

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor F Coulseley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, Mrs J Oxley and Mr J Oxley.

Also Present: Councillors J Sanderson & Mrs W Witter. Mr J French, Mr M D'Alessandro, Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society) Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) and Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

86. **Election of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor F Coulseley be elected Chairman of the Environment Committee for the ensuing year. Proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark.

87. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Mrs J Oxley be elected Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the ensuing year. Proposed by Councillor F Coulseley and seconded by Councillor Mr J Oxley.

88. **Apologies for Absence**

None received

89. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

90. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

Mr M D'Alessandro asked if any progress had been made with North Lincolnshire Council regarding their 'grotspot' report forwarded earlier this year, and was advised some weeds had been removed in the car park at rear of St John Ambulance headquarters but nothing further. Mr D'Alessandro would report back to the Civic Society and forward their ideas for improving the areas mentioned in the report for the town councils input before passing it to North Lincolnshire Council.

Mr J French gave an update of work at The Beck, advising the drains had now been capped, earth work sorted and planting in hand. Verge work would follow, with 2 new seats, shrubs pruned and some trees crown lifted in the autumn. Deadline for comments on the churchyard wall is Friday, hopefully work can commence after that. The railings are to be strengthened, cleaned and repainted.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mr D Witter thanked all at North Lincolnshire Council for arranging the seat on King Street which is in memory of Mr Ken Osgerby, a memorial plaque will be fitted in the near future. They plan to help with bulb planting, but are concentrating on the Humber Bridge Viewing Area with bluebells and poppy seeds, also looking at using wildflower plants and snowdrops.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

Mr J Oxley advised they had assisted judging the garden and hanging basket competitions, they are working at Waters Edge and plan to help with bulb planting.

In answer to a query about a rowan tree nearly over on Humber road, this will be reported to North Lincolnshire Council.

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91. **Update from 11 April 2016 Environment Working Party meeting**

- (a) Following installation of the new public seat on King Street it was agreed to write to Barton Rotary Club to thank them.

Resolved that a letter of thanks is sent to Barton Rotary Club.

- (b) Members were advised 7 public seats around the town have been maintained by our new contractor along with refurbishment of the wooden bench on the Humber Bank. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr B Newton for this work.

Resolved that a letter of thanks is sent to Mr B Newton.

- (c) Members were given an update about the 10 Humber Bank seats, with permission received from the Environment Agency with some slight changes to location. We are waiting to hear further from Natural England if they have any concerns. Currently have 10 potential seat sponsors, dependant on cost. Stamp and Sons have supplied a price for metal seats at £928.00 each for 10 seats. Members agreed metal seats would be best in this location as the area is more isolated and could be prone to vandalism.

Resolved that the town council purchase metal seats from Stamp and Sons for the Humber Bank when permission is received from Natural England.

- (d) The planters and hanging baskets around the town have been arranged with A N Robinson on a 1 year contract. The planters surrounding the public toilets at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area were mentioned, but the Chairman advised these were to be sorted by North Lincolnshire Council. The community planting on Barrow Road and Ferriby Road has been arranged with North Lincolnshire Council on a 1 year contract.

- (e) Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition judging has finished, invites sent out for the Presentation Evening on 15 September 2016.

- (f) Bulb planting price has been requested from current contractor, but no price received so far as bulb prices not yet available. We have £500 to spend this year which includes the donation from Barton Lions Club. Bulb planting had previously been agreed as 15 October 2016 at 9.30am from Baysgarth Museum. Previously suggested to have daffodil bulbs and poppy seeds for the new copse of 17 oak trees in Baysgarth Park as part of the Battle of Loos commemoration.

- (g) Information has been received as requested for a gumdrop bin. The 2 month trial period has to be paid for, bins cost £180 each including fittings, which we must fix ourselves. The gum cartridges cost £22.99 each, which need to be changed on a regular basis, all plus £20 delivery. After 2 months the bins can be bought back if they are not successful. Following the trial period the minimum contract period is 1 year. Further information and a detailed survey from Kensington and Chelsea Council is also available to view. Members had concerns if the pink bins would be acceptable in the conservation area and suggested liaising with North Lincolnshire Council if they have given consideration to install them in any other areas.

Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council and the Barton Regeneration 2018 group should be contacted to seek their opinion on using gumdrop bins, before deciding if the town council should go ahead with the 2 month trial.

92. **Sites for Public Seats** (Councillor Mrs Witter)

Councillor Mrs Witter asked members to consider a request from Barton Senior Alliance to have public seats at the south side of Caistor Road adjacent to Eastfield Road, junction of Brigg Road and Preston Lane, at Brigg Road/Beretun Green, top of Ferriby Road and Junction Square. It was also suggested litter bins should also be installed if not already in the vicinity. The frequency of bins being

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emptied was also queried. It was agreed to check with the Barton Regeneration 2018 group if they planned to install any new seats as part of their scheme for the town infrastructure.

Resolved that the Barton Regeneration 2018 group should be contacted to find out if they plan to install any new seats around the town, asking if they can let the town council know before the next Environment Committee meeting on 21 November 2016.

93. **Litter Bin in Station Car Park** (Barton Civic Society)

A request has been received from Barton Civic Society to consider having at least one substantial litter bin in the station car park. Members were advised this was also raised by the Civic Society at the latest meeting of Barton Regeneration 2018 group where Councillor R Waltham, Deputy Leader at North Lincolnshire Council, had agreed to look at them providing a bin.

The Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey closed the meeting at 7.40p.m.

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7 September 2016