

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor C Ulliott (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Mrs D Pearson, N. Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs P Sanderson, B Troop, J P Vickers, K Vickers, Ms J Warton, I Welch, Mrs W Witter and D Yellowley.

Also Present Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

108. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor N Pinchbeck read out the Town Prayer.

109. **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.

110. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors J Evison (work commitments), Mrs S Evison (personal commitments), Mrs S Garrard-Hughes (work commitments) and Mrs J Mason (on holiday).

111. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)
Planning Application PA/2017/1140 – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor B Troop (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor J Warton (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor D Yellowley (Personal Interest)

112. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J Sanderson gave report, in the absence of Councillor J P Vickers at the meeting. He stated that some anti-social behaviour issues had migrated from Caistor Road to Overton Court which had been discussed but nothing further to report. Councillor Mrs W Witter reported speeding vehicles in the Brigg Road/Horkstow Road and Tofts Road area. She enquired if 30mph signage could be erected on Horkstow Road at the passing places inlets. A garden wall partially demolished by a large Tesco vehicle turning into Marsh Lane from Burgate was discussed. This prompted a call for North Lincolnshire Highways to look into this matter with the possibility of restrictions in vehicular traffic and improved signage at this narrow road entrance.

Resolved the Clerk write to North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department requesting this narrow one-way section of Marsh Lane be reviewed regarding vehicular access arrangements.

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113. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 5 July 2017**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5 July 2017, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Community Litter Pick** (*Min Ref: 69(17)(iii)/24 – BTC 05/07/17*)

Councillor J Sanderson reported the litter pick undertaken on 3 September had been successful. Three locations had been undertaken - at the interchange, the picnic area and the viewing area adjacent to the Humber bank. Approximately 14 bags of rubbish had been collected. Councillor Mr J Oxley reported that at the viewing area there were many potholes, the rubbish bins overflowing (one of which was damaged) and the toilets “appalling”. He felt that the children’s play area also needed some urgent attention regarding the play equipment etc. Councillor B Troop commented that complaints regarding the potholes had also been posted on Facebook by local residents. Councillor N Jacques stated that the maintenance issues were the responsibility of North Lincolnshire Council. Councillor K Vickers replied that North Lincolnshire Council were aware of these issues and the maintenance and regeneration matters are being looked into. He also felt these issues required immediate attention in light of recent reports.

115. **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 17 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2017 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 7 August 2017 be approved as a correct record.

(d) **Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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

5) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 4 September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

116. **Matters of Report Arising**

None

117. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of the latest Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Receipt of grass cutting schedules for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
3. Receipt of July Tourism Meeting minutes (*copy available from the council office*).
4. Receipt of North Lincolnshire Council Democratic Services Standards Committee Annual Report 2016/17 (*copy available from the council office*).
5. Receipt of ERNLLCA July newsletter (*copy available from the council office*).
6. Copy of letter sent to Councillor Mrs Pearson from June Barclay, a descendant of the Wright Taylor family, who gave Baysgarth Park to the town, expressing her pleasure at the work to improve the park and hopefully get Green Flag Status (*copy enclosed*)(*Min Ref: 350/146 – BTC 03/05/17*).
7. Concerns from local resident regarding the changes to the Nat West mobile bank in Barton which now attends once a week on a Thursday morning as opposed to twice a week.
8. Response from North Lincolnshire Council regarding water supply at Barton Cemetery (*copy enclosed*) (*Min Ref: 75/27 – BTC 05/07/17*).
9. Receipt of certified Annual Return and external auditor report for the town council accounts ended 31 March 2017 (*Min Ref: 349/145 – BTC 03/05/17*).
10. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Officer enquiring if the town council has considered a community-led Neighbourhood Plan following conversation with town council representatives at the Local Plan consultation event in March (*Min Ref: 277(c)(3)/115 – PC 20/2/17*).
11. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Licencing and Environmental Health Teams with confirmation of arrangements being satisfactory for the Christmas Festival 2017 and granting a Premises Licence for the event (*Min Ref: 300(iv)(vi)/123 – CC 06/03/17*).
12. Thanks from Barton Athletics Club for the recent donation (*Min Ref: 89(a)/31 – F&GP 24/07/17*).
13. Notification of CPRE AGM and talk by Kevin Leahy on Saturday 2 September 2017. To be held at Worlaby Village Hall at 1.00pm.
14. Request from Baysgarth School for remainder of funding towards the School Sports Village Grant (*Min Ref: 81/32 – F&GP 25/07/16*) (£1,444.32 of the £8,000 was released in January 2017 towards signage on the skate park – *Min Ref: -224(4)(i)/93 – BTC 04/01/17*).
15. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Property Information of changes to street numbering on Eastfield Road with plot adjacent to 57 becoming 55 Eastfield Road.
16. Thanks from The Salvation Army for the recent donation (*Min Ref: 89(d)/31 – F&GP 24/07/17*).
17. CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2017 results received with Barton in 3rd place in the small town group, along with invite to attend presentation evening on Monday 16 October 2017 at 7.30pm in Elsham Village Hall. Copy of judge's comments about Barton also received.
18. Information received to advertise in Kingfisher visitor guide 'Welcome to Hull & East Yorkshire'. Sample booklet and details available from the council office.
19. Details of NHS NLCCG first meeting of the Humber, Coast and Vale Building Health Partnerships programme on 13 September at Swanland Village Hall 1-4pm, to bring together people to see what needs to change in our health and care system.

