

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, K Letts, Mrs J Mason, R Moore, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Mrs D Pearson, P Shearer, Mrs M Sidell, N Turner, J P Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Mrs J Sewell (part of meeting only), Captain N Cotterill and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

The town council had one minutes silence in respect of the late George Ferriby, who sadly passed away recently. Mr Ferriby was a well respected former local councillor.

363. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

364. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

365. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors A Adams (on holiday), J Evison, J Pullen (work commitments) and A Searle (work commitments).

366. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor K Letts (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Bowmandale Primary School – Councillor R Moore (Personal interest)
Barton Lions Club and Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal interest)
Tesco Stores Ltd – Councillor P Shearer (Personal interest)
CHAMP Ltd – Councillor N Turner (Personal interest)
Barton Tourism Partnership and CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest)

367. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, with the permission of the Council, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow local resident, Mrs Sewell, to speak about Planning Application 2010/1046, for planning permission to erect 13 dwellings (re-submission of PA/2009/1179), on land at the rear of 13 Queen Street, Barton. This application was given planning approval, subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement, at a North Lincolnshire Council Planning Committee meeting held on 12 January 2011.

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Mrs Sewell wished to thank the town council for raising objections to the planning application. However, now that North Lincolnshire Council had granted planning permission for this application, (subject to the relevant conditions), she felt the reporting process had been too brief and not thorough enough. This included if a wildlife expert visited the site or not, appraisal of the surrounding listed buildings and conservation area, affordable housing and spacial strategy issues, and the relevance of etc. Mrs Sewell also wished to know if the commuted sum of £5,715.77 had been paid towards upgrading the nearby Butts Road children's playground/public open space, as this was required by 31 January 2011. Having scrutinised the report, Mrs Sewell felt that maladministration had occurred with North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department in this matter, and that she would be lodging an appeal accordingly.

Councillor K Vickers thanked Mrs Sewell for her informative discussion and re-opened the meeting. Mrs Sewell then left the meeting.

368. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Vandalism issues to the former Blue Bell Public House was reported. However, it was stated that the Police had already been informed of this.

Councillor J P Vickers reported that 50 alert boxes had been distributed to shops and businesses in the town from North Lincolnshire Council Safer Neighbourhoods, to assist combating crime. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Team would be held next Tuesday, 8 February, at The Assembly Rooms.

Discussion took place regarding the condition of The George Public House. Councillor K Vickers reported that he had investigated ownership of the building for some time, without conclusion. However, Councillor J P Vickers reported that a new licensee was due to take over the business, which may shed further light on this matter.

Resolved that this be noted.

369. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 5 January 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5 January 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

370. **Matters of Report Arising**

There were no matters of report discussed at this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

371. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 5 January

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2011, be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 6 January 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(c) **Minutes of an Assembly Rooms Management Committee Meeting**

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Assembly Rooms Management Committee Meeting held on 12 January 2011 be approved as a correct record.

(d) **Planning Committee Meeting**

4) **Meeting Cancelled**

Resolved that the Planning Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 18 January 2011, was cancelled due to insufficient agenda items, by the Committee Chairman and the Town Clerk.

(e) **Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting**

5) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 18 January 2011, be approved as a correct record.

372. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Committee Meeting**

Councillor Mr W Witter stated that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled to be held on the 18 January was cancelled, because no planning applications had been received to discuss. This had been by mutual agreement between the Committee Chairman and the Town Clerk. In light of this and the recent inclement weather, forcing cancellation of some other town council meetings, it was felt prudent that a policy be adopted by the town council, to ensure cancellation of meetings are handled in the appropriate manner. It was agreed and

Resolved that the Town Clerk investigate and draft a suitable policy for the town council, in the event of meetings having to be cancelled.

