

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2018 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor N Pinchbeck (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, Mrs S Garrard-Hughes, N Jacques, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, J Sanderson, Mrs P Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, A Todd, B Troop, J P Vickers, K Vickers, Ms J Warton and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present Three Representatives of Barton Churches Together and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting commencing, the winners of the Christmas Festival Community Parade Competition 2017 were to be presented with their prizes. Three representatives attended the meeting from Barton Churches Together, whereby Reverend Nichola Jones accepted the award on behalf of the group. Orkidz Pre-School won first prize, Rainbow Kindergarten second prize and Barton Churches Together third prize.

234. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Reverend Nichola Jones read out the Town Prayer.

235. **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.

236. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs D Pearson (unwell), C Ulliott (work commitments) and I Welch.

237. **Declarations of Interest**

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

Correspondence (2) and Correspondence After (3) – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

238. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers stated that the next NAT meeting is to be held mid-January. Vehicles have been seized by the Police for road traffic offences have been reported. Councillor A Todd stated that the Humberside Police crime reports for incidents/arrests over the festive period locally had been minimal.

239. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 6 December 2017**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6 December 2017, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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240. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Market Place Bus Shelter** (*Min Ref: 210(a)/82 – BTC 06/12/17*)

Councillor Mrs W Witter enquired if any progress had been made regarding this matter. It was reported that the North Lincolnshire Council Regeneration 2018 group would be discussing this matter at the next meeting to be held next week.

(b) **Boots the Chemist** (*Min Ref: 213(14)/83 – BTC 06/12/17*)

Councillor N Pinchbeck stated he had attended a meeting with representatives of Boots the Chemist in the town council office last month. Pharmacy provision for the town was discussed and future provision for the town's developing needs. The Regional Manager of Boots was visiting Barton-upon-Humber for the first time and was impressed with the town. He stated that good relations existed between the two chemists serving the community and he was also impressed with the new Lidl development/pub/restaurant proposals. He felt this was positive that businesses are prepared to make investment in the town. Some staffing improvements have already been made to the local Boots store recently. It was concluded with the representatives of Boots going back to speak to their Estates Department to look into issues concerning the store in the town. To be followed up in due course by Councillor N Pinchbeck.

241. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Community Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Planning Committee Meeting held on 13 December 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 18 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

242. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Picnic in the Park & Christmas Festival Events 2018** (*Min Ref: 224/87 – CC 11/12/17*)

Councillor A Todd commented that the dates for this year's above events were not concluded at the Community Committee meeting. Due to the lack of volunteer councillors available to attend and assist on the pre-programmed dates these last few years, it was deemed that the town council as a whole needed to determine what the proposed dates of the events should be because of this.

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Members of the council discussed this matter and wished the events to be held on the same dates as in previous years, being the first Sunday in August and the last Saturday in November respectively. It was agreed and

Resolved Picnic in the Park to be held on Sunday 5 August 2018 and the Christmas Festival Saturday 24 November 2018.

(b) **Expenditure for 2018/2019** – (*Min Ref: 226/88 – CC 11/12/17*)

Councillor A Todd stated that budget submissions for the Community Committee for the forthcoming year had been carefully looked into and kept relatively the same as in the previous year.

243. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of the latest Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Email from local resident regarding parking in the town centre (*copy enclosed*).
3. Letter of thanks from Castledyke Primary School for the recent donation following their attendance at the Christmas Festival.
4. Notification of a change to the 350 bus service from 2 January 2018 with a copy of the new timetable. The changes are journeys at 1935hrs from Hull and 2110hrs from Scunthorpe will no longer operate.
5. Notification from NALC that the secretary of state for communities and local government has confirmed the government intends to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles for town and parish councils. This is subject to the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for council tax increases and the government seeing clear evidence of restraint in the increases set by the sector as a whole.
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Finance that the taxbase for Parish Council Precept for 2018/19 has been confirmed at their recent meeting, but it has not made a decision on the grant. It is still considering the basis on which it wishes to distribute the grant for 2018/19 which will be decided early in the New Year.
7. Notification of changes to street numbering on Elmdale in Barton, plot adjacent 7 to become number 9.

