

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE MAIN HALL, ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor F Coulsey (Chairman)

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

Also Present: Councillors Mr J Sanderson & Mrs W Witter. Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society), Mr D Witter & Mrs C Edwards (Barton Rotary Club) Mr P Chapman (resident) & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

Prior to the meeting commencing, Mr P Chapman (resident of Wilderspin Heights) gave an update on his proposal for a tree screening programme on Ferriby Road which he had presented at the 6 February 2019 Town Council Meeting. He advised of discussion between himself, Councillor R Waltham (North Lincolnshire Council) and Councillor P Vickers about his programme, and quotation he had in the sum of £2,860.00 which he would like Barton Town Council to arrange and fund. Members asked about responsibility for ongoing maintenance, type of trees and funding from other sources. Mr Chapman advised as the trees would be planted on public highway North Lincolnshire Council would be responsible not residents of Wilderspin Heights. Planted trees would be 3 to 4 metres high which hopefully grow quickly to provide screening. Members were concerned the funding requested from the town council had jumped from £300 at 6 February Meeting to £2,860.00 at this Meeting for a scheme that only benefits a small number of residents. The Deputy Clerk advised she had spoken with Councillor P Vickers earlier in the day when he had requested an agenda item on the 6 March Town Council meeting to fully discuss this matter. By this time all relevant facts should be known along with funding from other sources eg Barton Lions Club, Barton Civic Society, North Lincolnshire Council and Euro Garages, before any decision could be made.

275. **Apologies for Absence**

None received.

276. **Declarations of Interest**

Planter and hanging basket contractor - Mr A Robinson (Personal Interest)

277. **Reports from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor Mr J Oxley advised Barton Lions Club plan to clean up the Millennium Wood on 10 March 2019 and assist with platform cleanup at the Rail Interchange. They had helped at the Air Raid Shelter and helped others in need. He would ask for financial support to Mr P Chapman's tree screening programme on Ferriby Road at their next meeting.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mrs C Edwards advised Barton Rotary Club had supported planting in the Chad Varah Memorial Garden, purchased a tree for the Garden and would support any clean up being organised. Councillor J Sanderson advised he had registered the Town Council for Great British Spring Clean between 22 March and 23 April 2019, all help greatly appreciated.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

Councillor N Jacques advised Barton Civic Society would assist the Great British Spring Clean at the Rail Interchange. He circulated copies of plans for improving this area which still had to be considered at the next Civic Society meeting before being publicly available. Their plan is in 3 stages; initially they hope to increase parking spaces in the bus area, followed by changes to the car park layout to increase the number of spaces. Extending the public footpath and moving the car park entrance/exit further along Butts Road. A public consultation will be held in due course for local resident's to comment, funding is also needed. In answer to a Members question, they hope to have toilets in the new waiting area.

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278. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 12 November 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 5 December 2018.

279. **Matters Arising**

(a) **North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project** (Min Ref:- 187(a)/79)

Members were advised of North Lincolnshire Council approval for the Winter in Bloom Community Project application of £2,970.36. This allows the 2 additional planters to be installed at The Co-op in Market Lane, to stop vehicles parking on the footpath and tidying the grass area at Barton Viewing Area between the public toilets and the Boathouse. All relevant permission for this work from landowners has been granted. The Project will be sorted before North Lincolnshire Council's deadline for claiming the funding on 8 March 2019. Any planting work at the Viewing Area will be undertaken after winter but invoices will be paid before the deadline. It was noted North Lincolnshire Council Environment Team who have responsibility for Barton Viewing Area, have advised any future bulb planting should be restricted to the area around the Boathouse and Car Park, not the wider Local Nature Reserve.

(b) **Litter Bin Newport** (Min Ref:- 188/79)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council has agreed to install a post mounted bin for £150 ex vat after checking if they had capacity to service another bin in Barton. This will be sorted in the 2019/2020 financial year. It was agreed to check if a dog bin is still available at Barton Viewing Area following reports unable to find one.

280. **Trees at The Willows Green**

Councillor Mrs Witter advised the trees in the middle of the grass area at The Willows have been cut down. It was agreed to contact Ongo to find out why they have been removed and if replacement flowering trees will be planted. It was felt as the area is a cul-de-sac there is not much for residents to look at, trees would improve their view.

Resolved that Ongo to be contacted about replacing the flowering trees and check why they were cut down.

281. **Forward Planning 2019**

Mr A Robinson left the room while item (a) was discussed.

(a) **Planters and Hanging Baskets**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the current 26 planters and 20 hanging baskets for the town. Prices for this work should be sought from three contractors. Due to the planting season starting very soon, it was agreed to request three prices and authorise the Chairman and Town Council Office to accept the best price if within budget for this scheme to continue.

Resolved that three prices to be requested and the Chairman and Town Council Office to be authorised to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

(b) **Community Planting at Barrow Road and Ferriby Road**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the community planting schemes on Barrow Road and Ferriby Road it was noted a price had been received from the current contractor, North Lincolnshire Council. This was accepted at the 5 February 2019 Town Council Meeting to meet conditions for having Service Level Agreements with the Local Authority to assist with our Precept Grant Conditions. It was agreed to contact North Lincolnshire Council as the Ferriby Road flowerbeds had been disturbed during the new Lidl store development, not all soil was put back. Also agreed to check when the left hand side verge would be reinstated.

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Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council be contacted regarding the Ferriby Road flowerbeds disturbance and when the left hand side verge would be reinstated.

(c) Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition

Members discussed this event and agreed to organise in the same format as previous years with the same judging as 2018. Publicity to get additional entries with posters around the town, letter for members to post to properties with nice gardens, inviting them to take part in the competition implemented last year to continue. As none of the local schools entered the School Hanging Basket section in 2018 it was agreed not to include this section. It was noted Wilderspin National School Museum were looking at organising a schools competition and could utilise the trophy purchased by Barton Lions Club. Councillor Mr J Oxley will liaise with the Museum about this. The competition banner is to be installed on Ferriby Road if still possible.

Resolved that:-

- (i) This event to be in the same format as previous years, with a presentation evening in September;
- (ii) Publicity to be organised with posters, banner and letters to properties with nice gardens.

(d) Bulb Planting

Members were advised Barton Lions Club had already match-funded additional bulbs for around the town. It was agreed for Councillors Mrs P Sanderson and Mrs W Witter to go round the town in spring to update the bulb planting sites list with any new areas or current areas needing additions, for the list to be updated and considered at the next Environment Committee meeting. It was noted Barton Rotary Club have purple crocus bulbs available for planting to represent their Polio Eradication Drive. A reminder to plant bulbs in a bunch in grass, not spread around is important so grass can be cut around bulbs. It was noted North Lincolnshire Council have requested no further bulbs planted in the Millennium Wood. Bulb planting date will be Saturday 19 October 2019.

Resolved that spring bulbs to be purchased within budget, for planting in areas to be agreed at the next Environment Committee Meeting from the updated list.

The Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey closed the meeting at 7.45p.m.

..... Chairman 6 March 2019