

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council  
held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 7:00pm  
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: T Wallace, R Bird, A Shelton, N Jejna, N Mees, P Walters, W Stapleton, M Baulcombe, I Shouler, M Stockwood, G Williams, F Purdue-Horan, and D Sleigh

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2 Including Cllr N Clarke

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor E Georgiou.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor confirmed he had attended:

- The Town's remembrance events
- Meeting regarding an accessible bridge across the railway
- Christmas Fair and Light Switch including presentation of the Community Oscars
- Christmas Tree Festival at St Marys and All Saints Church
- Met with Bingham Bowling Club
- Bingham Penguins Club event
- Meeting of the Car Parking Strategy Group at Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Visited Long Acre Arts
- Met with Bingham U3A

The Mayor also confirmed that the Civic Service would be held at St Marys and All Saints Church on Sunday 01 March 2026.

**4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments or questions received.

**5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor N Clarke gave apologies on behalf of Councillor S Pearson and gave an update on his behalf. It was confirmed that the LCF application to support green energy at Butt Field had been recommended for approval, a 20mph speed limit had been introduced on The Banks, a feasibility study for a potential pedestrian crossing on Tithby Road had been approved, consultations for new parking restrictions on Long Acre and the Paddocks had continued and a request for a parking warden to visit the streets near Carnarvon School had been made.

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County Councillor N Clarke confirmed that he had attended Bingham with the East Midlands Combined County Authority Mayor on 19 January as part of a tour of Rushcliffe. The visit involved looking at the site for an accessible bridge to support the growth of the Town and the requirement for a footbridge linking Newton to Bingham. The Mayor had tasked officers to look at the projects within the Borough.

Borough Councillor R Bird noted that Cogley Lane land had returned onto the market and notified Councillors of a petition against proposals to cancel the requirement for a foot/cycle bridge over the A46 linking Bingham and Newton. Parking on the new double yellow lines had occurred near Carnarvon School. Cllr Clarke confirmed that Cllr Pearson would be notified to request (if not already arranged) for the CCTV car to visit the area.

Councillors raised potholes as a major concern to be fed back to the County Council.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed that emptying of the glass bins had now commenced the Lidl site would be removed, the Newgate Street Car Park recycling would remain for residents. It was also noted an expansion of the items for blue bins would be communicated in the spring and the plans would include disposal of tetra packs.

## 6. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 04 November 2025 (Folios 10350 to 10353), 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, 18 November 2025

**RESOLVED:** that the recommendations of the committee be approved

(b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 16 December 2025

**RESOLVED:** that the recommendations of the committee be approved

(c) Planning committee 18 November 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

(d) Planning committee 16 December 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

(e) Planning committee 13 January 2026

The decisions of the committee were noted.

## 8. BUDGET

**RESOLVED:** a budget of £470,311 be set for the year ending 31 March 2027.

## 9. **PRECEPT**

- a) **RESOLVED**: that the precept requirement for the year ending 31 March 2027 be set at £470,311, resulting in a Band D increase of 4.1%.
- b) **RESOLVED**: that the Town Clerk sign the precept demand.

## 10. **EAST MIDLANDS COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY – BIG TRANSPORT CONVERSATION**

The East Midlands Combined County Authority – Big Transport Conversation was considered.

**RESOLVED**: a draft response would be shared with Councillors and completed after receipt of at least 8 responses of support.

## 11. **COUNCILLOR MOTION**

Motion: Recent changes made by Belvoir Health Group at Bingham Doctor's Surgery to how residents access appointments and submit prescriptions has caused great distress, anxiety and anger within the community. The changes are disadvantageous to members of our community who aren't online.

**RESOLVED**: to write to Belvoir Health Group to raise its concerns with regards to these changes and ask how they are helping residents who are unable to access the online services and out of town appointments.

## 12. **TOOTHILL CONSULTATION**

The Council discussed the consultation for potential changes to the school day and the impact on Bingham Cemetery and local businesses.

**RESOLVED**: that a meeting be arranged with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bird and Clerk to attend to discuss the consultation and opportunities for liaison over future changes.

## 13. **COUNCIL CHAMBER FURNITURE**

**RESOLVED**: to grant delegated authority to the Clerk to seek three quotations for suitable meeting tables, meeting and audience chairs and to agree acceptance of a quote up to the value of £8000, in consultation with the Mayor and Chair of Finance, Policy and Resources (Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair in their absence).

#### **14. NEIGHBOURING COUNCIL COLLABORATION GROUP**

The Council noted the draft terms of reference for the group.

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk represent the Council at meetings of the Neighbouring Council Collaboration Group.

#### **15. PAYMENTS OVER £5000**

**RESOLVED:** to make payment of £10,674 Inc Vat to Gala Lights Limited for 2025 Christmas Lighting Contract and £7500 to Bingham Community Events in support of delivering the programme of events in 2025.

#### **16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Wallace summarised the meeting of the Car Parking Strategy Group held in December 2025. It was confirmed that although recommended to be the final meeting, Town, Borough and County Councillors agreed that the meetings should continue to support ongoing work. The availability of spaces in the Town's car parks had improved and changes were considered successful. The work to consider on road parking and displacement issues would continue and further data had been requested.

Councillor Williams confirmed that the old storage pavilion at Butt Field had been demolished and the new building would be installed in February 2026.

#### **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **18. 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:

- Staffing matters

**RESOLVED:** to grant delegated authority to the Clerk to progress recruitment.

**RESOLVED:** to grant delegated authority to the Clerk and HR Committee to progress the review and changes within agreed budgets.

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Meeting Closed at 9.12pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: .....