Resolved

(i) extensive discussion took place regarding the availability of vehicular parking space in the town centre. This included one way system proposals, traffic statistics undertaken by North Lincolnshire Council, car park charges, town centre short term 3 hour parking only, an historical traffic/parking survey undertaken by a local resident, foreshore area parking, permit systems, parking for local business owners requiring all day parking, land for sale adjacent to the Tesco store, parking for shoppers in the town centre, possible public parking at the football and cricket club car parks, parking on land adjacent to the Catholic Church, possible parking at the lay-by area at the entrance into the town adjacent to the Humber Bridge roundabout on the A1077 and current negotiations between North Lincolnshire Council and Network Rail regarding long term parking adjacent to the railway station/bus interchange. Councillor N Jacques proposed that in the interim, it may be prudent for the town council to write to the Tesco store in the town asking if any of their car park could be designated for public use. A vote was taken with the majority in favour of the proposal. The Clerk to write to Tesco with the town council's suggestion. The local resident to be informed of this also (*item 2*);

(ii) it was reported that the changes to the bus services were due to cutbacks in the budget available for the service provision (*item 4*);

(iii) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification that North Lincolnshire Council has agreed to offer grant aid to a maximum of £6,000 for the town council's recent application to North Lincolnshire in Bloom. Their grant claim form should be completed and returned once the expenditure has been incurred, but must be claimed by 16 February 2018. A declaration to accept the grant scheme criteria needs to be signed and returned (*Min Ref: 195/76 – EC 13/11/17 refers*).
2. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Planning of consultation on an application for designation of Barrow upon Humber Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Details can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Planning section of North Lincolnshire council's website. Consultation closes on Friday 9 February 2018.
3. Email from local resident regarding parking in the town centre (*copy enclosed*).

Resolved

(i) the local resident to be notified of comments made in *min ref: 243(2)(i)/97* above. Copies of both local residents letters to be sent to North Lincolnshire Council for their information purposes (*item 3*);
(ii) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

245. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £5,669.11 (A/cs 197 to 206) and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,640.07 (A/cs 207 to 216) - a grand total of £12,309.18;
(ii) petty cash expenses for December 2017 are £ 128.60;
(iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for November 2017 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

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

(a) **Councillor J P Vickers**

Councillor J P Vickers reported he was dismayed at the recent highways re-surfacing works undertaken in the town by a contractor employed by North Lincolnshire Council. The finished surfaces on Far Ings, Western Drive, Norman Close etc, were very sub-standard. The matter was being looked into with the contractor as to why the micro-asphalt surface was not fit for purpose in this instance. Reports of damage to vehicles resulting from this was discussed and dropped signage to be looked into at the Ferriby Road roundabout.

(b) **Councillor K Vickers**

Councillor K Vickers reported that the Lidl development proposals had been passed onto the secretary of state for comment/determination. New planning proposals for the library in the town and associated services were resulting in £1.2 million investment. The details in the new plans were far removed from the original proposals and well worth consideration, particularly as other towns had already lost library services altogether. The new proposals are for a dedicated building as opposed to the previous ones for incorporating the library service into the existing leisure service building.

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Councillor Mrs W Witter enquired if North Lincolnshire Council had undergone a community governance review the same as the local town and parish councils had. As town and parish councillors are unpaid volunteers and principal authority councillors received payment, she felt, as a cost cutting exercise that the review would have covered all local councils. It was stated that the principal authority had not undergone the same review. Much debate and discussion ensued regarding this issue, with varied views and opinions put forward. These included the proposals to reduce the town council to 12 members from 22 at the next election and the resulting effect of this, the democratic process of elections/co-options of town councillors, national guidelines for the number of councillors per town/parish council and the consultation process undertaken last year to determine the outcome of the proposals and public consultation. It was acknowledged that North Lincolnshire Council had experienced problems with the consultation documents mailed to each household in the town, whereby several residents claimed not to have received these. A second hand delivered mailing was reported to have been undertaken to each household after this and also a public consultation event held at The Assembly Rooms for local residents to express their views. The town council had received correspondence and information regarding the community governance review which had been placed on the correspondence lists for various monthly town council meetings held last year. No comment had been made at the appropriate time regarding this matter by the town council. In light of mixed opinions now raised regarding this matter, it was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillors N Pinchbeck and J Sanderson, to undertake a fact finding exercise with other local town councils who had previously raised objections to the proposals to change the number of councillors on local town councils that have been affected in this process. All findings to be reported back to the town council at the February 2018 meeting;
- (ii) an agenda item to be placed on the 6 February 2018 ordinary meeting of the town council to discuss this matter further.

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

No reports received.

The Chairman, Councillor N Pinchbeck closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

..... Chairman 7 February 2018