

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 04 November 2025 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 and G Williams.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk) & R Sanderson (Project & Asset Officer)

Public:

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received and accepted from Councillors E Georgiou and F Purdue-Horan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed he had attended:

- Bingham and District Audio Magazine's 40th year event
- Bingham Heritage Trails Association 25th Anniversary event
- NALC's 50th AGM
- 800th Anniversary of St Marys and All Saints Church
- Car Parking Strategy Group at Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Sports Club meetings
- Meeting with Cllr Neil Clarke
- Merchant Navy Day at the Old Court House

The Mayor also confirmed details of the Remembrance events due to be held in the Town and the meetings planned for the weeks ahead that would be reported on at the next meeting.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the re-development of Toot Hill School and the impact on the homes surrounding, including The Banks. Outside of the construction period which would create traffic and noise issues, the environmental impact was noted as a concern. Increased numbers at the school would result in further traffic and the resident considered the residential area of The Banks unsuitable for further traffic increase. The resident wished to see a meaningful consultation with the Town and surrounding neighbours.

The Mayor confirmed that a meeting with the Department of Education had taken place and traffic issues had been raised as a concern. It was confirmed that the Council would take

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part in commenting on the consultation and any subsequent planning application as a statutory consultee.

5. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor N Clarke and Councillor S Pearson had passed on their apologies for the meeting. It was confirmed that Councillor Pearson was due to attend the meeting arranged for November with Network Rail and East Midlands Rail, had been involved in parking issues on Gillots Close and congestion on Church Street. Support had also been given to Bingham Town Sports Clubs application to the Local Communities Fund for a green power initiative and for installation of a pedestrian crossing on Tithby Road. Councillor Clarke and Pearson had also approved a small grant to the Long Acre Arts Centre.

Councillor Williams confirmed that the options for Local Government Re-Organisation were still under consideration and that the roll out of the purple bins was continuing, with emptying due to commence early December. The nominations for Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards had been confirmed. Alongside two individuals from Bingham who were nominated for Sportsperson of the year and young person of the year, all the nominees for Food and Drink Establishment of the year were located in Bingham, ensuring the award returned to the Town for the second year running.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 02 September 2025 (Folios 10334 to 10337), 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, 16 September 2025

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources 14 October 2025

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (c) HR, 28 October 2025

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (d) Planning committee 16 September 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

- (e) Planning committee 14 October 2025

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8. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

RESOLVED: to support a re-structure of the Council and Committees and progress options for further consideration. The Clerk to work in consultation with the committee Chairs to prepare a report on options.

9. OLD COURT HOUSE

The Council considered the planned expenditure required on the Old Court House and if options should be explored for alternative offices.

RESOLVED: to invest and remain at the Old Court House.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

The Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish survey was considered.

RESOLVED: to respond to the survey with the answers within the report.

11. COUNCILLORS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE – CIVILITY AND RESPECT

Councillors noted the statement of assurance and were invited to sign.

12. MEMORIAL TESTING

RESOLVED: to approve a reduction in the fees to pre August rates, for transfer of exclusive rights and statutory declarations to assist residents who wish to progress repairs of a headstone.

RESOLVED: to grant delegated authority to the Clerk to incur and make payment of expenditure beyond budget for memorial testing costs.

It was noted that costs were not expected to exceed the £10,000 budget by more than £2-£3000.

13. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

No payments were presented for approval.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Stapleton attended the Police Priority Setting meeting, where it had been confirmed that the CCTV cameras were considered as having a positive impact on reducing crime in Bingham. Councillor Bird confirmed that after complaints of an out of control dog at Archers Lake, police had confirmed at the meeting that action had been taken.

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15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Pay Back Scheme was being investigated for consideration at a future meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee.

16. 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 meeting held on 02 September 2025
RESOLVED: to approve the notes.
- Confidential notes from the Community, Recreation and Amenities Meeting held on 16 September 2025
The minutes were noted.
- Confidential notes and recommendations from the HR Meeting held on 28 October 2025
RESOLVED: to approve the confidential recommendations.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: