Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 07 July 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, H Brougham, F Purdue-Horan, and E Georgiou

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 18 Including County Councillor S Pearson

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors M Stockwood and F Purdue-Horan declared an interest in item 8, Toot Hill Redevelopment and left the room for the item.

The Town Council declared an interest in item 8, Toot Hill Redevelopment as the landowner of Bingham Cemetery and confirmed that any points relating to the cemetery would be identified in its comments.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed he had attended:

- Annual Town Meeting at Bingham Arena on 19 May
- Meeting with MP Robert Jenrick to discuss Bingham projects
- Meeting with the committee chairs to consider the Councils Structure
- Meeting with Bingham Town Sports Club, RBC, Notts FA and Football Foundation
- Bingham Summer Fair
- U3A Picnic in the Park
- Thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending the AGM of Bingham & District Audio Magazine to present the Mayors Charity Donations

The Mayor also confirmed that the Deputy Mayor would be attending an event at Long Acre Arts Studio to celebrate Chinese Artists on 25 July on his behalf and encouraged Councillors to attend the event.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public spoke to Council regarding item 9 on the agenda. It was noted that with local government reorganisation, local businesses would be supportive of the Market

Place being considered for local leadership, continuing to keep the strong working partnership in place with the Borough.

Four members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding the redevelopment of Toot Hill School. It was noted that whilst all agreed a new facility was required for the town, many concerns were raised about the plans. The concerns were not limited to but included; the development location all being to one side of the site, traffic safety issues, traffic congestion and safety on The Banks, the parking allocation numbers not being sufficient, the requirement for construction timing conditions, drainage and flooding concerns, the school travel plan not addressing key issues, scale, height and dominance of the buildings.

The Council voted to proceed with Item 8 & 9 on the agenda prior to item 5. The minutes are recorded in agenda order.

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor N Clarke's apologises were noted.

County Councillor S Pearson updated that the Local Government Reorganisation decision was expected around 15 July. Parking concerns on The Banks were known and as a narrow road there was no room for a crossing to be installed. Newgate Street was to be considered for a crossing and residents parking had been requested for Newgate Street, East Street and Station Street. Work to install parking restrictions along Long Acre and Gillots Close were progressing. A meeting with Via EM was to be arranged to consider loading areas in the Town Centre. Councillor Pearson took requests away for 20mph signs on Tithby Rd and for an expected date for Long Acre re-dressing and restrictions to be installed.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed that Streetwise had won a National Award for Best Council Services team and congratulated the team.

Borough Councillor E Georgiou confirmed that Rula Developments would be hosting a consultation meeting regarding the Bingham A46 employment land development on 24 July in the Jubilee Hall at Bingham Arena.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2026 (Folios 10403 to 10412), 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, 02 June 2026
The decisions of the committee were noted.

(b) Finance, Policy & Resources, 16 June 2026
It was noted that the recommendation at item 11 would not be resolved and would be reviewed again by the committee. The decisions of the committee were noted.
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

(c) HR, 30 June 2026
The confidential recommendations were considered at item 14.

(d) Planning committee 26 May 2026
The decisions of the committee were noted.

(e) Planning committee 30 June 2026
The decisions of the committee were noted.

8. REDEVELOPMENT OF TOOTHILL SCHOOL 26/01009/FUL

RESOLVED: to object on the following grounds:

1. Drainage and flood risks were raised as concerns and the Council agreed with Nottinghamshire County Council that there is insufficient surface water drainage information submitted. The site has experienced significant flooding and the documentation provided does not give reassurance that the flood risks have been clearly identified and how any building on the land could affect the neighbouring properties in terms of flood risk.
2. The increase in activity and traffic to and from the site was considered to have a detrimental impact on the residential amenities of the occupiers of adjoining and neighbouring properties. This is contrary to Section 12 (Achieving well-designed places) of the National Planning Policy Framework and to Policy 1 Development Requirements of the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies.
3. The safety of those travelling to site remained concerning and the Council felt the School Travel Plan did not address key issues. The entrance off Tithby Road would see a significant increase in vehicular movements into the site, with the addition of a drop off zone and no confirmation of the management of buses requiring exit whilst cars and buses require the same entrance route. The plan recognises the congestion on The Banks and the addition of a drop off zone would further increase the number of cars exiting onto The Banks, where no safe crossing place exists. As a narrow, residential street, with narrow pavements and on only one side in various places, any increase in traffic leading onto The Banks should be rejected on the grounds of highway safety concerns.
4. The development has the potential to create additional parking requirements over and above that which can be provided on site resulting in on street parking which would have a detrimental impact on the highway network. This is contrary to Section 9 (Promoting

sustainable transport) of the National Planning Policy Framework and to Policy 1 Development Requirements of the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies. Additional parking could be sited to the Tithby Road area of the site, moving traffic movements away from The Banks.

5. The scale and dominance of the site with an increase in height of building on a raised site. The development has not utilised the site available and has condensed the development into one side, impacting the neighbouring homes with the scale and height of the build, resulting in a loss of privacy.
6. Conditions relating to operating times to protect the neighbouring homes should be enforced with no working permitted at weekends or bank holidays and operation times that support a workday pattern for deliveries, construction, and site movements.
7. The development results in a loss of 2 category A high quality trees and although alternative planting has been included in the design, the site is of sufficient size to avoid the loss of trees with public amenity value, visible from The Banks.
8. A condition for onsite security 24hrs a day should be included.

9. COMMUNITY ASSETS

RESOLVED: to request a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Council to gather information on Bingham Market Place, Hill Drive Allotments and open green spaces to further consider the transfer of the community assets.

10. COUNCIL STRUCTURE

A query was raised regarding the requirement for a written motion to be included on the agenda to progress the item. The Clerk advised no motion was required for the agenda item.

RESOLVED: to defer the item to the next meeting.

11. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

No payments were received.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor M Stockwood confirmed that she had attended her first meeting of the Patient Participation Group with the Belvoir Health Group. It was noted that Radcliffe On Trent surgery where also covered by the group. Figures on various services were expected to be shared at the next meeting and that medicine supplies had been an issue for the pharmacies.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan confirmed that he and Councillor A Shelton had attended the meeting of the Police Priority Setting Group and that the priorities noted were anti-social behaviour, burglaries, vehicle and bike theft and speeding.

G Williams confirmed that Bingham Town Sports Club were progressing the installation of an electric boiler for the supply of hot water.

It was requested that how to report issues to the police be included in the new website.

Councillor Wallace confirmed that the meeting with MP Robert Jenrick had considered the development at the Wynhill site and the meetings held to progress an accessible bridge at the Station. It was also confirmed that the meeting at Bingham Town Sports Club was to progress consideration of a 3G Facility for Bingham.

13. CORRESPONDANCE

The Clerk confirmed a recent project meeting had taken place regarding Moor Lane crossing and an accessible bridge with stakeholders. The Clerk would share an update when notes were available.

14. 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 12 May 2026

  RESOLVED: to approve the notes as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes from the HR Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026

  RESOLVED: to approve the confidential recommendations

Meeting Closed at 9.43pm

……CHAIRMAN

Date: ……