

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: T Wallace, A Shelton, N Jejna, N Mees, W Stapleton, M Baulcombe, I Shouler, M Stockwood, G Williams, F Purdue-Horan, and E Georgiou

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2 Including County Councillor N Clarke

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Walters and R Bird.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed he had attended:

- Crown Estates meeting with officers from Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC)
- RBC meeting regarding Section 106 funds
- Meeting with the Football Foundation & RBC regarding 3G facilities
- Meeting with head of Toot Hill School regarding school times consultation
- Bingham Development Board meeting
- Bingham Health Centre meeting to discuss concerns raised
- Civic Service at St Marys and All Saints raising £190.95 for the Mayors Charity
- Confirmed the date of the Toot Hill Consultation event for the re-development

The Mayor also confirmed the resignation received from Douglas Sleigh from his position as a Town Councillor for the South-East ward. The Mayor confirmed that he would write personally to thank Douglas for his work with the Council. If no election is called, the Mayor confirmed that the Clerk would proceed with advertising the vacancy for co-option.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments or questions received.

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke confirmed that the Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) had approved a 3.99% increase on the precept and confirmed that Rushcliffe Borough Council had agreed a freeze on the precept. It was also confirmed that NCC floor team had been aware of the issues regarding flooding at the rear of Fiddies Drive to ensure comments on the employment land development were fully informed. The site visit at Toot Hill School had

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been informative and the level of flooding experienced on the current site had been confirmed as part of the visit.

Councillor Stockwood queried markings on Tithby Road and if these were in relation to a potential new pedestrian crossing. Councillor Clarke confirmed he had no knowledge of the scheme and would raise with County Councillor S Pearson who is the Councillor for that area.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed that as part of the budget setting, projects had been approved for the re-surfacing of the Newgate Street Car Park and opening of a road leading into Butt Field to improve access to the site from Parsons Hill Court. It was also confirmed that the employment land landscaping plans were being reviewed after the recent garden flooding experienced at Fiddies Drive.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026 (Folios 10369 to 10373), 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 February 2026

The resolutions of the committee were noted.

- (b) HR Committee, 10 February 2026

The resolutions of the committee were noted.

- (c) Finance, Policy & Resources, 03 March 2026

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (d) Planning committee 03 February 2026

The decisions of the committee were noted.

- (e) Planning committee 03 March 2026

The decisions of the committee were noted.

8. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

RESOLVED: to approve payment of up to £8000 plus VAT to Office Innovations for the purchase of new furniture for the Council Chamber.

9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor G Williams confirmed completion of the new pavilion storage building at Butt Field which had been named the Railway End Shed. Landscaping works were required which would be completed as weather permitted.

Councillor W Stapleton confirmed that he had attended the meeting of the Police Priority Setting Group and the use of Bingham's CCTV had been discussed. It was noted that ASB had increased since the meeting was held. It was requested that RBC Councillor work to tackle ASB with the Borough Council. Numerous incidents of vandalism at Bingham Station had occurred in recent weeks and it was confirmed that the British Transport Police were aware and had attended site.

10. STATUTORY NOTICE

The Council noted the statutory notice received for access to the Old Allotment site to complete surveys for potential siting of telecommunications equipment. It had been confirmed that the site was earmarked for development and access had not been approved. The Council confirmed that without a final site layout for future plans, access for the purposes of installing equipment was not permitted.

RESOLVED: to engage the services of Brown and Co at a cost of £250 per hour should further access requests be received.

11. PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

RESOLVED: Councillor M Stockwood was appointed to attend the meetings of the Belvoir Health Group Patient Participation Group.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

The Council noted the following:

- Letter regarding the availability of 3G funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council – an application could not be progressed until a suitable site location had been confirmed.
- Vacancy notice for a Town Councillor in the South East Ward

13. 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:

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- Confidential notes from the meeting held on 20 January 2026

RESOLVED: to approve the notes as an accurate record.

- To note the confidential decisions from the HR Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026

The Council noted the minutes.

- Chapel Lane Land

RESOLVED: to accept costs of £1497.58 for searched relating to the purchase of the Chapel Lane site

RESOLVED: to grant delegated authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Chair of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee to incur costs from the reserves funds to instruct a Civil Engineer/Surveyor to assist with proposals for the location of services for the Chapel Lane site.

- Staffing matters

The Council noted the staffing update.

Meeting Closed at 7.58pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: