

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES of MEETING HELD in the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER
on THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING at 7.00 pm

In attendance:

The Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck (Chairman)

Town Councillors F Coulsey, J Evison, N Jacques, 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, Sgt Timothy Rion (Barton Policing Team) representing Humberside Police, 10 local residents, Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillors Mrs S Evison (unwell)

1. **Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman, Councillor N Pinchbeck welcomed the attending public, also extending a welcome to introduce a representative of Humberside Police, and Members of Barton-upon-Humber Town Council. He stated unfortunately no representative was available to attend from North Lincolnshire Council but questions put forward this evening will be passed onto them for response.

2. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 14 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

3. **Barton-upon-Humber Town Council Annual Reports 2018/2019**

Consideration was given to the above mentioned Annual Reports, circulated with the April 2019 issue of the 'Bartonian'. Members of the public were given a brief resume and invited to ask relevant questions.

(a) **Community Committee** (Chairman: Councillor B Troop)

Consideration was given to the Annual Report. No questions were raised from members of the public.

(b) **Environment Committee** (Chairman: Councillor F Coulsey)

Consideration was given to the Annual Report. No questions were raised from members of the public.

(c) **Finance & General Purposes Committee** (Chairman: Councillor K Vickers)

Consideration was given to the Annual Report. No questions were raised from members of the public.

(d) **Planning Committee** (Chairman: Councillor J Sanderson)

Consideration was given to the Annual Report. No questions were raised from members of the public.

4. **Questions for Barton Policing Team**

- **Ms J King** – Ms King’s question was read out regarding drug related issues in the town. Sgt Rion encouraged members of the public to report information to the Police, so that a picture could be built. He stated he could not go into operational details, but monitoring was undertaken and warrants issued to various offenders. The Police undertake partnership working with several relevant agencies regarding this matter, and in this day and age drug activity occurred everywhere in the UK.
- **Mr K Whiting** – Mr Whiting’s question was read out regarding vehicular parking blocking paths etc. Sgt Rion explained the Police was not always the first port of call regarding these issues as it was not a priority to do so. Mainly, it was the Traffic Officer who dealt with this. Traffic problems should be reported directly onto the North Lincolnshire Council website.
- **Mr A Taylor** – Mr Taylor’s question was read out regarding incidents of motorcyclists using rural footpaths. Sgt Rion commented that such issues were dealt with via a section 59 breach and section 3 for inconsiderate driving etc. Fines are issued and bikes sometimes ceased. However, members of the public need to report such incidents to the Police with details so the matter can be investigated as and when they happen. North Lincolnshire Council to be consulted about this issue for advice also.

5. **Questions for North Lincolnshire Council**

- **Mr A Taylor** – questioned the North Lincolnshire Council Ward Members regarding concerns of the appeal submitted by E G Garages relating to land off Ferriby Road for a 24/7 operation. Mr Taylor asked the Ward Members if they would resign if the people of Barton are blighted by the development. Councillor J Evison said no, they wouldn’t. He stated that you cannot win every battle, as some things are beyond their control. Currently, the appeal lies with the Planning Inspectorate and this is the law of the land. However, he felt an awful lot of money has been brought into the town by the Ward Members, notably Baysgarth School new build and Bowmandale Primary School improvement schemes, which are allowing a good standard of education facilities for the town. £529k has been provided for local community groups and £12m for Goxhill to Winteringham flood relief improvements.

