

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held via ZOOM
On MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)
Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark and N Jacques

Also Present: Councillor Sanderson, Ms T Broughton (Town Clerk) & Mrs C Bramley (Deputy Town Clerk)

145. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mrs Oxley (personal)

146. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Lions Club – Councillor A Chapman (personal interest)
Barton Civic Society – Councillor N Jacques (personal interest)

147. **Reports from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

It was reported that Barton Lions Club members have yet to help at Far Ings Nature Reserve as they have not been permitted access there to date. On Sunday 1 November Barton Lions Club started work at the Barton Train Station clearing brambles and overgrown bushes to expose the platform. It is hoped work will continue there on 6 December however this will be dependent on national restrictions in place regarding COVID-19. The annual bulb planting has been supported with £250 donation.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

The Town Council have been advised that meetings are still suspended until further notice. Therefore they do not have any items to report.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

Barton Civic Society have been in discussion with North Lincolnshire Council regarding the list of tree sites and have requested a Google map of the proposed sites to enable an assessment for highways site issues and the suitability of the species recommended. There is concern that the Derelict Building Sub Group has not met since March and there had been previous success from the group. Environment Sub Committee has been working with Ongo regarding the derelict land on Soutergate. Ongo have now cleared the land enabling the possibility of a community orchard or tree planting. However there is a lot of rubbish still on the site and the Sub Committee does not have access to a trailer. The Chairman will liaise with the Derelict Building Sub Group to arrange a meeting. Barton Lions Club would be approached to enquire if any of the members have access to a trailer to facilitate the removal of the rubbish from Soutergate once it is safe to do so.

148. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 7 September 2020**

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 October 2020.

149. **Matters Arising**

- (a) **Annual Bulb Planting** (Min Ref:- 86(c)/34)

Spring bulbs (daffodil, crocus & snowdrops) have been supplied to all 4 schools in Barton for pupils to plant themselves. Barton Lions Club donated £250 towards this. A letter of thanks has been sent.

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(b) **Planters & Hanging Baskets** (Min Ref:- 88(a)/34)

The vandalised planter on King Street will be moved to Whitecross street by the contractor in the spring as it has already been planted up for autumn making it too heavy to move. Members discussed options for the maintenance work on the hanging baskets and planters.

Resolved Clerk to prepare specifications for the whole contract with clear definition of the work and the location of the work.

(c) **Public Seats** (Min Ref: 88(d)/35)

New public seats made by J W Stamp & Sons are now installed on Fleetgate and Far Ings Road. Letters have been sent to local residents regarding the potential seat at Millfields/Tofts Road junction as requested by resident. (Min Ref:-42(6)(i)/16)

(d) **Litterbins** (Min Ref:- 88(e)/35&89/36)

North Lincolnshire Council have advised only a small additional litterbin can be installed at High St/Finkle Lane junction, due to layout of the highway a large bin will cause safety issue to highway users. (North Lincolnshire Council have been advised to go ahead with this) Further to request for dog waste bins on Mallard Way, Pasture Road North and North Lincolnshire Council notification of costs to include this in their emptying schedule of £7 per bin per week. Barton Town Council have chased the request for a copy of an up-to-date list of litterbins/dog waste bins in Barton but no reply has been received. The free standing litter bin near *One Stop Shop* on Fleetgate has been noted as overflowing. It was suggested that a larger litter bin was situated there.

Resolved

- (i) The Chairman to contact North Lincolnshire Council with regards to an up-to-date list of litterbins and dog waste bins in Barton.
- (ii) The Chairman to email North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the possibility of a larger litter bin replacing the current litter bin on Fleetgate.
- (iii) The Town Clerk would additionally contact North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the possibility of a larger litter bin replacing the current litter bin on Fleetgate.

150. **Expenditure for 2021/22 for submission to the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 18 January 2021.**

Budget Code	2020/21 Budget	Actual Year to date	2021/22 Budget
Stocking/Watering	3200	3124	3200
Bulb planting	320	0	320
Best Kept Gardens	330	0	330
Hanging Baskets	750	700	750
Hanging Basket			
Watering	1800	1500	1800
Litter Bins	0	0	0
Remembrance Wreath	50	50	50
CPRE YIB	30	25	30
Town Bus Grant	2200	0	2200
Community Planting	5000	3020	5000
Humber Bank Seats	300	165	300
Remembrance TM	0	0	0
Total	13980	8584	13980

Ear Marked Reserves

Grass Cut Beretun Green	1600	1100	0
FOBP	2000	2000	0
Litter Bins	600	0	0
Emergency Contingency	1000	0	0
Graffiti Cleaning	250	0	0
Repairs/renewals	3200	1960	0
Street Name Plates	200	0	0
Additional Bus Grant	2550	0	0
Trees	1000	0	0
Total	12400	5060	

Last Year's Budget	£13980
Year to date	£8584
Remaining in the Budget	£5396

Ear Marked Reserves	
Last Year's Budget	£12400
Year to date	£5060

It was stated that grants to the Town Bus are normally paid at the end of the financial year. Bulb Planting and Best Kept Garden competition (BKG) have not been taken place this year at any cost to the Council. Delete as it is not relevant. Community planting has been a reduced cost.

Resolved

- (i) The Town Clerk to make enquiries into the amount previously budgeted for Remembrance traffic management.
- (ii) The Town Clerk to put £1800 into ear marked reserves for the Remembrance traffic management for the budget 2021/22
- (iii) The Town Clerk to put into ear mark reserves for 2021/22:
 - £1600 for the grass cutting at Beretun Green as currently unsure if this would be included in the grass cutting tender
 - £2000 for Friends of Baysgarth Park (FOBP)
 - £1000 for emergency contingency
 - £3200 for repairs and renewals
 - £200 for street name plates
 - £2550 for additional bus grant
 - £1000 for trees
- (iv) It was agreed that £2000 each would be placed in ear marked reserves for *Men in Sheds* and the *Community Farm* which would be payable upon a successful grant application.

151. Action for Verges

No further information received from North Lincolnshire Council regarding wildflower verges since the last Environment meeting in September 2020.

Resolved

- (i) A small working group would be set up look at the action for verges report and assess that all points within it could be achieved. With a view to it being adopted as Town Council Policy subject to approval at full council.
- (ii) The author of the Action for Verges report would be invited to a council meeting to speak.
- (iii) The Town Clerk to arrange a Zoom meeting with committee members to discuss specific details in regards to grass verges to ensure the specification for the grass cutting tender was put together as accurately as possible.

152. Tree Planting

Tree planting sites raised at 7 October council meeting from Barton Civic Society have been added to the responses received earlier this year no further information received from North Lincolnshire Council since the last Environment Meeting in September 2020 (min ref:-113(8)(iii)/46)

Advice from the Principal Neighbourhoods Officer at North Lincolnshire Council regarding trees, shrubs etc as part of the Interchange project was agreed to be referred to this Environment meeting (min ref:-108/42)

Information from residents drawing attention to major project to establish 50m trees by 2025 to achieve a 10 year aim of a tree for everyone in the UK. They advise even though they are no longer physically able to assist they would like to register their interest in contributing towards such a scheme in Barton.

Resolved

- (i) The Town Clerk to contact North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the previous enquiries made regarding tree planting sites.
- (ii) The Town Clerk to contact North Lincolnshire Council to establish who owns land where the community orchard might be situated to enable contact to be made to establish permission to use the land in this way.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison closed the meeting at 6.37 p.m.

..... Chairman

16 November 2020