

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors P Adams, Mrs D Adlard, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, S Dear, Ms E Donaldson, J Evison, M Martin, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Ms C Sansam, P Shearer and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill, one member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

65. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

66. **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.

67. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs J Mason (personal commitments), A Searle (work commitments), N Turner (holiday), J P Vickers (personal commitments) and K Vickers (North Lincolnshire Council mayoral duties).

68. **Declarations of Interest**

Planning Application 2011/0734 – Councillor P Adams (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Town Football Club – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance and Western Drive – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Town Band and Western Drive – Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)
Barton Arts Week – Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Lions Club – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Lions Club, Carlton Education & Enterprise Limited and The Knotted Note – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal interest)

69. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

No matters were discussed at this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

70. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 1 June 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

71. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Lease & Underlease of The Assembly Rooms** (Min Ref: 24(b)/10 – BTC 01/06/11)

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Councillor Martin commented that a draft copy of these documents had been received.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **The Queen Street Orchard Group** (Min Ref: 24(c)/10 – BTC 01/06/11)

Councillor Martin explained he had contacted the land agents regarding this matter, and was informed received bids for the land were currently under consideration.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **Northern Lincolnshire Rural Action Group** (Min Ref: 27(6)(iii)/12 – BTC 01/06/11)

Councillor Martin had attended this meeting, and given Councillor Ms C Sansam's apologies. He explained there had been a warm welcome with interesting topics raised. There would be less funding available in the foreseeable future and an appraisal of the WREN report was given. Any possible avenues of funding would be followed up accordingly. He thought it may be favourable that as CHAMP Ltd had obtained funding through this channel, it may be supportive of other bids.

Resolved that this be noted.

(d) **Cultural Olympiad 2012** (Min Ref: 28(3)(i)/12 – BTC 01/06/11)

Councillor Martin announced that he had arranged a meeting with Mr N Jacques of North Lincolnshire Council regarding this matter tomorrow, regarding possible involvement of Barton Arts Week 2012.

Resolved that this be noted.

(e) **Draft Copy of the July 2011 Bartonian** (Min Ref: 32/13 – BTC 01/06/11)

Following proof reading, Councillor Martin explained he had made a few changes to the wording of the front cover article "Bike Night 2011". He felt the town council's involvement in the event needed enhancement. The Clerk commented she had spoken to the organiser, Mr B Newton, regarding promotion of the town council's financial support appearing on the advertisement material in future year's events, i.e. posters, banners etc.

Councillor Mr J Oxley commented this year's event had been the biggest ever with 18,000 people attending and 9,500 bikes on display. The evening had been very successful, enjoyed by everyone, but, he felt that more support needs to be forthcoming from some businesses in the town in future year's. Councillor Mrs W Witter wished to congratulate all volunteer members of Barton Bike Night and Barton Arts Week Committees, for their hard work given to promote both events. This was strongly endorsed by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson. She commented she had very much enjoyed attending events for both of these groups. Councillor Martin thanked the Mayor for her attendance at several Barton Arts Weeks events.

Resolved that this be noted.

72. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

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1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 1 June 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of an Environmental Regeneration Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Environmental Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2011, be approved as a correct record.

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

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2011, be approved as a correct record.

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

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2011, be approved as a correct record.

73. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Barton Christmas Festival** (Min Ref: 60/22 – CRC 20/06/11)

Councillor Martin had consulted with the Barton Army Cadets, regarding their possible attendance at the Christmas Festival. He conveyed they were very keen to engage in public events in the town.

Resolved the town council office to liaise with the Barton Army Cadets with a view to their attendance at the Christmas Festival.

74. **Correspondence**

1. Details from H&WRCC of assistance for some residents with the digital switch over in this region during August and September.
2. Update from Andrew & Co Solicitors that the Assembly Rooms under-lease has been submitted to the Land Registry for registration. They will advise once the registration is completed (*Min Ref: 484(4)(ii)/169 – BTC 04/05/11*).
3. Notification of NALC's Communities in Action Conference in Sheffield on 19th July which gives an overview of the new opportunities for councils in the Localism Bill, cost to attend is £117.00 per member.
4. Receipt of VANL Spotlight on the Community newsletter, available from the council office.
5. Notification of Town and Parish Liaison meetings for the coming year on 22 September 2011, 12 January 2012 and 12 April 2012, all to be held at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe, commencing at 7pm.
6. Receipt of Barton Directory News leaflet for June 2011, available from the council office.
7. Receipt of ER & Nth Lincs Branch Newsletter from SLCC for June, available from the council office.
8. Following mention at the NAT meeting, notification received from North Lincolnshire Council Safer

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Neighbourhoods of roads recently monitored for speeding in Barton. Ferriby Road and Barrow Road are being dealt with through the speed management strategy; Butts Road, Caistor Road, Brigg Road and Market Place are eligible for Community Speedwatch hire of a flashing speed sign.

9. Notification of ERNLLCA training course – Role of the Clerk, during September 2011, at a cost of £30.00 per councillor. The course is specifically for councillors to attend.
10. Details from Communities and Local Government of ‘Community Right to Build’ further details can be found at www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild.
11. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council that the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan Document as part of its Local Development Framework has been formally adopted. The document can be viewed at <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/Environment/planning/SpatialPlanning/LDF/CoreStrategy/default.htm>
12. Receipt of minutes from Barton School Councils Forum meeting held on 15 June 2011.
13. Reminder from RWE Npower Renewables of notification sent for comment on its formal pre-application consultation for Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm located off the Lincolnshire coast. Comments are required by 12 July 2011 (*Min Ref: 27(4)(ii)/12 – BTC 01/06/11*).
14. Receipt of CD for the Environmental Statement that accompanies the planning application for Saxby Wold Wind Farm from Aeolus Renewable Energy Ltd.

Resolved that:

- (i) the town council office to contact North Lincolnshire Council seeking guidance as to any change in criteria for ‘Community Speedwatch’ and an agenda item placed at the next Environmental Regeneration Committee meeting to be held on 15 August 2011 to further discuss;
- (ii) all councillors wishing to attend this course, to notify the town council office as soon as possible (item 9);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

75. Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda

1. Letter of thanks from Barton Bike Night committee for the town council’s support to the 2011 event.
2. Report from Councillor M Martin following attendance at the Winter Service Review 2011 consultation exercise which was held at the Assembly Rooms on 11 July 2011 (*copy enclosed*).
3. Receipt of completion of Annual Audit 2010/2011 from the town council’s external auditors. They advise the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no further matters have come to their attention.
4. Receipt of draft copies of the Assembly Rooms Lease/Underlease with CHAMP Ltd, as requested by Councillor M Martin (*Min Ref: 24(b)/10-BTC 01/06/11*).

Resolved:

- (i) following attendance at this meeting, Councillor Martin gave appraisal. It was noted that it would be prudent for town and parish council’s to review its’ practices in the Community Emergency Plan, for inclement weather, particularly heavy snowfall etc. Following the bad weather experienced last winter, Mrs M Sidell, (a serving town and ward councillor at the time), was in the process of looking into this matter. To be further reviewed in the Community Emergency Plan (item 2);
- (ii) thanks were given to the town clerk’s for their hard work in ensuring the town council yearly audit had been undertaken successfully, with no action points raised by the Audit Commission (item 3);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

76. Accounts for Payment

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Resolved:

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £13,897.92 (A/cs 60 to 70), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,656.13 (A/cs 71 to 80) a grand total of £22,554.05.

77. **Planning Committee Report**

Councillor Mrs Witter gave an appraisal of the Planning Committee meeting held prior to this meeting, this evening.

Resolved that this be noted.

