

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON, on MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, J P Vickers, K Vickers and Ms J Warton

Also Present: 1 member of the public, Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

241. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor Mrs J Oxley read out the Town Prayer.

242. **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.

243. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors' A Todd (Personal Commitments), C Ulliott (Work Commitments), I Welch (Personal Commitments) and Mrs W Witter (Personal Commitments).

244. **Declarations of Interest**

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

Barton Lions - Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Lions and Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night – Councillor J Evison (Personal Interest)

Barton Tourism and CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

245. **Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 18 January 2016 be approved as a correct record.

246. **Precept for 2016/2017** (Min Ref: 240(h)(v)/98 – F&GP 18/01/16)

Members received a presentation of estimates, income and expenditure, showing build-up of the 2016/2017 budget, together with details of reserves held, earmarked reserves and council tax comparison tables for recent years (*as appended to these minutes*). The council tax for a Band D property would be frozen and be the same as for 2015/2016, i.e. £44.33. Councillor K Vickers gave thanks to all members of the town council for providing their time free of charge as volunteers in their role as town councillors in helping to achieve this outcome. He listed many of the services, grants, events and donations the town council provided in the town.

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2016, cont'd

Councillor K Vickers gave an appraisal of the meeting held. He stated that due to the town council's bank incurring bank charges upon the accounts held there, a review had taken place to alleviate this. It appeared to be that most High Street banks now incurred charges, therefore, the town council had looked into internet banking for a more cost-effective and modern method of banking. The Unity Trust Bank is mainly set up for town and parish council's and following investigation and a meeting held with them, it appeared to offer the town council a more economical way of banking.

A financial request had been met in support of the Barton Living Memorial Trust and money had been put into the 2016/2017 budget to support the 'Friends of Baysgarth Park' group, in the hope that Green Flag status could be gained. Councillor J P Vickers stated that the first meeting of the group would take place this week, on Thursday 28 January 2016, at 3pm.

Councillor K Vickers reported the town council website issues had been investigated. He commented that besides the official Barton Tourism website, two other private sites appeared to exist, all of these offered information about the town. It was explained that the town council could have as many website pages as they wished, whereby more town council information could be available to view.

A formal proposal was then made by Councillor K Vickers and seconded by Councillor F Couley to accept the recommended precept and grant for 2016/2017, in the sum of £165,765. All members present accepted the proposal.

Resolved

- (i) that the town council levy a precept and grant upon North Lincolnshire Council, in the sum of £165,765, for the financial year ending 31 March 2017. To comprise precept of £144,347 and a grant element of £21,418;
- (ii) the budget and earmarked reserves for 2016/2017 be accepted;
- (iii) the town council's website pages on the Barton Tourism website to include a copy of the town's emergency plan and a link to the North Lincolnshire Council website be added;
- (iv) any additional information the town council require to be added to the website is to be suggested and agreed through the meetings of the council;
- (v) the Barton Tourism website address to feature upon the town council's letter headed paper.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, closed the meeting at 7.10 p.m.

..... Chairman 3 February 2016