

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019 - COMMENCING at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark.

Also Present: Councillor J Sanderson. N Jacques & N Land (Barton Civic Society), Mrs C Edwards (Barton Rotary Club) & Mr F Coulseay. Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

131. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mrs J Oxley (bereavement) Mr J French & Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society), Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) & Mrs W Witter.

132. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

133. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mrs C Edwards advised they had planted 5,000 bulbs in Baysgarth Park with guidance from the park keeper and would not need to pass any surplus for planting at the town council bulb planting day. The Rotary Club were thanked for carrying out this work. A letter of thanks to be sent from the town council.

Resolved that Barton Town Council send a letter of thanks to Barton Rotary Club for planting the 5,000 bulbs themselves in Baysgarth Park.

(b) **Barton Civic Society**

Councillor N Jacques advised they would be meeting with North Lincolnshire Council Highways to progress their Interchange plans. The Neighbourhood Plan process had started; next step for the Civic Society Steering Group would be sorting their terms of reference then getting groups and businesses in the town involved. Hopefully meeting again in the New Year.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor A Chapman advised they would be assisting at the town council bulb planting day in October; also interested in planting wildflowers in verges. They are liaising with Friends of the Barton Line to assist clearing up the second station platform.

(d) **Mr F Coulseay** (Min Ref:- 96(13)(iv)/41 – BTC 04/09/19)

Mr Coulseay advised he had attended the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition Presentation Evening on behalf of the town council to collect our 2nd prize certificate in the Small Town Group. We also received £75 in vouchers for Brigg Garden Centre, he suggested spending the vouchers on enhancing the picnic area created down at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area, from our latest North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project funding.

134. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 3 June 2019**

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 3 July 2019.

135. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Bulb Planting Sites 2019** (Min Ref:- 26/11)

Members were advised the Chairman Councillor J Evison had liaised with the office to organise bulb planting sites for 2019 from the list in the council office, namely in Baysgarth Park as part of the Friends of Baysgarth Park project, Caistor Road by the far town sign, Oak Drive, Park View circle, Gravill Pit Lane, Maltkiln Road and wildflowers in Baysgarth Park, The Beck and Humber Bridge

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Viewing Area. It was agreed to move the bulb planting date to Saturday 26 October 2019 to join with the Friends of Baysgarth Park planting day if feasible, or a later date once confirmation of availability is known, for further report to all members. Beretun Green was also suggested as a possible planting site along with any others from the list in the town council office if needed.

Resolved that the town council bulb planting to be re-arranged once availability is known, all members to be advised accordingly.

(b) **Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition** (Min Ref:- 25(b)/11)

Members were advised following the Presentation Evening for this competition when 3 of the 4 winners were unable to attend to receive their prizes, Mr M Martin who had entered and attended the evening had been in touch. He expressed his views that the competition rules should be changed that any prize is conditional upon attending the presentation evening or sending a substitute and that in default the prize will be forfeited to the next award in time, alternatively the presentation should be woven into some other event. It was agreed the competition and presentation evening should be discussed at the 10 February 2020 Environment Committee Meeting.

Resolved that the Best Kept Garden/Hanging Basket Competition and Presentation Evening to be discussed at the 10 February 2020 Environment Committee Meeting.

136. **Barton Civic Society's report for a 20mph speed limit on Fleetgate** (Min Ref:-23(i)/10–EC 3/6/19)

Mr Nigel Land from Barton Civic Society explained his 20mph speed limit and weight restriction report for Fleetgate, which had been emailed to Members prior to this meeting. He pointed out concerns for road traffic accidents and traffic vibration damaging buildings on this narrow street. Members felt 20mph speed limit appeared reasonable but should look at the North Lincolnshire Speed Management Strategy survey before making a decision. A copy of this survey to be sent to Councillors before further discussion of 20mph speed limit on Fleetgate at 11 November 2019 Environment Committee Meeting. Councillor Chapman asked if the cobbles caused further vibration and the Chairman advised work is currently going on to deal with this matter. Councillor Mrs Clark felt it was sometimes difficult to cross Fleetgate in a mobility scooter.

Resolved that copy of the North Lincolnshire Speed Management Strategy survey to be sent to Councillors before further discussion of 20mph speed limit on Fleetgate at 11 November 2019 Environment Committee Meeting.

137. **Grass verges wildflowers and wildlife** (Min Ref:- 59(24)(xi)/24)

Members considered planting wildflowers in verges where daffodils are currently planted to allow these areas to be left longer before grass cutting is started in spring, while the daffodils die off. It was suggested to trial no more than 3 areas in the town to see if it would work, noting the area would need scarifying before seeds planted. The triangle grass area at The Beck, Underpass area, verge at junction of Far Ings Road/ Humber Road and between trees at Barrow Mere picnic area were all suggested.

Resolved that the 3 areas to be trialled with wildflowers will be triangle grass area at The Beck, verge at junction of Far Ings Road/ Humber Road and between trees at Barrow Mere picnic area, Councillor J Evison will advise seeds to be used.

138. **Barton Cemetery Improvements** (Min Ref:- 68/27 – BTC 3/7/19)

The Chairman advised the watering buckets bought 3 or 4 years ago need to be replaced, a rack for hanging buckets near the second tap would also be useful. It was suggested to get Barrie Newton to give a price for this work with funding from Environment repairs/renewals earmarked reserve for 2019/2020.

Resolved that request Barrie Newton give a price for the above work with funding taken from Environment repairs/renewals earmarked reserve for 2019/2020.

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139. **Public Footpath claim through Far Ings Nature Reserve**

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council's Definitive Map coordinator had been in touch regarding an application lodged by a resident for a claimed public footpath leading through the nature reserve and enquiring if we had any historical documents or evidence to support the claim. A copy of an Urban District Council parish path map had been forwarded which did indicate a path of some description in this area, but without a public footpath number. It was agreed to support this public footpath claim and ask anyone with any evidence to forward it to North Lincolnshire Council Definitive Map coordinator.

Resolved that Barton Town Council support the claim to a public footpath through Far Ings Nature Reserve and ask anyone with evidence to forward that information to North Lincolnshire Council Definitive Map coordinator.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison closed the meeting at 6.35p.m.

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6 November 2019