

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the town council elected and agreed that Councillor Mrs W Witter should chair this meeting.

Present: Councillor Mrs W Witter (Acting Chairman)

Councillors P Adams, Mrs D Adlard, T Chant, F Coulsey, S Dear, M Martin, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Ms C Sansam, A Todd, N Turner and K Vickers.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Sue Davies, David Elliot (Scunthorpe Telegraph) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

165. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

166. **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.

167. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs A Clark (holiday), Ms E Donaldson (personal reasons), J Evison (work commitments), Mrs J Oxley (holiday), Mr J Oxley (holiday), Mrs D Pearson (unwell), A Searle (family commitments), P Shearer (holiday) and J P Vickers (personal commitments).

168. **Declarations of Interest**

Saxby Wold Against Turbines – Councillor P Adams (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Arts Week – Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Planning Application 2011/1078 (Prejudicial interest) and CHAMP Ltd (Personal interest) –
Councillor N Turner
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest).

169. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

No matters discussed at this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

170. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 7 September 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 September 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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171. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Remembrance Sunday Parade** (Min Ref: 143(vii)/57 – BTC 07/09/11)

The Clerk explained there had been an amendment regarding volunteers to read Lists of the Fallen. Due to a personal commitment, Councillor Ms E Donaldson was unable to undertake this. Councillor Mrs J Oxley has agreed to fulfil this duty in her place. Members present agreed to this amendment.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **Minutes of an Environmental Regeneration Committee Meeting** (Min Ref: 137(c)(3)/55 – BTC 07/09/11)

Councillor Martin stated that all he wished to ask at the meeting was consideration of the agreements made by the committee for the meeting, for clarification purposes.

Resolved that this be noted.

172. **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 7 September 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 19 September 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 19 September 2011, be approved as a correct record.

173. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012** (Min Ref: 158(iii)/65 – CRC 19/09/11)

Councillor A Todd, Chairman of the Community Regeneration Committee, outlined discussions of a proposal to include a firework display as part of the celebrations in the town to compliment the beacon being lit. The cost of a 20 minute spectacular firework display would be £2,000. He had provisionally booked this (with no cost to the town council if it does not go ahead), as contractors were currently being snapped up for this national celebratory event. Debate and discussion ensued, with varied views. However, generally, the idea was thought interesting to investigate further.

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Councillor M Martin made a proposal to go ahead with the firework display, on the provision of budget being in place to undertake this. Further discussion ensued. Councillor K Vickers felt it was not in the current public interest to spend £2,000 of local tax payer's money on this. Councillor Vickers then made an amendment to the original proposal made, whereby he favoured a firework display, providing the finance could be found from an alternative funding source – not the town council budget. A vote was then taken. 3 members present agreed to Councillor Martin's proposal and 9 members agreed to Councillor Vicker's amendment to the original proposal. It was agreed and

Resolved that a firework display be held in the town as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Conditional upon the town council sourcing outside funding (not the town council budget) to pay for this and a suitable location sought. To be discussed further at the next Community Regeneration Committee Meeting to be held on the 19 December 2011.

(a) **Barton Christmas Festival – 26 November 2011** (Min Ref: 157/65 – CRC 19/09/11)

Councillor A Todd gave an update on preparations for the Christmas Festival. All stage entertainment had been organised – including Grace Bowers, who had recent TV fame on Britain's Got Talent. Also, Viking FM would broadcast live from the event, giving free radio coverage. The event was now taking shape, there had been a good take up of stalls, and so far, all costs would be undertaken well in the allocated budget provision.

Resolved that this be noted.

174. **Correspondence**

1. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Building Control of schedule of numbering as applied to Chapel Lane, Barton, which will become effective from 29/09/11.
2. Notification of Barton upon Humber Lions Club 41st Charter Anniversary Ball to be held on Saturday 15 October 2011 from 7.00pm at the Elsham Golf Club. Tickets cost £27.50 per person, please contact Barton Lions direct before Monday 3 October 2011.
3. Receipt of ERNLLCA training courses for councillors during October/November (*details enclosed*).
4. Receipt of VANL Annual Review and papers for AGM on Thursday 13 October 2011 at 11am in Westcliffe Community Centre, Scunthorpe.
5. Receipt of Net Gain, The North Sea Marine Conservation Zones Project final recommendations summary report, available to view in the town council office.
6. Notification from CPRE Best Kept Village 2011 that Barton has come joint second in the Small Town group of this year's competition. The presentations will take place at the Red Lion Hotel, Redbourne on Monday 31 October at 7.30pm. Notice of the town council's representative is requested. A copy of judge's comments and full results also received.
7. Letter of thanks from Barton Senior Alliance for the town council's support to the senior service and tea.
8. Email from resident commenting on the construction of the Telephone Exchange on Soutergate, the school on Nightingale Close and the Co-operative store, which in their opinion require redevelopment.
9. Receipt from Barton Tourism Partnership of September meeting minutes, plus summary of website traffic since the new website opened in February 2011.
10. Reply from Andrew & Co Solicitors regarding lease of the Assembly Rooms (*copy enclosed*). (Min Ref: 106(4)(ii)/41 – BTC 03/08/11).
11. Received copy of presentation given at the town and parish councils liaison meeting by North Lincolnshire Council Highways regarding Winter Service Review update 2011, available to view in the town council office

