

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH**  
**HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, N Jacques, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, A Todd, C Ulliott, J P Vickers, K Vickers, Ms J Warton, I Welch, Mrs W Witter and D Yellowley.

**Also Present:** Mr S Leonard (Scunthorpe Telegraph), Ms Rebecca Gowter, Mrs Peggy Sanderson and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

252. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

**Resolved** that Councillor Mrs J Oxley read out the Town Prayer in the absence of Captain Alan Bawden (Salvation Army).

253. **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.

254. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors' Mrs D Pearson (unable to attend due to having no transport) and Mrs S Evison (prior engagement).

255. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Agenda item 18 (Queen Street) – Councillor N Jacques (Personal & Prejudicial Interest)

Agenda item 14 (Co-option of Councillor) – Councillor J Sanderson (Personal & Prejudicial Interest)

Agenda item 18 (Queen Street) – Councillor Mrs C Thornton (Personal & Non Prejudicial Interest)

Agenda item 18 (Queen Street) – Councillor P Thornton (Personal & Non Prejudicial Interest)

Assembly Rooms/CHAMP Ltd – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance and 74 Brigg Road, Barton – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

256. **Co-option of Town Councillor for Bridge Ward**

Members present agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda. Proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and agreed by all members present. Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item, Councillor J Sanderson left the room.

Three candidates were considered for co-option for the vacant position of town councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely Rebecca Gowter, Peggy Sanderson and Darren Yellowley. Each one gave an appraisal of themselves. It was noted that all three had previously attended meetings of the town council and had shown an interest in the town generally. Members present duly considered the candidates and a vote by a show of hands was taken - 4 votes Peggy Sanderson, 3 votes Rebecca Gowter and 9 votes Darren Yellowley. It was then agreed by all Members present that Darren Yellowley be co-opted.

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**Resolved**

- (i) Darren Yellowley be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;
- (ii) it be noted that Darren Yellowley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office;
- (iii) the Clerk to notify North Lincolnshire Council Election & Democratic Services of the co-option.

Councillor J Sanderson returned to the meeting.

257. **Report from the Emergency Working Party Meeting held on the 25 January 2016**

Members present agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda as Councillor J Evison had to leave the meeting early due to work commitments. Proposed by Councillor J Evison and agreed by all members present.

Councillor J Evison gave report. He highlighted there would be a desktop exercise to be held on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 7pm in The Assembly Rooms. Everyone was welcome to attend this meeting whether or not they are on the working party. Also, two sandbag fillers have been purchased. Councillor Mrs A Clark thanked everyone who attended the meeting which she stated had been interesting and informative.

**Resolved** this be noted.

258. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported the meeting held last week had been positive with good initiatives put forward. A funding application had been submitted regarding the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign, PC Fuller has a new telephone with updates, and an armed robbery had taken place at the Ferriby Road Petrol Station, whereby the culprits have been apprehended. Action regarding the travellers was being progressed and an initiative of partnership working for the Caistor Road estate was being addressed, including cctv. Dog fouling in the town was also discussed. Councillor C Ulliott felt it was a positive move to go back to Neighbourhood Policing and positive future planning. Councillor Mrs A Clark felt that street lighting at the Humber Bridge roundabout could be improved as several lights didn't work and the area was very dark. She had contacted North Lincolnshire Council about this matter and was informed that a street lighting column had been hit by a vehicle, causing damage to the electric supply. The repair work necessary would involve a road closure in place. Councillor Mrs W Witter stated that Barton Rotary and other groups were also getting involved in the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign in the town.

**Resolved** this be noted.

259. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 6 January 2016**

**Resolved** that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6 January 2016, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

260. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Committee** (*Min Ref: 221(a)/88 – BTC 06/01/16*)

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Councillor N Jacques thought it prudent for all councillors to receive a copy of the list of organisations contacted by the town council office for their views, for any additional ones to be added.

**Resolved** all councillors to receive a copy of the list of organisations previously contacted by the town council office in case any additional ones are suggested to be notified.

(b) **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives** (*Min Ref: 229(b)/92- BTC 06/01/16*)

Councillor P Thornton enquired if the possibility of a roundabout in the original Falkland Way planning application had been investigated. Councillor K Vickers commented that he had contacted North Lincolnshire Council regarding this matter and had not received a fully conclusive answer, but it was deemed not to have been in the original plan, even though it had been muted at the time.

**Resolved** this be noted.

261. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

**Resolved** that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2016 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

**Resolved** that the circulated Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 25 January 2016 be approved as a correct record.

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

3) **Correct Record**

**Resolved** that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

262. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Precept for 2016/2017** (*Min Ref: 246(iv)/100 – EOM 25/01/16*)

Councillor N Jacques felt the latest audit report of the town council and councillor contact details to include e-mail addresses should be shown on the town council website. He stated that he for one wished his own e-mail be disclosed on the website. Councillor Mrs W Witter commented that not all councillors had e-mail contact and Councillor K Vickers stated that telephone numbers were shown.

**Resolved** this be noted.

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263. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of the of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Reply from the Barton Arts Group with their thoughts about Barton's Future Planning (*Min Ref: 164(ii)/67 – PCM 26/10/15*).
3. Request from NALC via ERNLLCA to nominate up to two councillors each with a guest to attend a Royal Garden Party on 19 May 2016. Nominations close at 11.00am on 3 February 2016.
4. Notification from East Riding of Yorkshire Council of East Riding Local Plan – additional Schedule of Modifications Consultation (Allocations Document) and Strategy Document Inspector's Report with Main Modifications which can both be viewed at [www.eastriding.gov.uk/localplanexam](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/localplanexam).
5. Receipt of press release from Baysgarth School advising of the recent examination results which have proven to be a personal best and beat the National Average.
6. Receipt via ERNLLCA of Guide To Taking Part in The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacons on 21 April 2016. Details can be found at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/news-stories/1861-queens-90th-birthday-beacons/file>.
7. Information from North Lincolnshire Council of a special £25,000 fund to help communities celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The new fund enables communities to bid for up to £250 towards the cost of an event. Grant aid conditions and application form also included.
8. Contact from Scunthorpe Detachment Army Cadets that they are working with North Lincolnshire Council for the Clean for the Queen campaign and offering the support of our local army cadets for the clean-up in Barton.
9. Details from ERNLLCA of Advance Chairmanship Course in 3 parts taking place between February and May 2016 costing £37.50 for each part or £100.00 for all 3 parts. Further details available from the council office. Also receipt of ERNLLCA January newsletter.
10. Request from Mr N Turner at CHAMP Ltd to arrange a meeting along familiar lines for the an annual review regarding the Assembly Rooms and CHAMP.
11. Reply from local resident, Mrs Ursula Vickerton with her thoughts about Barton's Future Planning (*Min Ref: 164(ii)/67 – PCM 26/10/15*).
12. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership meeting minutes from their January meeting.

**Resolved**

- (i) the details to be passed to the Planning Committee for consideration (*item 2*);
- (ii) the town council office register to take part in the Beacon Lighting Ceremony on 21 April 2016 to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, in order to light the beacon on the Humber Bank, Barton (*items 6/7*);
- (iii) to be passed to the Environment Working Party meeting to be held 8 February 2016 (*item 8*)
- (iv) any councillor wishing to undertake the ERNLLCA Advanced Chairmanship Course, to inform the town council office (*item 9*);
- (v) it was agreed that Councillors Mrs J Oxley, I Welch and Mrs W Witter, as representatives of the town council arrange to meet Mr Turner, for report back to the town council (*item 10*);  
Councillor J Evison left the meeting.
- (vi) the details to be passed to the Planning Committee for consideration (*item 11*);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

264. **Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda**

1. Receipt of the latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Reply from the Barton Civic Society with their thoughts about Barton's Future Planning (*Min Ref: 164(ii)/67 – PCM 26/10/15*).
3. Reply from the Barton Tourism Partnership with their thoughts about Barton's Future Planning (*Min Ref: 164(ii)/67 – PCM 26/10/15*).

