Gainsborough Town Council

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DRAFT FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Councillors Present: Councillor Sheila Bibb (Vice Chair)

Councillor Mark Binns	Councillor Stephen Blogg
Councillor Nigel Bowler	Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor Dennis Dannatt	Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor David Dobbie	Councillor Paul Key
Councillor James Plastow	Councillor Glenn Puxty
Councillor Richard Thompson	Councillor Kenneth Woolley

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones	Town Clerk
Sean Alcock	Operations Manager

Also Present:
WLDC Councillor Karen Carless
WLDC Councillor Emma Bailey
3 Members of Riverside Indoor Bowls

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members held one minutes silence in memory of Michael Wragg a past Citizen of the Year.

FC27/051 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Craig, Davies, Doy, Hooton.

FC27/052 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

FC27/053 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

FC27/054 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: To exclude the public and press from items FC27/066, FC27/067 in accordance with the Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

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

FC27/055 Riverside Indoor Bowls

Members received a presentation from Riverside Indoor Bowls and WLDC Councillor Emma Bailey regarding their loss of venue to play within Gainsborough and the challenges they have faced to secure another venue. It was noted that it could form part of the aspirations within the Neighbourhood Plan review process.

Note: WLDC Councillor Emma Bailey and 3 Members of Riverside Indoor Bowls left the meeting.

FC27/056 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

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

FC27/042 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - D)

i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 9 June 2026
ii. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 23 June 2026
iii. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Thursday 25 June 2026

RESOLVED: To NOTE the draft minutes of the Committees.

Note: Councillors Dannatt, Devine and Plastow abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC27/058 Council Deputy Leader

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Puxty as the Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2026-27 municipal year.

Note: Councillors Binns, Blogg and Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC27/059 Committee and Working Group Appointments

To appoint Members to the following committees and working groups:

i. X1 Property and Services Committee and appoint a Chair

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bibb to the Property and Services Committee for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Dannatt as Chair of the Property and Services Committee for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

Note: Councillors Binns, Blogg, Dobbie and Puxty abstained from voting on the above resolution.

ii. X1 Finance and Strategy Committee sub

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Thompson as substitute member of the Finance and Strategy Committee for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

iii. X1 Planning Committee
RESOLVED: To defer appointment.

iv. X1 Personnel Committee
RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Blogg to the Personnel Committee for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

v. X1 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
RESOLVED: To defer appointment.

vi. X1 Emergency Community Plan Working Group
RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Dobbie to the Emergency Community Plan Working Group for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

vii. X1 Asset Transfer Task and Finish Group
RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Dobbie to the Asset Transfer Task and Finish Group for the remaining 2026–27 municipal year.

FC27/060 Announcements (Paper E)

i. Chair of Council
The Vice Chair advised she had attended a few Civic Services.

ii. Leader of Council
The Leader advised he had just attended Council meetings and the Aisby Walk Steering Group meeting.

iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies
Councillor Woolley attended a Marshalls & Rose Brothers Memorial Charity meeting along with the Armed Forces Day at Levellings.

iv. Town Clerk
RESOLVED: To NOTE the Town Clerk's report.
Members recorded their congratulations to the Assistant Clerk for successful completion of her CiLCA.

FC27/061 Recommendation made by Committee

Property and Services Committee held 9 June 2026 (PS27/025 Thorndike Way Roundabout Boat Installation)
RESOLVED: To that the quotation from Chevron Traffic Management Ltd for traffic management services required to facilitate the installation of the boat planter on the Thorndike Way roundabout, at a cost of £2,625.00, be approved and funded from the Council's General Reserves.

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

FC27/062 Recommendation made by Committee

Property and Services Committee held 9 June 2026 (PS27/030 Christmas Lights Infrastructure Overhaul)
RESOLVED: To that Christmas Plus Ltd be appointed to undertake the works to

existing Christmas lights infrastructure, including catenary wires, fixings, and load testing across the town centre Christmas lighting display locations at a total cost of £4,192.50, with funding to be met from the Council's General Reserves.

Note: Councillor Blogg voted against the above resolution.
Note: Councillor Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution

FC27/063 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper F)

Finance and Strategy Committee held 23 June 2026 (FS27/024 Appropriate Policy Document)
RESOLVED: To adopt the Appropriate Policy Document.

FC27/064 Recommendation made by Tender Panel (Paper G)

Tender Panel meeting held 1 July 2026:
RESOLVED: That the tender submitted by Wheelscape Ltd for the Skate Park project at Aisby Walk be accepted.

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

FC27/065 Recommendation made by Tender Panel (Paper H)

Tender Panel meeting held 1 July 2026:
RESOLVED: That the tender submitted by Wicksteed Leisure Limited for the Play Park project at Aisby Walk be accepted to form part of the National Lottery funding application and subject to funding being awarded.

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

FC27/066 Love Lane Allotment Site Representative (Paper I)

RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of Michaela Brown as the Love Lane Allotment Site Representative.

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

FC27/067 Christmas Lights Scheme 2026 (Paper J)

RESOLVED: To approve Christmas Plus as contractor for the 2026 Christmas Lights scheme at a cost of:

- Installation and dismantling: £11,115 + VAT
- Annual hire of decorations: £7,900 + VAT

FC27/068 Local Government Reorganisation

No update was received.

FC27/069 Correspondence (Paper K)

RESOLVED: To NOTE the correspondence circulated.

FC27/070 Items for Notification

i. Debt Write Off

FC27/071 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: To NOTE the next Full Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

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

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