

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors P Adams, Mrs D Adlard, J Austin, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, S Dear, J Evison, Ms E Donaldson, M Martin, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, A Todd, K Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Sue Davies and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

312. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

313. **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.

314. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Ms C Sansam, P Shearer (family commitments), N Turner and J P Vickers (personal commitments).

315. **Declarations of Interest**

Saxby Wold Wind Farm - Councillor P Adams (Personal interest)
Barton Town Centre CCTV System -Councillor J Austin (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night and Barton Town Band - Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)
Barton Arts Group - Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night and Barton Lions - Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night, and Barton Lions - Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night and Barton Lions - Councillor A Todd (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Town Band – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest)

316. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

No reports were discussed at this meeting.

317. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 January 2012**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 January 2012, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

318. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were discussed.

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319. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2012, be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 January 2012, be approved as a correct record.

320. **Precept for 2012/2013** (Min Ref: 304(viii)/124 – F&GP 16/01/12)

Members received a presentation of estimates, income and expenditure, showing build-up of the 2012/2013 budget, together with details of reserves held. Councillor Mrs W Witter outlined the budget and precept formation and scrutiny. A 1.68% 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 and in some instances increasing service levels. However, it was also pointed out that this had only been achieved by careful budget measures, and the street warden initiative and town centre cctv being taken from the town council reserves. It was stated this could not happen again next year, as the reserves could not support the financing of these a second time to maintain obligatory reserves. In light of this, future expenditure and budgeting would need firm decisions made.

A formal proposal was made by Councillor Mrs Witter and seconded by Councillor K Vickers to accept the recommended precept for 2012/2013. 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, to maintain service levels, value for money and funding reserves of the council.

Resolved:

(i) that the town council levy a Precept on North Lincolnshire Council, in the sum of £165,450 for the financial year ending 31 March 2013;

321. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **External Financial Support for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event** (Min Ref:302(ii)/124– F&GP 16/01/12)

Councillor Osgerby gave report of the meeting he had attended on 18 January with Hessle, North and South Ferriby Town Parish Council's. Much discussion ensued regarding the proposals, notably additional visitors coming into the town, the roles and responsibilities of the event, Policing issues of the licence and event financing. It was then reiterated, as agreed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, that Councillor Osgerby had only attended the meeting as an observer. The town council had agreed to organise and finance its' own programme of events - "Jubilee in the Park" on Monday 4 June (Min Ref: 302(i)/123), and had provided the Barton Arts Group additional funding to assist their programme of events in the town to mark the celebration. In addition, a beacon would be lit on the Humber Bank, in line with the national timetable to synchronise proceedings.

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A proposal was made by Councillor M Martin and seconded by Councillor J Evison that whilst the town council are supportive of the event proposals put forward by Hessle Town Council Events Committee to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and would welcome visitors coming into the town and local area, it only wished representatives of Barton Town Council to attend meetings of the Events Committee as observers only. The town council do not wish to provide financial support to the committee, sign a constitution or open a bank account. The town council agreed to advertise a programme of events (if supplied) from the Events Committee, in the next edition of "The Bartonian". The proposals were agreed by the majority of members present.

Resolved:

- (i) Representatives of the town council who attend meetings of the Hessle Town Council Events Committee, to attend as observers only;
- (ii) a letter to be sent to Hessle Town Council Events Committee wishing them success with the event programme, stating whilst the town council are supportive of the event proposals put forward by the Events Committee to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and would welcome visitors coming into the town and local area, it only wished representatives of Barton Town Council to attend meetings of the Events Committee as observers only. The town council do not wish to provide financial support to the committee, sign a constitution or open a bank account. The town council has already agreed to organise and fund its' own programme of events in Barton-upon-Humber. This has been carefully considered, taking into account the importance of the event together with budget constraints in the current economic climate;
- (iii) the programme of events (if supplied) from the Events Committee, to be advertised in the next edition of "The Bartonian", together with planned events in the town by Barton Town Council and the Barton Arts Group.

322. **Correspondence**

1. Notification of Tree Preservation Order 2012 at East Acridge House, East Acridge, Barton.
2. Notification of free events management training from Northern Lincolnshire Local Action Group.
3. Notification from ERNLLCA to complete nomination form by 1 February 2012 for 2 people to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Parties for 2012. Nominations will be drawn from a hat by ERNLLCA
4. Letter from Mrs Maureen Grindley advising she would like to tender her resignation as Mayoress of Barton.
5. Letter from Martin Vickers MP offering to attend a future meeting to discuss issues relating to Barton. A list of dates are included (4 April (Ordinary Meeting) and 12 April (Annual Town Meeting)).
6. Letter from North Lincolnshire Council advising of the Localism Act 2011 and its proposals to revise the current Standards/Ethical Governance Framework and the rules regarding pre-determination. Two papers have been sent for information on this (*copies enclosed*).
7. Receipt of budget consultation leaflet from North Lincolnshire Council. Deadline date has already passed, but details can be viewed at www.northlincs.gov.uk/AF/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?
8. Update newsletter and thank you for support from SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership)
9. Update from North Lincolnshire Council regarding Dog Control Orders, current areas can be view at <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/Environment/animals/DCO/> Extension of DCO's is currently on hold due to possible changes via Central Government. They would still like publicity of good intelligence gathering to allow action to be taken.
10. Notification of change of address for Barton Bike Night office, plus possible date of 4 July for the 2012 event.
11. Receipt of £200 donation toward community schemes in Barton from Barton Lions Club.
12. Newsletter giving update on Triton Knoll Offshore wind farm.
13. Notification of drainage improvement and road resurfacing works in Barrow on Humber effecting

