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BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held via TEAMS
On MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021 at 6.00pm

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

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

333. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

334. **Declarations of Interest**

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

335. **Reports from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

Recently provided equipment to the Barton Baggers Group. They have been very active recently. Red bags are collected by North Lincolnshire Council. Has been working on the Interchange Goods Platform which is on hold at present. Lions are looking to adopt the platform. Will help Far Ings Nature Reserve as Lions are going to assist with work that is needed.

(b) **Barton Civic Society**

Main project has been on Soutergate. Triangle of overgrown land between the houses has been cleaned up by ONGO. Civic Society is supporting this and there will be a consultation with local residents to look at what the land will be used for in the future. Further land there is going to be maintained by ONGO.

Barton Baggers have been awarded a Good Mark for the work they do around the town and the Society are awaiting the opportunity to present to them.

336. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 15 February 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 3 March 2021.

337. **Matters Arising**

None.

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338. **Update on Community Orchard on Lapwing Way**

Has been planted on the 13th March. Many local residents assisted in a COVID secure way. A local contractor assisted with the tree planting. There was one letter of complaint received with objection to the way the consultation was completed and that social distancing was not adhered to. There has been a reply and explanation. Household members were kept in one area. No further correspondence has been received. Trees that have been planted are all fruit trees.

339. **Update on Wild Flower Verge on Butts Road**

North Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Services Officer has been assisting with this project. Will be providing seed and plugs for planting after rotavating the area and then residents will assist in planting.

340. **To consider the request from the Women's Institute on tree planting**

Member of the Women's Institute would like to put together a tree planting project to celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute. Looking for support from the Council. Local areas suggested include, St Peters school boundary and old Meldan works, bottom of Falklands Way at the entrance of the football ground.

The entrance of the Football ground has been suggested as a potential Wild Flower verge so the support for the boundary of the school and the Meldan Works where there is at present a temporary fence. It was agreed that some of the council tree budget can be offered. Town Clerk will request the WI submit a grant application for some tree funding.

341. **Competition Update**

- a) CPRE Best Kept Village competition 2021 Best Kept Town Population over 4000

Entry will be submitted by the Clerks.

- b) Barton Town Council – Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition

Entry form for Best Kept Garden has been produced for the May Bartonian and is on the Town Council website and social media. Closing date is the 23rd June 2021. Deputy Clerk is organising this event and arranging for a number of judges from local organisations. It was suggested the Mayor could be invited to judge the competition. It was suggested that a light lunch is normally organised with sausage rolls from a local baker. Then there is an evening in the Assembly Rooms with an invited guest who gives a talk on gardening and presentation of certificates to the winners.

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345. **Update on Community Bench requested by a resident**

Town Clerk explained that this request has been on hold due to a communication break. Clerks are continuing to sort this out and at present the location is not known. Clerks will inform the committee when the location has been identified.

346. **Update on Grass Cutting**

Clerks have not received any further complaints following the first cut. An area missed on the second cut has now been cut. There have been no further direct complaints received.

347. **Update on Planters and Hanging Baskets in the town**

This is being carried out by a local contractor. Flower Beds will be planted later in the season. Some of the planters are a bit dry and will find out what the watering routine is as there are some planters on junction square that are a bit dry.

Deputy Clerk informed the meeting that there is normally a project to tidy the benches around the Humber Bank area. A local Handyman is employed and will cut these areas when required. Also seats and bollards are painted as when they need painting.

Litter bin locations are still being pursued with North Lincolnshire Council.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison closed the meeting at 18.31.

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