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4. Reply from the Barton Chamber of Trade with their thoughts about Barton's Future Planning (*Min Ref: 164(ii)/67 – PCM 26/10/15*).

**Resolved**

- (i) the details to be passed to the Planning Committee for consideration (*items 2,3 and 4*);  
(ii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

265. **Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved**

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £1,782.22 (A/cs 203 to 215), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,151.77 (A/cs 216 to 222) - a grand total of £9,933.99. Also, petty cash expenses for January 2016 in the sum of £109.58.

266. **Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor 2016/2017**

Consideration was given to expressions of interest received from members wishing to undertake these civic roles. One candidate for the role of Mayor, Councillor A Todd and one candidate for the role of Deputy Mayor, Councillor C Ulliott. Both candidates gave an appraisal of themselves.

A proposal was made from Councillor J Oxley for Councillor A Todd to be put forward as Town Mayor elect for the annual meeting of the town council to be held on 11 May 2016, this was seconded by Councillor K Vickers and agreed by members present.

A proposal was made from Councillor J P Vickers for Councillor C Ulliott to be put forward as Deputy Town Mayor elect for the annual meeting of the town council to be held on 11 May 2016, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark and agreed by members present.

**Resolved** that the election of the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor 2016/2017 be undertaken at the annual meeting to be held on 11 May 2016.

267. **The Town Award 2016**

The Clerk stated that she personally knew one of the candidates for nomination of the award - Amy Dubois. However, as Clerk to the Council she has no influence over who is given the award.

Consideration was given to nominations for the Town Award 2016 having regard to a circulated resume of nominations. By a recorded vote, 4 votes were received for Margaret Dyer, 7 votes for Amy Dubois, 3 votes for Janine Knight, 4 votes for Barrie Newton and 1 vote for Lawrence Robinson. It was agreed and

**Resolved**

- (i) the Town Award 2016 be awarded to Amy Dubois. The award to be presented at the Mayor's Civic Dinner to be held on 29 April 2016. The recipient to be notified and invited.

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268. **Emergency Lighting Maintenance at The Assembly Rooms**

Councillor K Vickers reported that following a maintenance visit by a contractor, it would appear that some emergency lighting failed under discharge testing and in line with current British Standards, require replacement. This work would cost £755. Also, some areas of the building are not protected with emergency lighting. In line with the current standards, they would need to be installed. This work would cost £1,462.63. Discussion took place regarding this work and the recommendations made. The Clerk reported that the PAT testing for the town council office part of the building was also due to be undertaken. As the town council own the building and have responsibilities, it was agreed and

**Resolved** the emergency lighting work be undertaken to ensure compliance with the relevant British Standards, in the total sum of £2,217.63 (£755 and £1,462.63). Budget to be taken from The Assembly Rooms Running Costs budget 'Repairs/Decoration' and also the PAT testing work.

269. **Building Site Entrance on Queen Street**

Councillor N Jacques gave appraisal of this issue, stating that it was the entrance to the site that was the problem, rather than the entire site. He stated that several local residents had complained this was an eyesore and that it didn't do the Victorian area it was located in any justice at all. Not only for local residents, but also for tourism and historical tours of the area, including the Wilderspin National School Museum located opposite the development site. He concluded that the town council had written to the developer in June 2015, requesting if the site entrance could be tidied up of the debris and litter accumulated there. A short visit was made at the time, but nothing appeared to have progressed since. The Clerk commented that following contact with the developer, contact was made with North Lincolnshire Council. However at the time, it was stated that no-one else apart from the town council had complained about litter and debris at the site, or indeed complained at all. In light of this, she suggested it may be an issue of planning enforcement and for local residents to write to North Lincolnshire Council to complain. This would no doubt add weight to addressing the problem. Councillor K Vickers commented that the sight did look an eyesore and had been left in this state for some considerable time. He suggested that the local residents may wish to form a petition regarding the state of the site. Councillor A Todd stated that the type of fencing used on the development site perimeter was for temporary use only and as the site had been left dormant for so long, this may contravene some of the regulations. It was agreed and

