

# Gainsborough Town Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 7 January 2025** at **6:30pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

**Councillors Present:** Councillor Kenneth Woolley (Chair)

Councillor Mark Binns  
Councillor Nicholas Coxon  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Paul Hooton  
Councillor James Plastow

Councillor Nigel Bowler  
Councillor Michael Devine  
Councillor Richard Doy  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor James Ward

**In Attendance:**

Rachel Allbones  
Sean Alcock

Town Clerk  
Operations Manager

Also Present: One member of the public

### Open Forum Public participation

No public participation.

### FC25/131 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Craig, D Dannatt, C Davies, S Morley, L Muggridge.

### FC25/132 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

### FC25/133 Dispensation Requests

Dispensation requests were received and **APPROVED** for Councillors Binns, Coxon, Hooton and Key as Gainsborough residents on the decision on Precept demand – FC25/141, dispensations are up to 2027 elections.

### FC25/134 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

No items for the exclusion of public and press.

### FC25/135 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Note: Councillors Binns and Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

### **FC25/136 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - D)**

- i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 10 December 2024 Paper B
- ii. Planning Committee, Tuesday 17 December 2024 Paper C
- iii. Finance and Strategy Committee, Wednesday 18 December 2024 Paper D

**RESOLVED:** to **NOTE** the draft minutes of the Committees.

### **FC25/137 Announcements (Paper E)**

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair thanked the Members that attended the Christmas Day lunch at The Blues Club, noted that he attended the Collaborative Working meeting and thanks all Members for the time and working being put into Council work.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader informed Members attended and Chaired the Collaborative Working meeting and pressed the motion. Advised he attended a Breast Cancer Awareness event in Wheatly with the Mayor, and thanked Members as believes the Council is currently in a good position.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Dobbie advised he was unable to attend the North Notts and Lincs Community Rail Partnership CIC meeting due to only receiving 2 days' notice.

- iv. Town Clerk

**RESOLVED:** to **NOTE** the Town Clerk's report.

### **FC25/138 Committee Vacancies (Paper F)**

- i. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Binns as a substitute to the Finance and Strategy Committee.
- ii. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Binns as a substitute to the Property and Services Committee.

### **FC25/139 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper G)**

Property and Services Committee held 10 December 2024 (PS25/108 Allotment Site Secretary):

**RESOLVED:** to amend Structure and Functions 11.5 – 11.26 accordingly with the amendment of 11.6 to read *Site Representatives for each allotment garden site will be elected every four (4) years and be appointed at a meeting of the Town Council prior to the end of the calendar year following the full Council elections.*

Note: Councillor Key voted against the above resolution.

Note: Councillors Binns abstained from voting on the above resolution.

### **FC25/140 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper H)**

Finance and Strategy Committee held 18 December 2024 (FS25/100 Rolling Project Plan):

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the Rolling Project Plan with the amendment of the climbing wall at Richmond Park becoming a palisade fence.

Note: Councillors Binns abstained from voting on the above resolution.

**FC25/141 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper I)**

Finance and Strategy Committee held 18 December 2024 (FS25/101 Draft 2025/26 Budget):

**RESOLVED:** to approve the draft proposed budget for 2025/26 with a precept of £691,000 which equates to a 3% rise.

**FC25/142 LWL Parish Council Engagement Session - 14th January 2024**

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Craig as the Council representative to attend the Parish Community Engagement Session on 14<sup>th</sup> January, with Councillor Plastow as reserve.

Note: Councillors Binns abstained from voting on the above resolution.

**FC25/143 Correspondence (Paper J)**

**RESOLVED:** to **NOTE** the correspondence circulated.

**FC25/144 Items for Notification**

- Lincolnshire County Council Community Emergency Planning Presentation

**FC25/145 Time and Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** to **NOTE** the date and time of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding chairman of approving meeting