6. **Questions from the floor**

- **Mr P Chapman** – queried the ‘Wilderspin Heights nightly light show’ from the Lidl development, with E G Garages applying for a similar alignment. He questioned the illumination output, light pollution and general planning application details. Councillor J Evison stated he would need to bring this up with the North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department. Councillor J P Vickers commented that the latest planning application for E G Garages had just appeared on the NLC website and had yet to go through the planning process. He stated that a lot had been learnt from the Lidl development application however, it is important to work together for positive outcomes in these matters. Councillor K Vickers reported that the appeal process was proceeding with the Planning Inspectorate investigating the matter. This he said was out of the hands of North Lincolnshire Council, which had objected to the planning application previously. Mr Chapman stated he wanted to be a good neighbour to the development but wanted to get the light issues deflected. The removal of the mature trees on Ferriby Road was questioned but a new tree planting scheme was to be undertaken across the road from the development. It was acknowledged that Lidl wished to have their store visible but that sympathetic tree planting was required to screen the development from local resident’s properties.

- **Ms K Wilson** – felt the new path running through Baysgarth Park is excellent. She enquired about any proposals for a lighting scheme on the path. Councillor J P Vickers replied that no lighting scheme was planned, mainly due to the wildlife/birdlife. It is a natural biodiversity habitat for them. However, a business plan is being undertaken for the park in respect of the Green Flag status and future of the park. He will speak to the group about this matter.
- **Mr D Warren** – wished to know what the Ward Members thought of road conditions in the town. He felt that Butts Road, Whitecross Street/Pasture Road etc all needed work doing to them. He stated that money had been spent on a road improvement scheme on Risby Road between Dragonby top and Appleby. Councillor J Evison responded that he had no knowledge behind the improvement scheme. However, he would look into the matter regarding the ‘strip’ left in the middle of the road on Beck Hill after recent resurfacing work. It was noted that the road network in the UK has been neglected for many years but over the next 5 years additional funding has been set aside by North Lincolnshire Council for improvement schemes to be undertaken. Mr Warren queried the improvement works carried out at Deepdale recently asking why is this not in Barton as only a few people reside at Deepdale. Councillor N Pinchbeck replied that Deepdale was a well-used road needing improvement works along with the rest of the town. Councillor K Vickers commented that a slurry seal resurfacing road scheme undertaken last year by a contractor appointed by North Lincolnshire Council had not been successful in the Market Place/Whitecross Street so that a proper job was now being undertaken to rectify the problem.
- **Mr D Warren** – felt the new led lights in the town were good but queried why have some being done twice? Councillor J Evison responded that could the Ward Members be contacted as and when this type of thing happens, so they can investigate the problem at the time. Whilst he would look into why this happened, the role of the Ward Members was not the direction of operational issues. North Lincolnshire Council to be contacted for response regarding this matter.
- **Ms J King** - queried the procedure for reporting issues she highlighted at the Police Station. Sgt Rion explained this depended upon the nature of the problem reported and that rules and procedures had to be followed. Ms King then questioned a personal visit she had made to the Police Station. Councillor J P Vickers explained that the local NAT group undertook ward priorities and that two new additional cctv cameras were to be erected in the town centre, financed by the town council. Partnership working of agencies was providing positive outcomes to various anti-social behaviour issues in the town. It was noted that as from January 2019, a 24hr Police response team was in operation, together with local Policing and patrol work. Facts and figures for 2018/2019 were quoted with one officer being responsible for gathering 71 crime offences.
- **Mr D Warren** – questioned £100k being spent on a new road and bridge at Pasture Road. He felt this could be achieved far cheaper elsewhere. Councillor J P Vickers commented that the finance was being obtained by the local Football Club from the Football Foundation, £50k from North Lincolnshire Council and also other parties to keep costs down to a set budget. The improvement works had been granted planning approval from the local authority and was a good scheme for the town. Councillor Mr J Oxley stated that the Junior Football teams in the town was extensive, attracting a lot of vehicular parking. The scheme would take these vehicles off the road, for road safety concerns. Councillor J Evison concluded that the scheme was not that of North Lincolnshire Council or Barton Town Council, it was the Football Club’s project with a logical approach undertaken to the planning and budget of it.

7. **Items for discussion or report at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

The Chairman, Councillor N Pinchbeck thanked everyone present at the meeting, including the speakers and members of the public for their comments and attendance.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 p.m.

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1 May 2019