**Resolved** the Clerk write to the developer again, requesting if they could tidy up the debris inside the security fencing site entrance, particularly as the town was engaging in the 'Clean for Queen' initiative. Also, if planning enforcement at North Lincolnshire Council could look into this matter regarding the security fencing and site maintenance by the developers 'Land Developers (Lincs) Ltd' of Grimsby.

270. **Strategic Plan Working Party**

Councillor N Pinchbeck suggested that a Strategic Plan Working Party ought to be formed, separate to the Planning Committee. Councillor Mrs W Witter reminded everyone that as a working party, they must undertake their own administration of the group and take their own notes at the meetings. It was agreed and

**Resolved** that a Strategic Plan Working Party to be formed, consisting of Councillors N Jacques, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, J P Vickers and I Welch. The group to undertake their own administration and take notes of the meetings themselves as it is a working party, not a committee. The meetings would not be clerked.

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

(a) **Street Sport**

Councillor K Vickers reported that 'Street Sport' sessions were due to re-commence in the town. The next one to be held on Monday 15 February 2016. He stated it was important that as many people get to know about this, as the sessions were free of charge and a good opportunity for 8 – 18 year olds.

(b) **Regeneration**

Councillor J P Vickers commented that two meetings to be held regarding regeneration issues in the town, including job opportunities etc, for further report.

(c) **Highway Issues**

Councillor A Todd reported that remedial work was required to the surface of the highway on George Street and King Street. Councillor J P Vickers stated that the Highway Inspectors had surveyed this area two days ago and their findings were awaited. Norman Close had just been resurfaced and Park View was to be undertaken shortly. Councillor Mrs A Clark felt that Westfield Road and the top of Fleetgate's road surface was deteriorating badly and Councillor Mrs W Witter reporting that white lining needed reviewing in the town, as many junction areas were now faded and virtually non-existent. Particularly the Brigg Road/Holydyke Junction and at the top of Ferriby Road. It was also felt that some main roads like Barrow Road and Brigg Road could do with some 'slow' road markings with crocodile teeth type white lining to encourage slower vehicular speeds into the town.

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

(a) **Friends of Baysgarth Park Group**

Councillor Ms J Warton reported that a meeting had been held on 28 January, with another one organised for next week. However, she asked if these meetings could be some other time than 3pm in the afternoons, which made it difficult for some group members to attend, as they had work commitments in the daytime.

(b) **Barton Tourism Partnership**

Councillor N Jacques gave report of the latest meeting. He highlighted that 4 new signs were to be erected, following a funding application submitted to North Lincolnshire Council. Also, at the Heritage Weekend planned for September, St Peter's Church would open to the public, free of charge, courtesy of English Heritage.

(c) **Dog Fouling**

Councillor Ms J Warton felt that it should be made visually clearer that dog poo bags could be disposed of in any of the public litter bins. She had taken note of the litter bins in the Market Place and nothing made the public aware of this. Councillor Mrs A Clark suggested if stickers could be put onto the bins explaining. Councillor F Coulseay commented that a local school competition had been held recently for a dog fouling poster, following concerns about dog fouling by local school children. This had been printed in the November 2015 edition of 'The Bartonian'. The Clerk suggested that as this incentive had been through the Barton School Council Forum, that it ought to be raised at their next meeting to be held next week, by one of the town council representatives attending.

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**(d) Barton School Council Forum**

Councillor A Todd reported the next meeting of the group was due to be held on Wednesday 10 February at the Wilderspin National School, Queen Street, Barton.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, closed the meeting at 8.03 pm

..... Chairman      2 March 2016