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part of the A1077 in Barrow, which will be closed from Monday 19 March 2012 to approximately Sunday 27 May 2012.

14. Update regarding the Barton area Food Bank (*copy enclosed*).
15. Notes of Jubilee Working Group meeting held on 18 January 2012 in Hessle Town Hall.
16. Receipt of guide from CPRE and NALC 'How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning'. Further copies can be found at www.planninghelp.org.uk
17. Receipt of Service Level Agreements 2012-2013 from North Lincolnshire Council for bedding plants and public conveniences. The planting SLA is a 5-year contract and year 2012-2013 is the 2nd year of the contract. The public convenience is towards Sunday opening in the Market Place from 22 April to 23 September 2012 at £580.75
18. Received from North Lincolnshire Council a copy of Snow Wardens Presentation held on 16 January 2012, including their guide for snow wardens and approved list of contractors. Also included is a template for adding a risk assessment to our Community Emergency Plan for Parish Snow Warden.
19. Copy of HWRCC Annual Review 2010/2011, along with request to take up annual membership at £25.00 per year.
20. Updated quote from contractor to undertake work on the cctv camera on George Street with a total cost of £1219.00. (Min Ref: 291(5)(i)/119 – BTC 04/01/12).
21. Request from Councillor P Vickers, who is unable to attend tonight's meeting, that he wishes to be considered for the position of Mayor of Barton for 2012/2013. Election to take place at the Annual Meeting on 9 May 2012.
22. Notification from Barton Neighbourhood Officer that Humberside Police will be hosting an 'ebeat' meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 January 2012. Contact can be made at www.humberside.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/ebeat-meetings
23. Letter from supportive local resident trying to raise awareness of what's happening at the development on the site of the former Blyth's Tilery, which is to house an industrial heritage complex, visitor centre, interpretation centre and working tilery.

Resolved that:

- (i) a letter of thanks be sent to acknowledge the sterling service given to the role during Mrs Grindley's period of office. Also, an agenda item be placed at the next ordinary meeting to be held on 7 March 2012 to discuss this role (item 4);
- (ii) a letter be sent inviting Martin Vickers MP to attend the town council's Annual Town Meeting to be held on 12 April 2012 (item 5);
- (iii) members noted that the Localism Act 2011, chapter 6 section 25, commenced on 15 January 2012. Further consultation and statutory guidance awaited (item 6);
- (iv) a copy of these minutes to be furnished to all members of the town council (item 15);
- (v) it was agreed both of the Service Level Agreements be accepted, signed and returned (item 17);
- (vi) the quotation price, plus the cost of an additional replacement camera be accepted and the contractor notified accordingly to undertake the work (item 20);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

323. Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda

1. Receipt of ERNLLCA newsletter for January (copy available from the office).
2. Reply from Keigar Homes regarding street naming of new development off Falkland Way (Min Ref: 290(1)(i)/119 – BTC 04/01/12) (*copy attached*).
3. Information from the National Playing Fields Association regarding creation of nationwide network of green spaces to be protected as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations, along with funding information to assist in protecting these spaces.
4. Response from North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officer regarding planning application 2012/0018 at East Acridge House to crown lift a Yew tree. "I am minded to recommend this application because I

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see no justifiable reason to refuse it-

- a. the work proposed is not excessive and so would have little detrimental effect on the health of the tree or it's visual amenity, and is a very common practice in tree management;
- b. your comment that the tree 'does not appear to be blocking the driveway' is not relevant to the application as the proposal does not mention this as a reason for the work;
- c. also, your comment that the tree is protected by a TPO is obviously acknowledged by the requirement to make this application.

In view of my recommendations, would you confirm whether the Town Council still object to the proposal”

5. Request from Councillor N Turner, who is unable to attend tonight's meeting, that he wishes to be considered for the position of Deputy Mayor of Barton for 2012/2013. Election to take place at the Annual Meeting on 9 May 2012.
6. Letter from Brigg Squadron ATC requesting a donation towards their group, they also advise they have a marching band which attends Remembrance Parades and perform at local events.
7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Planning of applicant Mr G Thorpe, of Westfield Farmhouse, Westfield Road, Barton, who proposes an application for determination of the requirement for prior approval of the erection of an agricultural building. This is NOT a planning application but the town council's views are requested within the next 14 days.