373. **Precept for 2011/2012** (Min Ref: 358(vi)/124 – F&GP 18/01/11)

Members received a presentation of estimates, income and expenditure, showing the build up of the 2011/2012 budget, together with details of reserves held. Councillor Mrs W Witter outlined the budget and precept formation and scrutiny. It was also noted that budget cuts had been made in several areas, that income was severely reduced due to closure of the Assembly Rooms whilst building works were undertaken and that a 1.45% decrease in a Band D property for council tax had resulted. It was felt the budget to be fair in the current climate whilst maintaining service levels.

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A formal proposal was made by Councillor F Coulsey and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Oxley to accept the recommended precept for 2011/2012. All members present accepted the proposal. Thanks were then given to members and officers of the town council, in the preparation of the budget/precept.

North Lincolnshire Council had notified the town council it is a requirement they would have to produce and submit a 'Precept Leaflet 2011/2012'. This will be sent to local residents with their council tax bill for 2011/2012. Members present perused the draft copy sent to them with their meeting agenda papers and agreed to the information therein.

Resolved:

- (i) that the town council levy a Precept on North Lincolnshire Council, in the sum of £165,740 for the financial year ending 31 March 2012;
- (ii) the town council office submit the drafted Precept Leaflet 2011/2012, to North Lincolnshire Council accordingly.

374. **Correspondence**

1. Reminder from CPRE that they have 18 sets of litter picking equipment, including high vis. jackets, hoops and gloves to loan to community groups.
2. Leaflet and letter from group in Brigg requesting support in their campaign to prevent the current Brigg Tesco store expansion plan.
3. Receipt of completed 'Town Grant Scheme' application form from Bowmandale Primary School, regarding their donation request towards school residential trip.
4. Request from Barton Civic Society for donation towards holding a Victorian Day on 31 July 2011 on Queen Street (*letter sent requesting completion of Town Grant Scheme application form*).
5. Received copy of Barton Directory 2011, plus letter regarding the Directory (*copy of letter enclosed*).
6. Request from Barton Town Band for donation towards music for the youth and junior bands (*letter sent requesting completion of Town Grant Scheme application form*).
7. Letter of thanks from The Salvation Army for the recent donation following attendance at the Barton Christmas Festival.
8. Update from the Barton Policing Team that the town centre cctv has proved extremely useful in apprehending two suspects in relation to an incident in Barton Market Place.
9. Receipt of VANL Spotlight on the Community newsletter from the CIG meeting held in January 2011
10. Notification from ERNLLCA of training sessions available from May 2011.
11. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council (Head of Safer Roads) regarding consultation on North Lincolnshire's 2011 to 2020 Road Safety Strategy which can be viewed on <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/Transportandstreets/roadsafety/RoadSafetyStrategy2011.htm>.
12. Request from BADAOS for the loan of bunting/flags held in the town council store for the Operatic Production in February.

Resolved that:

- (i) a letter to be sent to the resident, explaining this town council do not handle matters arising in neighbouring towns. This is a matter for the town council where this store is located, namely Brigg Town Council (item 2);
- (ii) it was agreed a donation of £100 be granted. To be taken from the town council 2010/2011 budget 'Community Regeneration - Donations/Grants (s 137). The school to be notified (item 3);

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- (iii) it was agreed that the disclaimer currently inserted into the 'Bartonian', to have the following wording added "*no information to be reproduced from the 'Bartonian', without prior consent from the town council*", in order to protect the town council and the public, who submit articles for publication, that such information is not migrated to a third party without authorisation (item 5);
- (iv) it was agreed that the bunting/flags be used by BADAOS for the Operatic Production in February (item 12);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

375. **Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda**

1. Request to insert article in the next issue of the Bartonian to advertise the launch of 2011 edition of Barton Directory.
2. Price to fit new carpet in the corridor, town clerk & deputy town clerk's offices in the total price of £515.00.
3. Information from Councillor Mrs Pearson regarding The Butchery in Barton.
4. Letters from 2 secondary school pupils who live in Barton regarding raising funds to visit Malawi, Africa for World Challenge in the summer of 2012.
5. Report from town council gas engineering contractor following service of the boiler in the Assembly Rooms serving the council office and downstairs public rooms. He advises replacement ventilation is required for the boiler, following the lift installation. Mr D White has been contacted and should be attending the Assembly Rooms with an engineer on 3 February 2011 to sort the problem.