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October 2011 (*copy of email enclosed*).

13. Receipt of booklet from CPRE & NALC – Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning, with an 8-step guide “How to respond to planning applications”.
14. Notification from the Boundary Commission for England of the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England. They are consulting on the proposals until 5 December 2011. Details can be found on www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland.
15. Town council bulb planting will take place on 22 October 2011 meeting outside Baysgarth House 9.00 am. All town councillors are welcome to assist with planting. Crocus to be planted on Park View, Highfield Crescent, Stephen Crescent, Tofts Road/Appleyard Drive, Beretun Green, Whitecross Street/Barrow Road. Daffodils to be planted on Grange Avenue, Caistor Road town sign, Pasture Road, Falkland Way/Pasture Road, Horkstow Road substation, Butts Road, Bowmandale/Ramsden Avenue. Aconites to be planted Ferriby Road/Hillside Drive, Tofts Road/Warrendale, Westfield Road/Western Drive.
16. Letter regarding North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Housing & Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document, advising the final version of this document is currently under public consultation. A copy of the inset plan for Barton has been sent, any comments are required by 2 November 2011 along with completion of comment form.
17. Receipt of draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on CD rom for Renewable Energy Development. Comments are required by 26 October 2011. When adopted the SPD will form part of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework and will be a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications in the area.

Resolved that:

- (i) it was agreed that Councillor Mrs J Oxley, Chairman of the Environmental Regeneration Committee, attend the presentation evening on behalf of the town council (item 6);
- (ii) the comments made by a local resident to be passed onto North Lincolnshire Council (item 8);
- (iii) the Clerk to request copies of the relevant plans from Mr D White, Principal Building Surveyor at North Lincolnshire Council to progress lease arrangements with the solicitor (item 10);
- (iv) it was agreed the town council's representative Snow Warden be Councillor P Shearer (subject to agreement). Suggested locations for saltbins in the town are Catherine Street/Queen Street junction, Forkedale/Pitman Avenue junction, Brigg Road/Preston Lane junction and Brigg Road/Holydyke junction. North Lincolnshire Council to be notified accordingly (item 12);
- (v) all volunteers for the bulb planting day to notify the town council office beforehand, for co-ordination purposes (item 15);
- (vi) the Planning Committee to review this document and make comment accordingly (item 17);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

175. Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda

1. Request from Castledyke Primary School for donation towards Pantomime Trip to see “Cinderella” in Scunthorpe at The Plowright Theatre.
2. Notification from Mr Jim Dowdy who has produced gardening articles for the Bartonian for the past 10 years, that as he has moved out of the town. The article for the November issue will be his last.
3. Notification of HPFA AGM on 13 October 2011 at Hessle Town Hall.
4. Consultation document from North Lincolnshire Council regarding review of passenger transport in North Lincolnshire. Completion of their consultation form is requested by the end of October.
5. Notification of a Barton Branch of Scunthorpe Foodbank. They will be holding a Presentation on Monday 31 October 2011 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.
6. Receipt of ERNLLCA newsletter for September. Copy available from the town council office.
7. Receipt of donation request from Saxby Wold Against Turbines (SWAT) (*copy enclosed*).
8. Notification from Barton Town Band of their support to the Remembrance Day Service.

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9. Notification from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service that they are looking to develop community Fire Stations. They ask the town council's views regarding having a community station in Barton and details of individuals or organisations that provide community activities, along with current places for these activities.

