

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2017 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor F Coulsey (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mr J Oxley, Mrs P Sanderson.

Also Present: Councillor Mrs W Witter, Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society), Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) and Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

95. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr J French (Barton Civic Society)

96. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

97. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

Members were advised most of the work at The Beck is now completed; the viewing area has been extended with an additional sponsored seat; the wildflower area is looking better and some ducklings have moved in; the Friends of the Beck group have not moved much; the blank weed appears to be improving. They have also continued with improvements at The Interchange on trees and shrubs; also plan to paint the railings in the near future. A tree audit has been undertaken around the town, 93 trees have been planted over 30 years, with a large proportion still thriving. A tree talk will be held on 20 October 2017 at The Assembly Rooms.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club area includes the low villages, Barrow and Goxhill, they are currently working with the villages on various bulb planting schemes. Barrow and South Ferriby already started, plus a new scheme commencing in Saxby. They plan to assist with the September litter pick and assist at the town council bulb planting in October.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

The Lions Club joining the picnic was a successful; they plan a bus trip to Brigg Garden Centre and Beverley Christmas Market; bonfire night is in hand; assisting at The Carnival; fundraising events with a sponsored bike ride and Christmas sleigh.

98. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 22 May 2017**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 7 June 2017.

99. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Humber Bank Seats (Min Ref:- 24(a)/9)**

Members were advised all eight seats are now fitted, with seven having sponsors, keeping the grass cut around them needs to be monitored. The chairman suggested the town council sponsor the remaining seat themselves which does not have a great view but an ideal resting point between seats. This could be fitted with a plaque to remember councillors past and present, this was agreed by everyone at the meeting.

Resolved that the town council sponsor the remaining seat and order a plaque to remember Barton Town Councillors, past and present.

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(b) Garden Competition (Min Ref:- 24(d)(i)/9)

Members were advised a banner was arranged for display on Ferriby Road to encourage additional entries for this competition. We had 13 entries over the 4 categories, 3 new for the private houses, most of the business entries came from Councillor Warton visiting businesses with an entry form. Judging is now completed and invites sent for the Presentation Evening on Thursday 14 September 2017. Various options to encourage more entries in the future was discussed, which include joining with the Allotment Society, adding to the Barton Events leaflet and getting children involved.

(c) Bulb planting sites (Min Ref:- 24(d)(ii)/9)

No additional sites have been advised but the current list has 14 sites for adding or replacing bulbs and 32 new sites and proposals, the list was included in the 22 May 2017 Environment Committee minutes. Any additional sites should be advised before bulb planting on Saturday 21 October 2017 meeting at Baysgarth House at 9.30am.

(d) Town Public Seats (Min Ref:- 24(b)/9)

As advised at the 7 June 2017 town council meeting, either North Lincolnshire Council or nearby residents did not agree with suggested seat locations. After discussion it was agreed to ask North Lincolnshire Council if a seat could be located where the hedge is damaged at Baysgarth Park near to Caistor Road/Eastfield Road junction, also to be mentioned to Friends of Baysgarth Park.

Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council and Friends of Baysgarth Park to be contacted regarding a public seat in the above location.

100. Potential Sponsoring of flower displays local business

Members were advised Councillor N Pinchbeck had been contacted via social media by the Managing Director of Lovelle Estate Agency asking to discuss potential sponsoring of flower displays in Barton. Councillor Pinchbeck requested the Environment Committee should consider this offer. It was agreed for the Environment Committee Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey and Councillor J Oxley to meet with the Managing Director of Lovelle Estate Agency to discuss this offer. It was suggested some of the planting areas identified in the Barton Civic Society "Grot spot" list last year could be improved as part of the sponsorship.

Resolved that the Environment Committee Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey and Councillor J Oxley meet with the Managing Director of Lovelle Estate Agency to discuss this offer.

101. Town Council town signs maintenance

The 4 town signs on the main entrances to Barton put up by the town council are in need of maintenance work, the wood needs treating and the Barton crest at the top needs work doing to replace the crest.

Resolved that cost for this work to be obtained and progressed at the earliest opportunity if within budget allocations, to allow work to commence.

102. Grass Cutting

Councillor Mrs Witter advised the first grass cut this year had destroyed wildflowers at the entrance to Baysgarth Park on Brigg road and at the bank side on Barrow road near to Baysgarth School. It was suggested to ask North Lincolnshire Council to cut round them on the first cut in 2018.

Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Service Team be contacted about the above and a reminder to be sent in spring 2018.

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103. **Picnic Area at Barrow Mere (Min Ref:- 76/27 – BTC 05/07/17)**

It had been agreed at the last council meeting for this matter to be discussed further by this committee. It was suggested the town council make a claim to enhance the area, plant more daffodils and wildflowers. It was hoped when Wren Living development takes place on the adjoining land they could also sponsor the area. It was suggested to get Tree Preservation Orders in place on the trees to protect them.

Resolved that the town council consider approaching North Lincolnshire Council to place Tree Preservation Orders on the trees at the Barrow Mere picnic area.

The Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey closed the meeting at 7.45p.m.

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6 September 2017