

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr J Oxley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, N Jacques, Mrs P Sanderson and Ms J Warton.

Also Present: Councillors J Sanderson & Mrs W Witter. Mr J French (Barton Civic Society), Mr D Witter & Ms C Edwards (Barton Rotary Club) & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

19. **Election of Chairman**

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

20. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

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

21. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor F Coulosey (holiday) & Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society) holiday.

22. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

23. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

Councillor Jacques advised following a request from North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officers, they have forwarded a list of possible sites for planting semi-mature trees. They have also notified North Lincolnshire Council of significant specimen trees overgrown with ivy within the Conservation Area. Now their Beck Project has ended, they are looking at a new project, currently drawing up a project list for the Interchange area and plan to share for others views before consulting with Northern Rail before the line is taken over by East Midlands.

Mr J French mentioned the brick planter at the bottom of Fleetgate which has been damaged for some time now. They have raised this with North Lincolnshire Council, and ask if the town council could also contact them. The bushes at the Interchange need cutting back as they are causing restrictive view for traffic and some of the stone sets are coming up.

Resolved that the town council contact North Lincolnshire Council regarding the damaged brick planter at the bottom of Fleetgate.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mr D Witter introduced Ms Cynthia Edwards who would be taking over from Mr Witter as Barton Rotary Club Environment representative. He also advised they undertook a litter pick at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area as part of the British Spring Clean Up. The town council to agree a date for their British Spring Clean Up, Councillor J Sanderson offered to sort a date and arrange the event.

Resolved that Councillor J Sanderson arrange British Spring Clean Up on behalf of the town council.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor Mr J Oxley advised the Beer Festival in June had been well attended despite the rain on Saturday evening. They have a sponsored Bike Ride on 9/10 July, would be assisting at Bike Night in July and taking part in the picnic in the park in August.

24. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 12 February 2018**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 7 March 2018.

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25. **Matters Arising**

(a) **North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project** (Min Ref:- 293(b)/122)

Members were advised this Project has been completed and funding received from North Lincolnshire Council. The town council need to note, additional funding will be required when setting the budget in future years for the extra 5 planters.

(b) **Public Seat** (Min Ref:-293(c)/122)

Members were advised the original seat is no longer available, Trinity Methodist Church plan to refurbish two cast iron seat ends with timber slats and have asked if the town council would cover this cost rather than funding for a new seat. The church hopes to have the seat in place in a couple of months.

Resolved that the town council cover costs for the refurbished seat rather than purchase of a new one.

(c) **Litter and Dog Bins** (Min Ref:- 294 & 295/122)

Members were advised all bins have been ordered from North Lincolnshire Council, we are unsure when they will be fitted, but they have been chased about this work on more than one occasion.

(d) **Seat – Westfield Road** (Min Ref:-296/122)

This seat has been repaired by the town council and is back in use. As the ownership of the seat is unclear, it was agreed the town council include it in their seat maintenance schedule.

Resolved that this seat becomes part of the town council list of public seats.

(e) **Bulb Planting** (Min Ref:- 297(d)1/23)

Additional funding of £320 has been received from Barton Lions Club towards bulb planting, it was agreed to discuss planting sites for the additional bulbs at the August Environment Meeting when a copy of the current bulb planting sites would be available.

(f) **Yellow lines in Conservation Area** (Min Ref:- 291(a)(ii)/121)

Mr J French advised after the recent resurfacing work on West Acridge the yellow lines had been repainted in bright yellow rather than the primrose yellow which should be used in the Conservation Area. He has contacted North Lincolnshire Council and asked if the town council could also report this problem.

Resolved that the town council office contact North Lincolnshire Council regarding the yellow paint on West Acridge.

(g) **Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition** (Min Ref:- 297(c)(iii)/123)

Councillor J Warton advised she had visited businesses in the town centre about having hanging baskets, but the cost for watering was too much for them and basket brackets may need stress testing as they have been up for a while. They hope to have baskets up next year. The bracket testing was not something the town council could arrange, businesses would need to arrange testing independently. Letters for distribution by Councillors to properties with nice gardens and promotional posters for the competition were available for Councillors to take away from the meeting.

26. **Dog Poo Bins (Min Ref:- 379/164 – BTC 02/05/18)**

Members were advised the dog bin at top of Ferriby Road had been reinstated but the roundabout at the Forkedale junction needs maintaining; a bin was still required for the ten foot between Bowmandale and Mount Avenue. Dog bins currently cost £215 + vat for installation.

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Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council be requested to install an additional dog bin on the ten foot between Bowmandale and Mount Avenue and to tidy up the Forkedale/Ferriby Road roundabout.

27. **Humber Bank Seats – Grass Cutting**

Members were advised the town council agreed to carry out the ongoing maintenance for the 8 sponsored seats installed on the Humber Bank last year. Cost for a contractor per cut to cut the grass around all 8 seats would be £55. It was agreed to get the contractor to cut the grass once a month, but to ensure no flowers are cut down until they have died off. The cost of this work to come from Environment Earmarked Reserves for Emergency Contingency.

Resolved that the town council instruct the contractor to cut the grass around the Humber Bank Seats once a month at a cost of £55 per cut.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Oxley closed the meeting at 7.33p.m.

..... Chairman 6 June 2018