

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors A Adams, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, K Letts, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Mrs D Pearson, J Pullen, P Shearer, Mrs M Sidell, J P Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Mr M Martin (Barton Directory), 4 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

438. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

439. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

440. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors A Searle (personal commitments) and N Turner (personal commitments).

441. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor K Letts (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions Club – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest)

442. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, with the permission of the Council, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow local resident, Mr M Martin of the Barton Directory to speak about criteria for publication in the “Bartonian”, with special reference to the Big Society and voluntary sector organisations. A copy of Mr Martin’s comments was handed to all members.

Mr Martin explained he had submitted several articles for the ‘Bartonian’ over the years for a variety of organisations, and until now they have been at no cost. However, business advertisements placed, he had paid for. He commented he had been surprised that the article he submitted marking the launch of his ‘Barton Directory’ had attracted a fee. He felt, after publishing this for a three year period, that the directory was plainly a service to the community rather than a business, as a Social Enterprise. A Voluntary Members Organisation was formed to fund and manage the publication and this has been recognised by registration with Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire. He commented that he felt the directory contained crucial information and was an important public service.

Comment was made that the town council had no policy concerning Social Enterprise groups and no written policy for publication of articles in the ‘Bartonian’ at all. Absence of a policy he felt was

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insufficient grounds for treating the Barton Directory differently, particularly as no exception was taken to the article content. Further comment was made regarding charitable status of groups, the town council request for the constitution and accounts for the Barton Directory and the nature and background of Social Enterprises.

It was stated the Directory has never created excess of income over expenditure, any shortfall being funded by local members and that it is the only up to date local Barton database. It is allegedly useful to the local principal authority and in turn will assist vulnerable people to cope with the new Personalisation of services. The Directory has been distributed to many local voluntary and government offices in the area, being used and kept for reference. Copies have been supplied free to 9,000 residents in the area and are available at local outlets. The Barton Civic Society recently awarded the 2011 edition a Commendation for activity that maintains and improves life in the town.

Mr Martin expressed concern the town council made a charge for his article placed in the 'Bartonian' to launch the publication, to allow him to inform residents about a valuable service. Also, it had refused earlier to co-operate with his request to have information regarding the town council published into it. He felt he could not possibly omit such information from his publication and had in fact published the information. Any changes to the information, due to the forthcoming election could be amended on his website. He commented that out of around 350 commercial and social organisations he had published, only the town council and CHAMP Ltd had requested to be excluded from the publication. He wondered if this was a coincidence that he "enthusiastically opposed what I believe were the ill advised commercial agreements between the two of you or if there is a connection".

Mr Martin stated there should have been clear written editorial guidelines for the 'Bartonian' long ago for contributions to "your excellent magazine". He felt that whilst proof reading is a fair duty for councillors, consideration of individual news articles by them is an activity the electorate may feel is not the use of resources they expect. He concluded that he hoped the town council would take steps to rectify a rather sad episode and that misunderstandings will be a thing of the past. As Bartonians have produced a new tourism website, map and directory in 2011, he hoped the town council would be proud of all three in equal measure.

Councillor K Vickers thanked Mr Martin for his informative discussion and re-opened the meeting. He stated that the Community Regeneration Committee had formed a policy for 'Bartonian' articles that were to be agreed at this meeting.

443. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers stated the next NAT meeting is to be held on Tuesday 12 April 2011, 6.30 pm at The Assembly Rooms. Also, prior to re-opening with new management, the George Public House is to receive major investment, to undertake renovation work to the building. The public house will also have accommodation facilities.

Resolved that this be noted.

444. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council –2 March 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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445. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Councillor Induction Training** (Min Ref: 417/145 – BTC 02/03/11)

Councillor P Shearer proposed that all town council members wear their identity badges at all town council meetings, events and outside meetings where possible. Seconded by Councillors K Letts and Mr J Oxley. It was agreed and

Resolved that all town council members to wear their identity badges at all town council meetings, events and outside meetings where possible.

446. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(c) **Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting**

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2011, be approved as a correct record.

447. **Matters of Report Arising**

There were no matters of report arising discussed at this meeting.

448. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of CPRE spring newsletter, available in the council office. Also, entry details for CPRE Best Kept Village 2011, which costs £25.00 for CPRE members to enter.
2. Letter from Barton Tourism Partnership regarding the town council's request to North Lincolnshire Council Highways, for removal of signage from the entrances to Barton. They applaud the desire to remove commercial signage, but ask if a compromise could be found for advertising of community events, and suggest provision of a board or posts which community groups book the use of. They have asked North Lincolnshire's Tourism Unit to look at possible ideas that could be put forward to the town council in a bid to reach a solution which is acceptable to all parties (Min Ref: 89(c)/136 – ERC 21/02/11).
3. Receipt of Barton Schools Forum agenda for their meeting on 9 March 2011, plus report following the meeting held on 24 November 2010.

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4. Receipt of Freedom of Information request from the Barton Directory, for a written policy document for publication of articles in "The Bartonian". Response sent explaining the town council did not have one.
5. Receipt from North Lincolnshire Tourism Unit of Markets Policy for North Lincolnshire Council to regulate the provision of markets across North Lincolnshire. The policy will allow the Council to grant a Market Consent to a person, body or organisation to operate a market. The period of final consultation ends on Friday 27 May 2011, with two public meetings being held in Brigg on Tuesday 12 April and Tuesday 10 May 2011. Any comments should be received by Thursday 7 April 2011, for consideration at the 12 April meeting.
6. Receipt of ERNLLCA newsletter for March 2011, available in the council office.
7. Receipt of email requesting if North Lincolnshire Council can supply and fit a chewing gum board in the Market Place, as discussed at the Barton Schools Forum meeting held on 9 March 2011.
8. Notification from Northcliffe Digital, who run the Scunthorpe Telegraph, of their new community publisher web site for Barton, <http://www.bartonpeople.co.uk>. The site is designed to give people of Barton a voice on issues serious and light hearted, review businesses and services, highlight events and activities in the town. They are also looking for any views that the town council has on the Humber Toll either from the public enquiry or personal views, and the number of closed shops and businesses in the town asking what we can do to encourage people in Barton to use their local services. Further email received asking for councillor comment on the regeneration of the play area at Baysgarth Park, with funding from the Playbuild project which North Lincolnshire Council has received. Also any comments about antisocial behaviour in the park. The lady from the website is hoping to attend the 6 April council meeting.
9. Receipt of nomination packs for Barton Park and Bridge ward elections, plus Notice of Election for North Lincolnshire Council Unitary Wards and Referendum on Thursday 5 May. Completed nomination papers should be delivered to North Lincolnshire Council by noon on Monday 4 April 2011.
10. Request from North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning to put a copy of household emergency plan on the Barton website.
11. Notification from SMart Wind Ltd of proposed application for a Development Consent Order for an Offshore Wind Farm Project within the Hornsea Zone. Copy of the Formal Phase 1 Section 42 Consultation Information received which includes onshore cable route corridor options.
12. Reply from North Lincolnshire Council tree officer regarding PA 2011/0259 – 85 Fleetgate, advising that as this is a notification for intention to work on trees in a Conservation Area, they are unable to require a replacement tree is planted (Min Ref: 424(4)/148 – PCM 21/03/11).
13. Notification from Ruralis and Communitask of funding for Neighbourhood and Parish Plans via a Rural Community Planning Programme at a minimal cost to ourselves.
14. Copy of email sent to Ward member by Head of Planning at North Lincolnshire Council regarding planning documents. They advise due to the need to reduce space as a result of 'worksmart' they can no longer send paper copies of plans to parish councils from 1 April. It is for the parish council to embrace the changes.
15. Receipt of report from the Barton School Councils' Forum meeting held on 9 March 2011.
16. Notification from Carlton Education of Presentation on 'Personalisation of Care – how it might work' at 31 Fleetgate 2-4pm on 5 April 2011.
17. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Environmental Team of dog fouling complaint record diary sheet and Dog Control Orders with bluetooth dog fouling pilot campaign.
18. Letter of thanks from Barton Lions Club for Annual Bonfire & Fireworks donation.
19. Receipt of temporary public transport timetables for the 450 and 350 bus service during the A1077 road closure from 9 April 2011.