Resolved that:

- (i) it was agreed not to support this financial request. The town council office to repeat their comments as previously made to the school that there is a pantomime held in Barton-upon-Humber each year, which they may like to support as an alternative. Proposed by Councillor Mrs J Mason and seconded by Councillor F Coulsey (item 1);
- (ii) a letter of thanks to be sent for longevity of service to Mr Dowdy for his gardening articles in "The Bartonian". It was agreed Barton Allotment Society be given the opportunity for one of their members to take over this role. If no one comes forward, then Mr J Cavill, a local professional gardener to be invited to write a column (item 2);
- (iii) it was agreed an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 17 October 2011 to discuss this matter (item 7);
- (iv) it was agreed that Barton Town Band co-ordinate with the Salvation Army to lead the Remembrance Sunday Parade. Barton Town Band to be notified accordingly (item 8);
- (v) it was agreed that this matter is beyond the town council's remit. Under the Data Protection Act, it is unable to disclose information regarding local organisations/information etc. (item 9);
- (vi) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

176. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £3,623.42 (A/cs 130 to 134), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,647.88 (A/cs 135 to 141) a grand total of £10,271.30.

Resolved that this be noted.

Councillor N Turner temporarily left the meeting, having declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2011/1078 being discussed in the next agenda item.

177. **Planning Committee Report**

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

Councillor Adams gave an update of the current position of planning application 2011/0734. 27 September – it is reported that RWE Npower Renewables Ltd are becoming supportive of offshore wind farms, due to problems encountered with the Saxby Wold Wind Farm planning application. Councillor Adams has liaised with the Scunthorpe Telegraph regarding the town council's stance in this matter. 28 September - Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Renewable Energy Development. Comments are required by 26 October 2011. 30 September – it is reported that RWE Npower Renewables are withdrawing the appeal for planning application 2009/0657, in favour of supporting planning application 2011/0734. Councillor Adams concluded this application has changed little from PA/2009/0657 and there are landscape concerns with an impact upon the town.

Resolved that this be noted.

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Councillor Turner re-joined the meeting.

178. **The Viking Resource Centre**

Councillor Ms C Sansam explained the centre was undertaking a community led plan in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council and North Lincolnshire Homes. Questionnaires were being produced for local people to put forward ideas the centre could be used for. She thought this may be promoted with an article in "The Bartonian", on twitter, website and facebook. She asked if councillors were able to complete a questionnaire each and help distribute these to residents in the town. Members present agreed if Councillor Sansam provided them with a questionnaire, they would peruse the document and/or complete accordingly. It was suggested the questionnaire could be distributed at the Barton Farmer's Market, via the tourism stall. Also it was suggested that a small advertisement could be placed in the April 2012 edition of "The Bartonian", promoting this. If the article was merely for information purposes, it may well be accepted free of charge by the town council.

Resolved that this be noted.

179. **Town Council Media Policy**

Councillor M Martin raised the issue of the town council having no media policy, following a training course he had recently attended with the Local Councils Association. It was agreed and

Resolved that an agenda item be placed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 17 October 2011, to discuss this matter.

180. **The Assembly Rooms and Committee**

Councillor M Martin commented he had spoken to the Chairman of the CHAMP Ltd Assembly Rooms Forum, Councillor F Coulsey regarding minute reference 110/42 of the ordinary meeting of the town council held on 3 August 2011. Councillor Coulsey had allegedly informed Councillor Martin that membership of this forum was by invitation only. Councillor Martin reported he had noticed that former town councillors who had not gained re-election in the May 2011 elections had formerly attended the meetings, therefore, he felt replacement councillors were required. Councillor K Vickers commented that there were two Assembly Rooms Committees. One was the town council's Assembly Rooms Management Committee. They met once a year to discuss leasing issues etc. The other committee was CHAMP led and not a town council committee. This consisted of representatives of users.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Burgate Resurfacing Scheme**

Councillor K Vickers reported that following this highway improvement scheme, he had received several complaints from some residents on Burgate. He commented the H line over driveways had not been replaced. However, this had been reported to North Lincolnshire Council, and it was hoped this would be rectified.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Barton Senior Alliance**

Councillor T Chant explained he had attended a meeting of the group this week. Part of the discussion was the issue of winter survival packs to the vulnerable, elderly and people living on their own. The packs are available in limited numbers from Independent Living and extremely useful and handy. Anyone interested in this should contact Independent Living as soon as possible.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

Councillor Mrs D Adlard gave an update of a meeting she had attended on the 20 September. The 158 first train of the day did not allow bicycles onto the train. It did not have a low platform to accommodate this and was therefore deemed dangerous. New members to the group were required. There had been train connection issues which were now being resolved and it was anticipated that a special Christmas train would run from Barton to Cleethorpes. The AGM meeting would be held on the 6 December 2011, at The Ropewalk.

Resolved that this be noted.

The Acting Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

2 November 2011