

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 08 July 2025 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, R Bird, M Stockwood, F Purdue-Horan, A Shelton, N Jejna, N Mees, P Walters, W Stapleton, T Wallace, M Baulcombe, I Shouler and D Sleigh.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 5 Including County Councillor S Pearson

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor E Georgiou.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had attended:

- International Level Crossing Awareness Day at the Moor Lane Crossing
- Meeting with County Councillor S Pearson and County Councillor N Clarke
- Rural Services Network Meeting
- An informal meeting with a local resident who had moved to Bingham from Hong Kong
- Nottingham County Council service at Southwell Minster
- Opened the Town Summer Fair
- Interview with Bingham & District Audio Magazine
- Bingham & District Audio Magazine AGM

The Mayor also announced that his chosen charity for the 2025/26 Civic Year was Bingham & District Audio Magazine.

4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No comments or questions were received.

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Apologies from County Councillor N Clarke were noted.

County Councillor S Pearson confirmed that he had submitted a question for the next meeting of the County Council to seek the portfolio support with Bingham's Rail Infrastructure. Reports of lorry breaking limits. A pedestrian crossing was to be progressed for Tithby Road and Toothill School has requested improvements to ensure safe crossing on the Banks which he would take forward. A report of lorries exceeding the weight limit on

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Tithby Road had been received and a request for any incidents to be reported online was noted.

Borough Councillor G Williams confirmed that there were no further updates on Local Government Re-Organisation and that all districts would hope to receive updates for consideration soon.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2025 (Folios 10287 to 10304), 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 June 2025

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources 17 June 2025

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the committee be approved

- (c) HR, 01 July 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

- (d) Planning committee 03 June 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

- (e) Planning committee 01 July 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

8. CO-OPTION

Two applications for the vacancy in the South East Ward were received. One applicant had selected to speak to their application and standing orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak directly with the Council. The second applicant chose to speak and after both applicants had presented to the Council, standing orders were re-instated to allow members to consider the applicants.

After comments were received from members, one applicant indicated their right to reply and standing orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak directly with the Council.

Standing orders were re-instated and a vote was taken.

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RESOLVED: that Douglas Sleigh be co-opted to the Town Councillor Vacancy in the South East Ward.

The meeting paused for the signing of the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr D Sleigh joined the remainder of the meeting.

9. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 80TH AGM

Notification of the 80th Annual General meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 October 2025 had been given with the following options:

- (a) To appoint one voting delegate

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr T Wallace as the voting delegate

- (b) Nominations for the election of the Executive Committee

RESOLVED: to nominate Cllr F Purdue-Horan for the Executive Committee

- (c) Submission of up to two Motions for debate

RESOLVED: to submit a motion confirming support for Sanctions. It was agreed that the final wording would be shared via email prior to submission.

- (d) Nominations for Long Service certificate recognising 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of continuous service

No nominations were received.

10. INSURANCE COVER

RESOLVED: to accept a 3 year long term agreement with Zurich Insurance at a cost of £4340.67 per annum.

11. PAYMENTS OVER £5000

No payments were received for approval.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No reports were received and it was noted that the Police Priority Setting Meeting had been cancelled, confirmation of a new date was awaited.

13. LETTER TO EAST MIDLANDS MAYOR

Standing Orders were suspended to allow County Councillor S Pearson to speak with Council. Standing Orders were re-instated.

RESOLVED: to approve a letter to be sent with the inclusion of DDA compliant footbridge bridge.

14. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED: to grant delegated authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor, Chair of Finance, Policy and Resources and Chair of Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee (Deputy/Vice if not available) to purchase a used Gator up to three years old (2022), trade in of the damaged Gator and purchase of a new trailer, with a net budget of up to £18,000 plus vat (After trade in value of the Gator removed) and to make payment on completion of the trade in and purchase.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council noted the following:

- a) Letter to Mayor Claire Ward regarding Bingham's Rail Infrastructure
- b) Complaint regarding bin lorries being unable to access Gillotts Close due to on road parking
- c) Complaint regarding A52 traffic delays due to roadworks

Standing orders were suspended to allow County Councillor Pearson to update the Council. Councillor Pearson confirmed that he had spoken with the Manager of Operations and that it was hoped that the scheduled work would be completed a month early (around beg September). Standing orders were re-instated.

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 Council meeting held on 13 May 2025

RESOLVED: to approve the notes

- Confidential notes from the HR meeting held on 01 July 2025

The decisions of the committee were noted.

Meeting Closed at 8.36pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: