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 June 2026 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 7 Including Councillors T Wallace, H Brougham, R Bird and F Purdue-Horan

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor A Shelton was proposed as Chair by Councillor W Stapleton, and this was seconded by Councillor A Shelton.

Councillor G Williams was proposed as Chair by Councillor P Walters, and this was seconded by Councillor I Shouler.

A vote was taken and Councillor G Williams was duly elected as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors were present.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor I Shouler was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor G Williams, and this was seconded by Councillor P Walters.

Councillor W Stapleton proposed himself as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Councillor A Shelton.

A vote was taken and Councillor I Shouler was duly elected as Vice Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee notes the terms of reference.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held 31 March 2026, Folios 10394 to 10396, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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7. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the updated actions.

8. BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2026

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

9. WYNHILL SITE AND PAVILLION

Standing orders were suspended at 7.08pm and were re-instated at 8.14pm for item 9, to allow two representatives of the Rugby Club to participate and answer questions in relation to the agenda items.

(a) Temporary Changing Facilities – the committee noted the update that an alternative unit had been identified by the Club, and a non-material amendment would now proceed, with confirmation that additional costs incurred would be re-charged to the Rugby Club.
(b) Car Park Extension - the committee noted the update that materials laid were to be removed and once a new system was confirmed, details would be provided to progress a section 73 application.
(c) Lease request – the committee noted the update and that once solicitors' advice was received the lease options could be considered at the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee. The Rugby confirmed the requirement for a break clause until re-development of the site was confirmed.
(d) Request for the use of robotic mowers on the site – the committee considered the request, and it was agreed that further information was required before a decision could be confirmed.
(e) EV Charging Points – The Rugby Club confirmed that they were no longer considering progression of the project.

10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME

RESOLVED: to accept the quotation from Gala Lights for a 3 year term at an annual cost of £9460 plus vat per annum.

The committee also noted the additional idea for the lighting of the marketplace trees and requested that costs be obtained for further consideration.

11. CCTV PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT REQUEST

RESOLVED: to request a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council to seek clarification on costings and the information provided.

12. COMMUNITY OSCARS

The committee noted the plans for the 2026 Community Oscars.

13. TREE WARDEN

RESOLVED: to approve the Tree Warden role description

14. PLANTING NEAR BINGHAM STATION

The committee noted the request and confirmed that the site was earmarked for an accessible bridge. The committee confirmed that they would be supportive of planting at the station site and would welcome a grant application for planting support at the station.

15. BOX HEDGING IN BINGHAM CEMETERY

The committee noted that removal of the failed hedge would be progressed.

16. EMERGENCY PLAN

Alterations were noted and subject to the updates it was:

RESOLVED: to approve adoption of the updated Emergency Plan.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor G Williams confirmed that the increase in anti-social behaviour had been raised with officers at the Borough Council who were raising the issues at the multi-agency meetings. The Inspector had also confirmed more local resources had been allocated. The Committee confirmed that any incidents should be reported to enable the police to respond and allocate resources.

The committee were update of 6 reported break ins at the Hill Drive Allotment site. Allotment holders were asked to report the incidents individually.

The increase in litter recently experienced at Butt Field was noted and that a larger bin would be progressed for the site after consultation with the Sport Club.

The committee noted that the memorial bench approved for the Butt Field site would be fabricated by the family.

The committee were also updated of a complaint regarding a tree in Bingham Cemetery, and it was confirmed that a site visit had been arranged for the tree surgeon who would report back to Council.

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:

- Confidential notes from the meeting held on 31 March 2026

  RESOLVED: The notes were approved as an accurate record.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

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CHAIR

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- None

RESOLUTIONS:

- Acceptance of the quotation from Gala Lights for a 3 year term at an annual cost of £9460 plus vat per annum.
- To request a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council to seek clarification on costings and the information provided for the CCTV partnership.
- To approve the Tree Warden role description
- To approve adoption of the updated Emergency Plan.