2024

The decisions of the meeting were noted.

(d) Planning Committee, 07 January 2025.

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8. BUDGET

RESOLVED: a budget of £437,032 be set for the year ending 31 March 2026.

9. PRECEPT

(a) **RESOLVED:** that the precept requirement for the year ending 31 March 2026 be set at £437,032, resulting in a Band D increase of 3.8%.

(b) **RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk sign the precept demand.

10. THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN

The Council noted the updated position.

11. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

RESOLVED: to make payment of £10,674 Inc Vat to Gala Lights Limited for 2024 Christmas Lighting Contract.

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RESOLVED: to make payment of £7500 to Bingham Community Events to support the delivery of the 2024 schedule of events

12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor G Williams confirmed all the Flood Lights at Butt Field Sports Ground had been changed to LED and that there had been delays with replacement column. The storage facility project at Butt Field was moving forward and that there were no updates at this time from the Twinning Association.

Councillor A Shelton confirmed that he attended the Police Priority Setting meeting along with other Councillors and anti-social behaviour, parking on the pavements, scooters and theft had been noted. It was confirmed by County Councillor Neil Clarke that he was present at the meeting and would be arranging to speak with the local Inspector regarding obstructive parking as this was a police matter.

Councillor N Mees reminded Councillors to complete the survey regarding standards in government shared with all Councillors.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

14. 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”

The following matters were discussed:

- Confidential notes from the Council meeting held on 19 November 2024.

RESOLVED: to approve the notes as an accurate record.

- Confidential decisions from the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 03 December 2024

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- Confidential notes from the Finance, Policy and Resources meeting held on 07 January 2025

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- Legal Matters

RESOLVED: to accept Solicitors costs of approx. £1250 for a Retrospective Licence for Alteration for installation of the Solar Panels at Bingham Town Sports Club Pavilion.

RESOLVED: to accept Solicitors costs of approx. £3750 for a Licence for Alteration for the demolition and install of a new storage pavilion at Butt Field. Delegated authority was granted to the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of Finance, Policy and Resources to progress and sign the licence.

- Staff Matters and Temporary Support

The update on staffing matters was noted.

RESOLVED: to offer a three-month fixed term contract to the qualified Clerk as a Project Support Officer to assist with staffing capacity.

The Meeting closed at 8.14pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....