Resolved:

- (i) the article for submission in the 'Bartonian' is from a Social Enterprise Company. The town council do not currently have a policy regarding Social Enterprise companies. In light of this, pending further investigation, the local resident to be notified accordingly (item 1);
- (ii) it was agreed the town council office carpets to be replaced at a cost of £429.17+VAT. The contractor to be notified accordingly. Budget to be taken from 'Central Administration – Office Equipment' 2010/2011 budget (item 2);
- (iii) following notification from the Chief Executive at North Lincolnshire Council, this issue is not a matter to be addressed by either North Lincolnshire Council or Barton-upon-Humber Town Council. It is a matter for the courts to rule a decision upon (item 3);
- (iv) it was agreed that the two school pupils be notified that the town council do not support requests for donations to individuals, only groups, clubs etc., whereby several people benefit from funding and not just one person (item 4);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

376. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £6,002.98 (A/cs 248 to 261), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £7,471.83 (A/cs 262 to 269) a grand total of £13,474.81.

377. **Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2011/2012**

Due to the forthcoming elections to be held on the 5 May, Councillor Mrs W Witter felt it prudent to discuss this agenda item at the Annual Meeting to be held on the 11 May 2011, following the outcome of the elections.

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Resolved that appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2011/2012 be undertaken at the Annual Meeting to be held on 11 May 2011, following the forthcoming elections on the 5 May 2011.

378. **Town Award – 2011**

Consideration was given to nominations for the Town Award 2011 having regard to a previously circulated resume of nominations. By a recorded vote, 2 votes were received for Liz Bennet, 1 vote for James Crosskell, 5 votes for Major Brenda Jeffery, 1 vote for Lynne Spencer, 1 vote for Auriol Trubshaw and 1 vote for John Walker. Four voting papers were invalid and void. It was

Resolved that the Town Award 2011 be awarded to Major Brenda Jeffery and presentation of the award made at the Civic Dinner to be held on Friday 1 April 2011.

379. **Graffiti Cleaning**

Councillor Mrs J Oxley explained that the Barton Lions Club had recently donated a quantity of paint, in order that graffiti could be removed and painted over on the Westfield Road Underpass walls. This project was recently discussed at a Schools Forum meeting, in conjunction with the Reparation Scheme. As Chairman of the Environmental Regeneration Committee, she stated there was available budget from the town council, to support this venture in the sum of £250. This would allow completion of the graffiti removal and painting of the walls. Members discussed this matter, agreed and

Resolved that a donation be made towards graffiti removal and painting of the Westfield Road Underpass walls, in the sum of £250. The budget to be taken from 'Environmental Regeneration – Graffiti Cleaning/Vandalism' 2010/2011 budget.

380. **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives**

(a) **Highway Issues**

Councillor Mrs M Sidell reported that North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department were reviewing the condition of Burgate and High Street. It was acknowledged the recent inclement weather had worsened the condition. However, it was stated this would be reviewed in the spring.

Resolved that this be noted.

381. **Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

(a) **Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 27 January 2011**

Councillor R Moore gave appraisal of the recent meeting he had attended at North Lincolnshire Council. He furnished everyone present with a copy of his report following the meeting, providing further information. Issues discussed were the current financial situation and budget for 2011/2012, broadband and the 2011 census. Further information regarding these issues are available on the North Lincolnshire Council website. Councillor Moore stressed the importance in completion of the census on 27 March 2011. Failure to do so, would result in a revenue loss over the next ten years. In light of this, the town council agreed to advertise posters highlighting this matter in the town council notice boards and to make the public aware of the implications of failing to undertake this.

Resolved that this be noted.

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The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

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