

**BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held on MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2011 at
7.30pm in THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON**

Present Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, K Letts, J Oxley and J Pullen. Co-opted Mr M D'Alessandro, and Mr D Witter.

Also present Councillor Mrs W Witter & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk).

385. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr J French & Mr A Robinson (Civic Society), Mr A Long (Barton Neighbourhood Services Manager)

386. **Declarations of Interest**

None

387. **Parish Path Partnership Matters**

Members were advised the damaged signpost on Gravel Pit Lane opposite the tip site has now been repaired.

388. **Minutes of Meeting 15 November 2010**

It was noted that minutes of this meeting had been approved as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 9 December 2010.

389. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Parish Path Partnership** (Min Ref:- 278(ii)/97)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer had secured removal of the padlock on the Environment Agency's gate at Chowder Ness. They also plan to complete surfacing work along the bank from Chowder Ness to the Humber Bridge, thus allowing wheelchair access the whole length of the bank.

(b) **Public Conveniences** (Min Ref:- 280(b)/97)

North Lincolnshire Council had advised the Interchange Public Conveniences had been removed as the facilities were very little used, the cost to provide the facility (which is not a statutory function NLC has to provide) was deemed to be excessive. They further advise due to very tight budgets at the moment it may be some time before they are in a position to look at this issue again. Members discussed this matter and that the Market Place conveniences had been closed due to damage during the winter weather, leaving the town centre without any public conveniences. Various alternatives were discussed, including the town council finding information about portable and temporary conveniences, and contacting the bus and rail companies. It was agreed to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee in May 2011 to discuss further.

Resolved that:-

- (i) Members would look for information regarding portable and/or temporary conveniences;
- (ii) Public conveniences at the Interchange to be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee on 16 May 2011.

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(c) Advertising Signs (Min Ref:- 280(d)/98)

North Lincolnshire Council advise they will continue to work with the town council to reduce the plethora of signage at the Ferriby Road and Falklands Way junctions. It is their intention to enforce the policy on road side advertising, which forbids signage for commercial businesses but allows for public events to be advertised, but only with permission of the highway authority, and within constraints of the guidelines within the policy. The policy is available on North Lincolnshire Council website at traffic signs, road markings and road studs policy. They further advise they would like to take up the offer to mention the policy in the next Bartonian; also they will organise and ensure signage is removed at the end of this month.

(d) Watering Hanging Baskets supplied by Traders (Min Ref:- 283/98)

In answer to a question, members were advised no reply had been received to date from the Chamber of Trade if they would be taking part in the hanging basket watering scheme direct with the town council's contractor.

(e) Dog Control Orders (Min Ref:- 284/98)

Members were advised following complaints received regarding dog fouling around Barton, particularly on Eastfield Road, North Lincolnshire Council had agreed for their Dog Control Order leaflet to be printed in the next issue of the Bartonian. Also a request had been made to site a dog waste bin on Eastfield Road. The town council has a £500 budget under litter bins to purchase a dog waste bin, which North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services Team had advised would cost £130.66 +vat, they would also be able to include the bin into their emptying schedule. A replacement bin in Baysgarth Park, Caistor Road entrance for vandalised bin was also suggested. It was agreed to purchase three dog waste bins from the Litter Bin budget for 2010/2011 at £130.66 each, one to be sited on Eastfield Road, one in Baysgarth Park at the Caistor Road entrance and one as a spare, to be stored by Neighbourhood Services.

Resolved that three dog waste bins to be purchased from the Environmental Regeneration Litter Bin budget for 2010/2011 at £130.66 each, one to be sited on Eastfield Road, one in Baysgarth Park at the Caistor Road entrance and one as a spare, to be stored by Neighbourhood Services.

(f) Bulb Planting (Min Ref:- 280(c)/97)

Barton Civic Society representative advised they would contribute funding towards the bulb planting in 2011. Barton Lions Club had already forwarded funding, and Barton Rotary Club also hoped to support this scheme.

390. Grounds Maintenance, Hanging Basket & Planting Scheme 2011

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services had sent a service level agreement for maintenance and planting of the Ferriby Road, Barrow Road and Finkle Lane flower beds. Three agreements had been received, a 1-year (£4,115.26), 3-year (£4,197.56) and 5-year (£4,281.52) agreement. The 3-year and 5-year are "fixed-price" options and show a cost saving over the life of the contract. Members discussed the three options and agreed to accept the 5-year agreement at £4,281.52 per year from April 2011 to March 2016.

Members were also advised the price from A N Robinson Landscape Contractor for the town council's planters and hanging baskets would be the same as in 2010. It was agreed to go ahead with this and thank the contractor for keeping his costs at the same level as 2010.

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Resolved that:-

- (i) the town council accepts the 5-year agreement at £4,281.52 per year from April 2011 to March 2016 for planting and maintenance of the Ferriby Road, Barrow Road and Finkle Lane flower beds;
- (ii) the town council accepts the cost from AN Robinson Landscape Contractor for the town council's planters and hanging baskets if the cost is the same as in 2010.

391. **Best Kept Garden & Hanging Basket Competition 2011**

Members discussed arrangements for holding a Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition this year, along with a Presentation Evening. It was agreed to hold the event in the same format as previous years, with business hanging baskets, along with private gardens and hanging baskets. Judging to be organised by Councillor Frank Coulsey, hopefully in the 3rd week of July and 3rd week of August. The Presentation Evening to be held on either 8 or 15 September 2011 in the Assembly Rooms. Andrew Robinson to be invited to answer gardening questions at the Presentation Evening, with support from either Barton Allotment Society, Jim Dowdy or Stuart Garfoot, if available.

Resolved that the town council organise the annual Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition in the same format as previous years on dates agreed above.

392. **Items of Report from Co-opted Members**

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

Members were advised the work on The Beck was progressing; they have met on site with North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officer, who is happy with their work and has given permission to "grub-up" bushes on site. They are currently looking for funding to hire a digger for this work, at approximately £500 for 1 day. Sources of funding available to community groups, which was not available to town and parish councils was suggested as a possible option for the Civic Society to investigate. It was also noted that six springs in the centre were active; the only thing stopping the springs from forming a pond was a sump, which with some engineering work and diversion of the water would leave water in the Beck. The repair and maintenance of the brick wall and wrought iron railings around The Beck was also discussed. In answer to a question Members were advised the "Friends of The Beck Group" had joined with the Civic Society undertaking work at The Beck.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Members were advised tulip and snowdrops planted in Baysgarth Park 2/3 years ago were now doing well. It was agreed to investigate why a tree had been cut down on Brigg Road by a team from North Lincolnshire Council, also to report damaged York stone copings from the Baysgarth Park wall on Preston Lane. The town council's Environmental Regeneration Committee members thanked all the co-opted groups for their support with joint projects in the town.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

Members were advised Barton Lions would continue to assist the Civic Society with work in The Beck area.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley at 8.35 p.m.

..... Chairman 2 March 2011