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20. Notification of BCCRP OGM on 11 September 2017 at 10.45am at Grimsby Town Railway Station.
21. Newsletter from Rural Health Network with a round-up of rural health news, research, learning and best practice (*copy available from the council office*).
22. Minutes from the August Barton NAT meeting and details of next meeting on 17 October 2017 at 6.30pm in the Assembly Rooms.
23. Request from North Lincolnshire Tour of Britain Team for details of any aerial art along the bike route for inclusion in helicopter shots, as part of the television coverage (*Min Ref:41(8)/16 - BTC 07/06/17*).
24. Request from North Lincolnshire Council for contact details of another person additional to Councillor P Vickers as Deputy Snow Warden for Barton.

Resolved

- (i) Councillor N Pinchbeck felt it was fantastic that a descendant of the Wright Taylor family (former owners of Baysgarth Park) had recognised the improvement works currently being undertaken in Baysgarth Park. Councillor K Vickers commented that he was concerned by Councillor Mrs D Pearson's attitude to the improvement programme as she had contacted external funder's and descendants of Baysgarth Park expressing her displeasure of the improvement works. He felt that she should abide by the town council's previous majority decision to endorse the improvements for the good of everyone in the town, including visitors and to gain Green Flag status (*item 6*);
- (ii) Councillor Mrs W Witter felt the town council needed to keep a close watch on this matter. Councillor J P Vickers reported that North Lincolnshire Council are looking into the fencing problems and damage caused to the cemetery (*item 8*);
- (iii) the North Lincolnshire Council Planning officer to be invited to attend a future town council meeting to talk about community-led Neighbourhood Plans (*item 10*);
- (iv) the outstanding funding of £6,555.68 to be released from the town council to Baysgarth School towards the new school sports village (*item 14*);
- (v) the Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor F Coulsey to attend the presentation evening on behalf of the town council (*item 17*);
- (vi) it was agreed the Deputy Snow Warden to be Councillor N Jacques. North Lincolnshire Council to be informed of contact details. The Snow Warden, Councillor J P Vickers, had recently attended the training event and supplies of salt for the town is in storage (*item 24*);
- (vii) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

118. Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda

1. Details of NHS North Lincolnshire CCG Health Matters 6 event regarding securing the future of our local health and care services at Heslam Park, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe on Wednesday 4 October 2017 from 1-4pm.

Resolved

- (i) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

119. Accounts for Payment

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £2,250.02 (A/cs 103 to 120) and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,215.67 (A/cs 121 to 127) - a grand total of £8,465.69;
- (ii) petty cash expenses for August 2017 are £130.70;

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(iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for June and July 2017 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk;

(iv) payment of the August accounts in the sum of £15,837.42 were duly made on 2 August and petty cash expenses were £108.15 (*Min Ref: 72/26 – BTC 05/0717 refers*).

120. Recognition For Sean Blackburn's Recent Achievements

Councillor N Pinchbeck reported that local strongman Sean Blackburn had won various World, European and British weightlifting championships putting Barton-upon-Humber on the map. It was agreed and

Resolved the town council office invite Sean Blackburn to attend a town council meeting, to give a brief talk on his recent achievements and for the town council to present him with a certificate of merit for his weightlifting achievements.

121. Town Council Facebook Page

Councillor B Troop had received requests from members of the public for the set-up of a Facebook page. Much discussion took place regarding this issue and the roles/responsibilities of members/officers of the town council. It was agreed and

Resolved that a Facebook page to be set up for outgoing town council information purposes only and monitored and set up by Councillors N Pinchbeck and B Troop. The town council office to forward town council public information as they currently do for the website page. Any relevant comments put forward by members of the public on the Facebook page to be reported at town council meetings by Councillors N Pinchbeck and B Troop for either notification purposes or comment by the town council. Terms of reference to be drawn up and agreed by the town council for the Facebook page.

122. Photographs of Town Councillors

Councillor Ms J Warton felt photographs of members need to be published against the town councillors contact details in the Bartonian magazine. This would allow the public to recognise who they are more easily. Councillor Mrs W Witter supported the idea and to also include ID badges as well. Discussion took place regarding town councillor identification, photographs, the town council website page, noticeboards and Facebook etc. The Clerk commented that the Bartonian currently did not have enough space on the back page to include photographs therefore an alternative page would probably have to be looked into. It was felt the best way forward was for the April edition of the Bartonian to have a centre page pull out insert with councillor photographs and contact details, with details of the Annual Town Meeting. It was agreed and

Resolved Councillor Ms J Warton to look into who will take the photographs and the cost involved and Councillor J Sanderson to look into the cost of ID badges. For further report to the town council.

123. Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives

(a) Councillor J P Vickers

Councillor J P Vickers commented about the fantastic North Lincolnshire Tour of Britain Stage 3 Cycle Race on 5 September. Despite inclement weather on the day, it was very successful. The latest offsted report for local education services has been classified as "outstanding". The work to Pasture road paths and the coastal paths was on-going and the Baysgarth School 3G pitch delayed until October. The Heritage Weekend and the Carnival were exciting events for the forthcoming weekend.

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(b) Councillor K Vickers

Councillor K Vickers reported that a planning application was in hand at North Lincolnshire Council for the Lidl supermarket proposals in the town. Councillor N Jacques felt that a Neighbourhood Plan would have ensured any development proposals like 'Top Field' would have not been allowed. He also enquired about the North Lincolnshire Council plans to combine the Tofts Road Daycentre, the Library and Leisure Centre facilities under one roof. He urged everyone to attend the consultation to be held on Monday 11 September, 3pm-7pm to view the plans and make comment. He stated the proposals to pare down the adult section of the library was particularly concerning. Councillor J P Vickers felt there was room for improvement on the proposals put forward. Councillor K Vickers stated that whilst the current proposals were not ideal, careful thought was needed to progress this matter. In light of other authorities cutting back and dispensing with library services etc, it was better to look at enhancing the combined services to the best advantage in the town. Councillor Mrs J Oxley felt that all age groups needed to be catered for in the proposals and Councillor Mrs A Clark wished the current level of service in their respective buildings to remain in-situ. She felt taking services further out of the town centre was not ideal.

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

(a) Barton Civic Society

Councillor N Jacques reported that at the last meeting the Civic Society had expressed many concerns regarding relocation of the library and the proposals put forward by North Lincolnshire Council. These would be put forward at the consultation meeting next week. The Civic Society would also be awarding the town council with a "Good Mark" award for the public seat project recently undertaken.

(b) Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership

Councillor N Jacques stated the consultation had commenced regarding the franchise issues for August 2019. The Partnership were putting forward proposals which include to improve the level of train services with an hourly and Sunday service, service via Lincoln and various line/station upgrades. Information signage and improvements to customer information facilities were also being put forward to improve the service. He hoped both the town council and North Lincolnshire Council would endorse these proposals.

Councillor Mrs D Pearson and Councillor J P Vickers left the meeting.

With reference to the North Lincolnshire Council proposals to combine various services in the town as previously discussed above, Councillor Mr J Oxley felt the swimming pool at the Leisure Centre was far too small and the complex needed rebuilding. He felt that a supermarket/public house was not required at the 'Top Field' site and queried some of the recent actions by the North Lincolnshire Council Leader, Councillor R Waltham MBE.

Councillor J P Vickers returned to the meeting.

125. **The Mayoral Role**

The Mayor, Councillor C Ulliott read out a statement. He commented that due to having to re-locate out of the town due to personal reasons, he would, with reluctance, resign from his position of Town Mayor and also Town Councillor of the town council with immediate effect after this meeting. He wished to thank members and officers of the town council for their help and assistance during his period of office and he had thoroughly enjoyed serving the town as both Councillor and Mayor.

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Following advice given from Democratic Services at North Lincolnshire Council, he was informed that he would be in a position to stand for election/co-option for the vacancy of town councillor in due course. He expressed his intention to stand for office again and hoped the town council would support him in this matter.

Councillor J P Vickers wished to thank Councillor Ulliott for the service he had given to the town council during his period of office and respected his current circumstances.

The Town Clerk stated that she had sought advice in this matter from North Lincolnshire Council Democratic Services and the Local Councils Association, ERNLLCA. Following Councillor Ulliott's resignation, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck will automatically fulfil the role of Mayor until the next scheduled meeting of the council to be held on Wednesday 4 October. At that meeting, the first order of business must be to elect a new Chairman of the Council/Town Mayor. This could be the present Deputy or any other councillor. For the avoidance of doubt, the post of Mayor cannot be left vacant. If no chair is elected, the council cannot transact any business.

Should Councillor Ulliott fulfil the qualification set out in the Local Government Act 1972, section 79, he will be able to stand for office to fill the vacancy he has created. Following advice received from Democratic Services by the Clerk, this was deemed to be in order to do so.

The town council conveyed sincere thanks to Councillor Ulliott for his service given to the town council, respecting the current position Councillor Ulliott was faced with.

The Chairman, Councillor C Ulliott closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

..... Chairman 4 October 2017