78. **Planning Application 2011/0734 – RWE Npower Renewables Ltd - planning permission to erect 18 wind turbines and associated infrastructure and services including 3 anemometry masts, site roads, crane pads, site office and grid connection building and temporary construction compounds**

Councillor Mrs Witter outlined the planning application, explaining that despite the Clerk contacting North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department, no response had been forthcoming. Thanks were given to North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department, for providing the town council with a hard copy of the planning application documents, for their perusal and information purposes. Councillor Adams explained this re-submission of planning application 2009/0657 was almost identical. Local M.P.'s have been consulted regarding the new application for support. Councillor Mrs Witter made the following proposals, which was agreed by members present. In light of this and further discussion it was

Resolved that an objection be raised to planning application 2011/0734, on the following grounds:

- The non-technical summary of the application has statements open to mis-interpretation. The visual aspect states that there is impact on a minority of the landscape character area. As this exercise has been undertaken by computer-generated visualisations, this is distortion of what can be seen with the naked eye. At the point of mast 4 for instance, you can see Lincoln Cathedral in one direction and York Minster in the other. At Horkstow Road you can see the Bagmoor Wind Farm quite easily.
- There has been no consultation exercise for this re-submitted planning application. There was one for the previous application 2009/0657.
- Who pays to de-commission the site ?
- Land restoration issues – what if the company goes bankrupt ?
- The hedgerows mentioned are for agricultural purposes and are of great importance to the local area, heritage and farming – two being designated conservation sites.
- It is stated “the LVIA considers that many locations within the 9km of the turbines would offer limited visibility or no views of the wind farm”. The turbines would in actual fact be higher than the surrounding Humber Bridge and be extremely visual.
- Ornithology – it is stated that quail are part of the local breeding bird community – quail are not an indigenous species to this area. Pink-footed geese are also mentioned. However, there are several different species of geese that have habitat in the local area. There is no mention of the endangered species Skylarks, which are prevalent to this specific area.
- The re-submission of this planning application does not address the original grounds for concern, from the one previously submitted - 2009/0657. It was predominantly refused because the proposed development would introduce very substantial industrial structures into an area of significant natural beauty, largely unspoilt. Also the proposals would lead to

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significant disruption to users of the Viking Way, a nationally important network of footpaths and bridleways. These factors remain, contravening policies LC7 and ENV10. This seriously affects the local environmental impact, nature conservation, area character and appearance.

- The local area relies heavily upon farming, tourism, wildlife and nature. These are all important aspects regarding the employment and heritage issues. The local economy cannot support a downward spiral of these factors, for sustainability reasons of the area.
- There are prevailing south-westerly winds in the town, not ideal considering the intermittent noise levels to be emitted from the turbines. The town currently suffers from tv interference and “ghosting” of the Humber Bridge towers on some screens. Additional structures and noise levels are not in the best interests of the area, additional to the existing ones.
- The town council do not oppose wind farms, but, it is felt they should be sited in appropriate locations, particularly off-shore. It is noted that only 4% of wind farms have this location.
- There appears to be no material or significant changes to the re-submitted planning application 2011/0734 from the previous 2009/0657 application. Therefore, the town council strongly opposes the application.

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

(a) **Localism Bill**

Councillor Evison outlined the four main areas affecting the Localism Bill and the affects likely to filter down to town and parish councils – notably planning issues. The local development plan is currently being reviewed. The Clerk expressed concern that the early stages of this together with cutbacks at North Lincolnshire Council were noticeably affecting the town council. Most documents, letters, posters, planning applications etc. from them were no longer provided in hard copy. This resulted in the town council having to print off these documents – very often large in volume and in colour. This was placing a strain on the town council’s paper resources, computer printers and ink cartridges. It is also taking additional staff time printing out these documents.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **Humber Bridge Tolls**

Councillor Evison reported that whilst the tolls were due to increase, the overall consensus was to freeze the tolls, but this had been rejected.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **Cultural Olympiad 2012**

Councillor Evison stated there would be an opera performed at Glanford Park in Scunthorpe, as part of the event.

Resolved that this be noted.

(d) **Lapwing Way Play Area etc.**

Councillor Evison reported there had been very little progress made regarding this matter. Councillor Mrs Clark requested more dog signage etc to be erected on Western Drive.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Barton Health Centre**

Councillor Mrs Witter reported that both Doctors' Chapman were due to leave the practice shortly. It was agreed and

Resolved that the Clerk send a letter, thanking them both for their contribution to the town and wishing them well in the future.

(b) **Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership**

Councillor Mrs Adlard gave report of a meeting she had attended in Grimsby on 6 June. Passenger numbers had risen by 6.2% and staff changes were planned as part of the review. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 September 2011.

Resolved that this be noted.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

..... Chairman

3 August 2011