

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 18 November 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: I Shouler, P Walters, N Jejna, T Wallace, M Baulcombe, W Stapleton and A Shelton.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 1 Including Councillor R Bird

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor G Williams and Councillor T Wallace was noted a substitute member. Councillor I Shouler chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interests was received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held 16 September 2025, Folios 10340 to 10343, 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 OCTOBER 2025

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

6. 2026/2027 COMMITTEE BUDGET

RECOMMEND: the draft committee budgets to be included in the 2026/2027 budget planning.

7. THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN

The committee noted the update and agreed that with the sale of the land at Cogley Lane, the play area refurbishment be considered for an alternative year than scheduled until information regarding the new owner is confirmed.

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8. ALLOTMENT ANNUAL RENT REVIEW FOR 01 JANUARY 2027

Further to the committee decision in September, advice from the National Allotment Society was reviewed.

RESOLVED: the notice period for rent revisions in the allotment tenancy agreement is reduced to 3 months with confirmation of the change to the clause issued with the December invoices, advising that the clause will come into effect on 31 January 2026.

Any rent increase to be applied in January 2027 will require notice be given by the end of September 2026.

9. MEMORIAL TESTING

The committee noted completion of the memorial testing in Bingham Cemetery and St Marys & All Saints Churchyard.

It was agreed that a review should be carried out prior to the March meeting, to consider the timing of decisions relating to any remaining failed memorials.

10. COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME

The committee were supportive of the scheme but noted the other project work ongoing. As areas and suitable activities were identified for the scheme a further report and draft agreement would be considered.

RECOMMEND: in principle support for the community payback scheme.

11. ST MARYS CHURCHWALL REPAIRS

The committee noted the repairs completed, including the assistance from Barratt Homes who provided two staff members to help with the repairs. Further work was required and an article regarding the work and a call for volunteers was scheduled for the December Buttercoss magazine and work would be scheduled for the Spring.

12. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN FUNDING FOR LINEAR PARK

The committee noted that the Biodiversity Funding offered as part of the A6097 improvement scheme was now available to progress. The committee noted that officers would review the draft documents, in line with the current funding agreement with Rushcliffe Borough Council. The documents would be considered at the next committee meeting to confirm acceptance.

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13. RIDE ON MOWER

The committee noted the return of the ride on mower and that a review of hire vs purchase would be progressed. To secure a mower for the 2026 cutting season, a purchase or new hire agreement would need to be in place in February 2026.

RECOMMEND: delegated authority be granted to the committee to arrange hire or purchase of a ride on mower within the budgets set in the three year reserves plan at the February meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

- Confidential notes from the meeting held on 16 September 2025.
The committee noted the update.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

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CHAIR

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- In principle support for the community payback scheme.
- Delegated authority be granted to the committee to arrange hire or purchase of a ride on mower within the budgets set in the three year reserves plan at the February meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- The notice period for rent revisions in the allotment tenancy agreement is reduced to 3 months with confirmation of the change to the clause issued with the December invoices, advising that the clause will come into effect on 31 January 2026.