

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee
of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street,
Bingham on 02 February 2026 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, P Walters, N Jejna, M Baulcombe, W Stapleton and A Shelton.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2 Including Councillors F Purdue-Horan and M Stockwood

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor I Shouler.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held 18 November 2025, Folios 10356 to 10359, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the updated actions.

5. BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

The committee reviewed the report and noted the budget to actuals.

6. WYNHILL SITE AND PAVILLION

Temporary Changing Facilities – the committee noted that the Rugby Club had received an offer of a free unit that was smaller in size. A non-material amendment would need to be progressed and the costs were considered.

RESOLVED: that Officer time to facilitate the non-material amendment is to be met by the Council, and external charges for the Planning Consultant, Architect and Planning Authority fees incurred will be re-charged to Bingham Rugby Club

Car Park Extension – the committee were updated that matting on the entrance to the field had not been installed and material had been laid to aid access to the field. The Rugby Club were investigating alternative options and drainage solutions. A section 73 application would be required to alter the existing plans with a new solution.

RESOLVED: that Officer time to facilitate a section 73 application is to be met by the Council, and external charges for the Planning Consultant, Architect and Planning Authority fees incurred will be re-charged to Bingham Rugby Club.

The Rugby Club would be asked to confirm if the matting shown on the original application would be progressed to meet planning approval or if an alternative solution was to be considered.

Re-development and lease – the committee noted the recent meetings with Bingham Rugby Club regarding progression of a pavilion re-development. The committee were also asked to consider a new lease with security of tenure to enable the Club to apply for grant funding for projects, including replacement flood lights.

The committee asked for quotations for a letter of intent and completion of the new draft lease for further consideration. It was agreed that as the lease would require alteration at the time of re-development, a letter of intent would reduce the costs of renewing the lease on two occasions.

7. BUTT FIELD

The committee noted the update on the build of the new storage pavilion, referred to as the Railway Shed end.

The request for a fenced compound next to the facility was considered and confirmation had been received that it would be under 2m high (to meet with permitted development rights) and would also be constructed of the metal fencing used for the cricket net bay area.

RESOLVED: to approve the creation of a fenced compound for the storage of goals.

8. LINEAR PARK STEP REPAIRS

The committee considered the site constraints for delivery and installation of materials and equipment. Although it was agreed that work should continue to seek specialist contractors' advice on long term solutions, repairs would need to be progressed.

RESOLVED: To seek quotations from landscaping firms to progress direct replacement of the retaining wall and steps with pressure treated timber.

9. MEMORIAL TESTING

The committee noted the updates and confirmed that a review of Bingham Cemetery failures would be carried out in late 2026, to give sufficient time for families to come forward to progress repairs. Options for the St Marys Churchyard failures would be considered after advertisement of the graves to identify one with an interest in the graves.

10. RIDE ON MOWER

RESOLVED: to grant delegated authority to the Clerk to progress mower hire for a period of up to 6 months, at a weekly cost of up £350 plus vat.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The committee noted the following:

- Request for an educational earth cache in Bingham Cemetery near the Roman Well. The committee raised no concerns, but asked for confirmation that no physical items was to be placed at the site.
- Via response to TRO 8409 Stage 2 – Long Acre – the committee noted the rejection of the comments raised for additional double yellow lines
- Statutory notice for telecommunications equipment site survey – the Clerk was seeking advice from the Council's solicitor.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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CHAIR

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- None

RESOLUTIONS:

- Officer time to facilitate the non-material amendment for the temporary changing facilities is to be met by the Council, and external charges for the Planning Consultant, Architect and Planning Authority fees incurred will be re-charged to Bingham Rugby Club
- Officer time to facilitate a section 73 application for changes to the car park extension is to be met by the Council, and external charges for the Planning Consultant, Architect and Planning Authority fees incurred will be re-charged to Bingham Rugby Club.
- Approval of the creation of a fenced compound for the storage of goals.
- To seek quotations from landscaping firms to progress direct replacement of the retaining wood and steps with pressure treated timber at the Linear Park.
- Delegated authority was granted to the Clerk to progress mower hire for a period of up to 6 months, at a weekly cost of up to £350 plus vat.