Resolved that:

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- (i) it was agreed the town council to enter the CPRE Best Kept Village 2011 (item 1);
- (ii) members of the town council made comment they have extreme concern for the number of closed shops and businesses in the town and that they wish to thank North Lincolnshire Council on regeneration of the play area in Baysgarth Park. It was thought the new equipment was exciting and interesting for children (item 8);
- (iii) it was agreed that the North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning 'Household Emergency Plan', be published onto the new Barton Tourism website (item 10);
- (iv) it was agreed that the Mayor, Councillor K Vickers, the Planning Committee Chairman Councillor Mrs W Witter and the Clerk all attend the Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting to be held on 7 April 2011 to discuss this matter (item 14);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

449. **Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda**

1. Request from Barton Lions Club for sponsorship towards their 15th Beer Festival on 3rd & 4th June 2011. Sponsorship will be acknowledged in the festival programme and brings complimentary tickets. £40 sponsorship attracts 4 entry tickets + 6 drink vouchers; £80 sponsorship attracts 8 entry tickets + 12 drink vouchers.
2. Letter from St Mary's Church requesting update of the town council owned church clock. (*copy enclosed*).
3. Notification of next Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting to be held on Thursday 7 April 2011 at 7.00pm in Pittwood House, Scunthorpe.
4. Receipt from North Lincolnshire Council of "Statement of Persons Nominated" for North Lincolnshire Council Election of Councillors for the Barton Unitary Ward.
5. Receipt from North Lincolnshire Council of "Statement of Persons Nominated" for North Lincolnshire Council Election of Parish Councillors for the Barton Bridge Ward Parish Ward.
6. Receipt from North Lincolnshire Council of "Statement of Persons Nominated" for North Lincolnshire Council Election of Parish Councillors for the Barton Park Ward Parish Ward.

Resolved:

- (i) an agenda item be placed for the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 18 April 2011 (item 1);
- (ii) an agenda item be placed for the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 18 April 2011. Further information be sought from the clock contractor beforehand to request the feasibility of installing an automated clock system. If so, a quotation price to be requested (item 2);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

450. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £7,374.52 (A/cs 1 to 19), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,332.86 (A/cs 20 to 26) a grand total of £15,707.38.

451. **Planning Committee Report**

Councillor Mrs W Witter commented there was nothing further to report. All items for discussion had been addressed in other agenda items at this meeting.

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452. **Feedback from the Watermark Paper Exercise on 10 March 2011**

Councillor Mrs M Sidell gave appraisal of the event and also handed out a report to all members present. Following this, she was preparing to up-date the emergency plan in the town council office. The town council had engaged in the exercise along with Barrow, Brigg and Epworth, via North Lincolnshire Council. Councillor Sidell felt it was disappointing that no feedback had been received from North Lincolnshire Council since the event took place. However, it was felt the exercise was useful and highlighted some of the areas requiring review.

Councillor Mrs J Oxley wished to thank Councillor Mrs Sidell for the hard work she had put into the emergency plan over the last two years.

Resolved that this be noted.

453. **“Hepworth” Street Name**

It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved that “Hepworth” be added to the town council’s preferred list of street names.

454. **Blue Bell Public House**

Discussion took place regarding recent damage to the Blue Bell Public House premises. It was noted that the developer had made safe the damage, removed the broken decking and the Police had been notified of the problem.

Resolved that this be noted.

455. **Kerbing on Green Lane**

Referring to correspondence received from North Lincolnshire Council, it was acknowledged that Green Lane was unadopted, apart from the footpath. All residents residing there were aware of this when they purchased land/property.

Resolved that this be noted.

456. **Town Centre CCTV Repairs/Upgrade**

Agenda item withdrawn.

457. **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives**

(a) **Planning Application 2010/1513**

Councillor Mrs M Sidell reported this planning application has been called in pending further investigation. It was understood the Barton Civic Society had previously tried to get the Victorian building “Seaforth” listed. Awaiting further report.

Resolved that this be noted.

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(b) **Highways**

Reports were received regarding the general poor condition of the local highways and potholes. Councillor K Vickers reported he had enquired when it was likely the contract for the High Street was to commence, as this was in a very poor state, deteriorating badly.

Resolved that this be noted.

458. **Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

(a) **Humber Bridge Tolls**

Councillor Mrs A Clark gave report of the Dartford Tunnel scheme whereby motorists paid an annual fee of £10 for 50 journeys, then each subsequent trip cost 50p. She wished to know if the Humber Bridge Board could investigate this scheme and apply a similar one to the Humber Bridge. It was acknowledged that volume of traffic and the interest debt were entirely different for both of these.

Resolved that this be noted and reported to the Humber Bridge Board for comment.

(c) **Annual New Age Curling**

Councillor Mrs M Sidell reported the new age curling tournament would take place on the 26 May 2011. It was hoped the new Mayor elect would engage in this and form a team to play at the event.

Resolved that this be noted and the new Mayor elect be informed following the Annual Meeting to be held on 11 May 2011, to form a town council team to enter the tournament.

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, closed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

..... Chairman

4 May 2011