

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 6 January 2026** at **6:57pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

Councillors Present: Councillor Caz Davies (Chair)

Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Glenn Puxty
Councillor Kenneth Woolley –
arrived at 7:11pm.

Councillor Stephen Blogg
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Richard Doy
Councillor Douglas Owles
Councillor Richard Thompson

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones

Town Clerk

Sean Alcock

Operations Manager

FC26/141 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Binns, Bowler, Craig, Dannatt, Plastow.

Councillor Woolley would be late due to dealing with Council business.

FC26/142 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

FC26/143 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

FC26/144 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

No items for the exclusion of public and press.

FC26/145 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2025 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Note: Councillors Bibb, Dobbie and Owles abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC26/146 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - E)

- i. Community Emergency Plan Working Group, Friday 28 November 2025
- ii. Asset Transfer Working Group, Thursday 4 December 2025
- iii. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 16 December 2025
- iv. Planning Committee, Wednesday 17 December 2025

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

Note: Councillor Key abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC26/147 Announcements (Paper F)

- i. Chair of Council

No update received.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader updated Members on recent events attended.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

No announcements.

Note: Councillor Woolley arrived at the meeting at 7:11pm.

- iv. Town Clerk

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

FC26/148 Recommendations made by Committee (Paper G)

Finance and Strategy Committee held 16 December 2025 (FS26/114 Draft 2026 / 2027 Budget)

Note: Councillor Woolley left the meeting.

RESOLVED: to **RECOMMEND to FULL COUNCIL** the draft proposed budget for 2026/27 with a precept of £748,220 which equates to a 3.69% increase.

At the request of Councillor Dobbie a recorded vote was taken as follows: -

For: Councillors Bibb, Coxon, Davies, Devine, Key, Owles, Puxty, Thompson

Against: Councillors Dobbie, Doy

Abstained: Councillor Blogg

RESOLVED: to approve the draft proposed budget for 2026/27 with a precept of £748,220 which equates to a 4.72% increase (following revised Tax Base from WLDC).

FC26/149 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 16 December 2025 (FS26/124 Richmond House Conservatory Removal)

RESOLVED: to approve the tender submitted by T.G. Sowerby Developments Ltd at the maximum cost of £34,750, having achieved the highest overall score and represents the best balance of quality, compliance and value for money.

FC26/150 Local Government Reorganisation (Paper H)

RESOLVED: to NOTE the update.

FC26/151 Correspondence (Paper I)

RESOLVED: to NOTE the correspondence circulated.

FC26/152 Items for Notification

i. Debt Write Off

FC26/153 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to NOTE the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 7:39pm.

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: _____ Dated _____
Presiding chair of approving meeting