

**BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 6 JUNE 2011 at 7.30pm in
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON**

Present Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors F Coulse, Ms E Donaldson, J Evison, M Osgerby, J Oxley. Co-opted Mr M D'Alessandro, Mr J French, and Mr A Robinson.

Also present Councillor P Adams and Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk).

37. **Election of Chairman**

Councillor Mrs J Oxley was nominated as Chairman for 2011/2012, proposed by Councillor J Oxley and seconded by Councillor F Coulse.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs J Oxley be elected Chairman of the Environmental Regeneration Committee for the ensuing year.

The chairman welcomed the new town councillors to the Environmental Regeneration Committee.

38. **Election of Vice-chairman**

Councillor F Coulse was nominated as Vice-Chairman for 2011/2012, proposed by Councillor J Oxley and seconded by Councillor J Evison.

Resolved that Councillor F Coulse be elected Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Regeneration Committee for the ensuing year.

39. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs A Clark (Holiday), Mr D Witter (personnel commitments) and Mr A Long (Barton Neighbourhood Services Team)

40. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr A Robinson (contractor) Personal Interest
Councillor J Evison (the Beck) Personal Interest

41. **Parish Path Partnership Matters**

Members were advised new walkers would be required for the town parish paths. Councillors Oxley volunteered to walk the Humber bank and Eastern paths; Councillor J Evison Humber bank and Western paths; Councillor Mrs Witter Southern paths. Copies of the town Parish Paths map were available in the meeting, any Member requiring a copy should contact the council office.

Resolved that Councillors Oxley to walk the Humber bank and Eastern paths; Councillor J Evison Humber bank and Western paths; Councillor Mrs Witter Southern paths

42. **Minutes of Meeting 21 February 2011**

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 2 March 2011.

43. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Dog Control Orders** (Min Ref:- 389(e)/136)

Members were advised the three new dog waste bins had been sorted, unfortunately the bin located in Baysgarth Park Caistor Road entrance had been vandalised and refitted on at least two occasions already. Neighbourhood Services advised they would leave replacing the bin for a few weeks and try again.

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(b) **Tree removal** (Min Ref:- 392(b)/137)

Members were advised the Cherry tree removed on Brigg Road was in a poor structural and physiological condition. The Tree Officer at North Lincolnshire Council had ordered its removal. It is intended to replace it in the next available planting season.

(c) **Traders Hanging Baskets Watering** (Min Ref:- 389(d)/136)

In answer to a question, members were advised no reply had been received from Barton Chamber of Trade.

44. **Public Conveniences at the Interchange** (Min Ref:- 389(b)/135 – ERC 21/02/11)

Members agreed portable conveniences were not suitable for this location and it was agreed to leave this matter for the foreseeable future.

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

Members were advised the representatives from Barton Civic Society (Mr J French, Mr M D' Alessandro, Mr A Robinson) and Barton Rotary Club (Mr D Witter) all required to be co-opted back onto the Environmental Regeneration Committee for 2011/2012 if members wished, following the Town Council's Annual Meeting on Wednesday 11 May 2011.

Resolved that the representatives from Barton Civic Society (Mr J French, Mr M D' Alessandro, Mr A Robinson) Barton Rotary Club (Mr D Witter) to be co-opted back onto the Environmental Regeneration Committee for 2011/2012.

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

It was reported that a number of trees on Maltkiln Road, Haven Meadow and Burgate were dying or had been damaged. The damage had been caused by strimming marks at the base of the trees. It was agreed to contact Barton Neighbourhood Services Team to report the damage.

Members were also advised the Civic Society had sent written support for the planning application at the Blue Bell on Whitecross Street, but had expressed concerns regarding the lack of large scale plans sent now, especially for larger developments. It was advised that the town council had already made representations on this matter at the last North Lincolnshire Council Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting, and were waiting to hear if this matter would be reviewed. Councillor Evison also advised the North Lincolnshire Councillors for Barton were also pursuing this, and would re-iterate the concerns for large scale plans for larger developments.

The Civic Society also had concerns at the proposed development at Seaforth on Barrow Road and had applied to English Heritage to get the property Listed, hopefully before permission is decided for its' demolition. Members were reminded that the town council, along with some residents, had objected to this planning application.

A new Civic Society sub-committee had been formed for The Beck in Barton, the Friends of the Beck had now ceased. It is hoped the new committee will be able to source funding to obtain a survey and drawings for their improvements to the area.

It was also noted that the flowerbeds at St Peters Court had been sorted.

(b) **Barton Lions Club**

Members were advised the Lions Club continued to support and run events in the town, such as the Beer Festival and Bike Night. They would also be assisting the Civic Society sub-committee with work at The Beck.

46. **Emergency Planning Working Party**

The Chairman explained this group was formed following the flooding in June 2007 to support work undertaken by the Local Authority in an emergency situation. A Community

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Emergency Plan document for Barton had been put together by the Working Party, with contact details reviewed annual. A paper emergency exercise was held in March 2011 in Barton, supported by local community groups to check the Emergency Plan document was appropriate. The current membership of the Working Party are Councillors Mrs A Clark, A Todd, N Turner and the Environmental Regeneration Committee Chairman, all members of the town council, if able, would be required to assist in an emergency situation in the town. Members were also reminded that part of the remit for this Working Party was to ensure that drain gullies around the town were not blocked. All Members of the town council should check gullies around the area they live and report any which are blocked to North Lincolnshire Council. It was noted that evidence of plaster or emulsion was often found on drain lids, which would cause a blockage.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley at 8.10 p.m.

..... Chairman 13 July 2011