

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 7 April 2026** at **6:30pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

Councillors Present: Councillor Kenneth Woolley (Chair)

Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Stephen Blogg
Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Richard Doy
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Glenn Puxty

Councillor Mark Binns
Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor Caz Davies
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Paul Hooton
Councillor Douglas Owles
Councillor Richard Thompson

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones
Sean Alcock
Amanda Clarke

Town Clerk
Operations Manager
Communities Officer

FC26/187 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bowler, Dannatt, Plastow.

FC26/188 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

FC26/189 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

FC26/190 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: to exclude the public and press from items FC26/197 and FC26/202 in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

FC26/191 Churches Together Project Presentation

Members receive a presentation from Pastors John and Judi Swannack from Alive Church regarding the Gainsborough Churches Together Project.

FC26/192 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

FC26/193 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - F)

- i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 10 March 2026
- ii. Personnel Committee, Wednesday 11 March 2026
- iii. Planning Committee, Tuesday 17 March 2026
- iv. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Thursday 26 March 2026
- v. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 31 March 2026

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

FC26/194 Announcements (Paper H)

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair reminded Members about conduct and respect at meetings and his upcoming Civic Charity Dinner.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader updated Members on recent meetings attended.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Davies reported on civic events attended as Deputy Mayor.

- iv. Town Clerk

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

FC26/195 Recommendation made by Committee

Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 (PL26/238 Foxby Hill Entrance Gates)

RESOLVED: To support as it improves safety and **RECOMMEND to FULL COUNCIL** to use £5,594.00 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to appoint Moulds Fencing to remove the existing gates and supply and install new gates and fencing at Foxby Hill Allotments, but to raise concerns about the amount of CIL funds that have been spent on the allotments.

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

For: Councillors Blogg, Puxty

Against: Councillors Bibb, Coxon, Craig, Devine, Dobbie, Doy, Key, Owles, Thompson, Woolley

Abstained: Councillors Binns, Davies, Hooton

Recommendation **FALLEN**.

Note: As recorded in PS26/081 should this recommendation not be supported by the Planning Committee and subsequently Full Council, the works will instead be funded from budget line 8000/8 – Foxby Hill Allotments (Gate Reset).

FC26/196 Community Asset Transfers (Paper H)

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** correspondence received from West Lindsey District Council regarding community asset transfers.

FC26/197 Roses Sports Ground Lease (Paper I)

RESOLVED: To support West Lindsey District Council approach for the Town Council to withdraw from the current lease arrangements at Roses Sports Ground in order for them to be progressed directly.

Note: Councillor Davies and Devine abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC26/198 Local Government Reorganisation

No update received.

FC26/199 Correspondence (Paper J)

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

FC26/200 Items for Notification

- i. Debt Write Off

FC26/201 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

FC26/202 Aisby Walk TNLCF (Paper K&L)

Members considered Stage Two of The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF).

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

For: Councillors Bibb, Binns, Blogg, Coxon, Craig, Davies, Devine, Dobbie, Doy, Hooton, Owles, Puxty, Thompson, Woolley

Abstained: Councillor Key

RESOLVED: To

- i. Approve a budget allocation of £21,815 for the appointment of Addison Hunt to support the Aisby Walk project, including Stage Two submission requirements and procurement preparation. Budget to come from CIL funds subject to WLDC confirming this is allowed, if not funds to come from General Reserves.
- ii. Authorise the Communities Officer, Town Clerk, and Operations Manager to work with the appointed Project Manager to prepare and publish a tender via Find Tender, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.
- iii. Appoint Councillor Davies to be present at the opening of tenders.
- iv. Appoint Councillors Craig, Dobbie and Hooton to serve on the Tender Scoring Panel, alongside the Town Clerk, Operations Manager, Communities Officer, and Project Manager, to evaluate submissions and make a recommendation to the Finance and Strategy Committee.

The meeting closed at 7:59pm.

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

Initialled:

Full Council minutes 2025-26