

Minutes of the **Bingham Annual Town Meeting** held in **The Old Court House**, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 26th April, 2016**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: 12 Town Councillors
Borough Councillor S. Hull
8 Local Electors and Members of the Public
3 Staff
Press

CHAIRMAN: Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry

Prayers, led by the Reverend Richard Tanner, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received from Councillors G. Davidson and Mrs. K. Vallance.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th April, 2015, were read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman of each of the Town Council's Committees gave an updated report of the work undertaken by each Committee during the year since the last Annual Town Meeting. All details can be found on Bingham Town Council's website within the Minutes of the Committee and Full Council meetings.

TOWN MAYOR'S SUMMARY AND REPORT:

It has been an honour to be Bingham's Town Mayor for the Civic Year of 2015/2016 and working with all of you, fellow councillors, BTC staff and residents.

This civic year has seen new members of the Council following the election in May 2015, and I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank you all for your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated this year.

Our town is growing and with that comes new challenges and makes those we are already aware of more of a priority. As a team, we have achieved a lot this year, although many have not yet reaped the benefits. We have challenged those that have responsibility for the different areas in our town, such as the parking, transport, infrastructure and the public rail crossings.

We have protected an area of Bingham - Warner's Paddock - by again taking on residents' views and challenging those that were aiming for change in the form of development.

We have seen some notable changes to our town with the development of two super stores, Aldi and Lidl, which I had the pleasure of attending the opening of both.

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TOWN MAYOR'S SUMMARY AND REPORT continued.....

The new Methodist Church and community facility have already made an impact and are seeing bookings increase day on day.

One of my main priorities has always been to protect the viability of our town centre, and as a team we can engage and challenge for the better of Bingham.
As our town continues to grow north of the railway we commit to work with the Crown Estate and stakeholders to ensure the town's needs are taken into consideration.

The Community Led Plan is about to draw to a close and over the coming months we will see the results of all the hard work that has been put in by the CLP committee. It will be this Council's responsibility to take on board the results of the CLP and prioritise its findings.

I would now like to thank the Town Clerk, Mrs. L. Holland, and all her staff, both in the office and also the ground staff. I thank all of you for the support you have given me over the year and the work that is carried out behind the scenes.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2014/2015:

The Town Clerk summarised the Town Council's audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2015.

QUESTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF LOCAL INTEREST:

01 Litter on Jebb's Lane

This problem was raised by a resident and it was agreed that the Clerk e-mails Toothill School in an effort to encourage children to be responsible by not dropping litter.

02 Community Chest

A resident felt that there was no usage being made of community chest funds. It was explained that there had been money made available to the Methodist Church project and that the capital programme was being progressed. Funds from the Community Chest can only be spent on specific projects.

03 Parking in the Town Centre

A lady raised the question of the difficulty of parking within Bingham for residents and shoppers alike, and the impact which two new supermarkets on general parking had had. It was explained that the Town Council is working with partner agencies in an effort to improve parking in the town.

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04 Litters Bins and Butt Field Dyke

A resident asked that consideration be given to providing more litter bins in the Market Place. He also queried who was responsible for clearing out the dyke around Butt Field as this was being used as a dumping ground for bent football posts, and he was concerned in relation to possible flooding due to this. It was explained that the responsible Authority for the dyke is Trent Valley Drainage Board.

05 Linear Park and Eaton Place Clock

A resident thanked the Linear Park working party for its work which had contributed to making this area such a pleasant place to walk. It was also pointed out that the clock on Eaton Place is slow.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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