Resolved that:

- (i) it was agreed the name “Canberra View” be accepted to be in keeping with the surrounding area street names. The developer to be notified accordingly (item 2);
- (ii) an agenda item to be placed at the next meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee to be held on 20 February 2012, to further discuss this matter (item 3);
- (iii) it was agreed that the objection previously raised by the town council was borne out of the property having a long history of frequent planning applications to remove greenery in one form or another from this site. It is felt that as this is located in a conservation area, whereby the property and land have extensive historical importance with trees bearing Tree Preservation Orders upon them, this should be acknowledged, and that works to the trees and greenery should be kept to a minimum to preserve this heritage. Following consideration of these issues, if the Tree Officer still feels the work needs to be undertaken, then the town council agree to this (item 4);
- (iv) it was agreed the town council do not financially support organisations based outside the town. However, the letter to be forwarded to the Community Regeneration Committee for consideration of the group performing at a town council event, whereby a donation for their services could be provided. The group to be notified accordingly (item 6);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

324. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £7,858.64 (A/cs 223 to 236), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,681.20 (A/cs 236 to 244) a grand total of £14,539.84.

325. **Planning Committee Report**

Councillor P Adams stated that the North Lincolnshire Council Planning Committee would convene next Wednesday 8 February at 2pm to discuss the Saxby Wind Farm Planning application further.

Resolved that this be noted.

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326. **Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2012/2013**

Consideration was given to Min Ref: 551(1)(2)/169 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 February 1998, a copy of the rotation list having been previously circulated;

(1) The Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the following Civic Year shall be selected by nomination at the Ordinary Council meeting in February with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor being elected at the Annual Meeting;

(2) Nominations for the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall be chosen according to the existing list system, (Amended Min Ref: 358/146 Ordinary Meeting 3 December 2003). Members were advised, that a secret ballot is no longer considered a lawful decision making process (Min Ref: 159(1)/71 Ordinary Meeting 7 August 2002). However, a recorded vote may be requested by 2 Members as stated in the adopted Model Standing Orders Number 9 and 10 (Min Ref: 257/123 Ordinary Meeting 2 October 2002).

Councillor J P Vickers next on the rotation list accepted the proposal of office of Town Mayor elect for the forthcoming year 2012/2013, as proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs W Witter. Members present agreed to the proposal made.

Councillor N C Turner was proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor T Chant for the office of Deputy Town Mayor elect for the coming year. Members present agreed to this proposal.

Resolved that appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2012/2013 be undertaken at the Annual Meeting to be held on 9 May 2012.

327. **2012 Barton Christmas Festival**

It was agreed and

Resolved that the annual Barton Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday 24 November 2012.

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

(a) **Budget**

Councillor K Vickers reported that the budgets for the forthcoming year were now being finalised.

(b) **A15 Ice Alert**

Councillor K Vickers stated that the ice alert sensory system, together with the ice alert signage was now in place to advise motorists of possible slippery road conditions during inclement weather. It was also noted that the winter maintenance programme continued to be in operation.

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

(a) **Humber Playing Fields Association**

Councillor M Osgerby reported he had recently attended a meeting of the group. It was stated that no funding had been sourced towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee event – this was only applicable to playing fields. The Barton Cricket Club were seeking funding in support of a new pavilion.

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The Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council had now moved from their Barton offices on Waterside Road. The Transport Scheme were now based at Winterton. However, the service for Barton would continue seamlessly.

Councillor Osgerby explained all future meetings of the Association would be held in Hessle. This was due to all other members being based on the north bank of the Humber. Councillor Osgerby is now the only member of the group from the south bank.

Future meetings have been programmed for 26 April, 14 July and 11 October (AGM).

(b) **“Changes to the Planning System: What Will It Mean For You”**

Councillor Mrs Witter reported that she, along with other representatives of the town council attended a planning training day on 20 January. This was an informative day, whereby Neighbourhood Plans, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Community Right to Build were discussed. This free event was jointly funded by CPRE, ERNLLCA and NALC. She concluded that the town council received more than twice the number of planning applications than any other town/parish council in North Lincolnshire. It was important, therefore, that the council understands planning issues/criteria.

(c) **Town & Parish Liaison Group**

Councillor Mrs Witter stated she had recently attended a meeting of the group with other representatives from the town council. Other members of the council were encouraged to attend these quarterly meetings held at North Lincolnshire Council during the evening. Topical and informative subjects were discussed, that were useful for members to gain knowledge upon.

(d) **Barton to Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership**

Councillor Mrs Adlard reported the next meeting of the group would be held on 6 March 2012.

(e) **Coffee Morning – 11 February 2012**

Councillor Chant reported a coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 11 February, in aid of the Mayor's chosen charities for the year. It will be held at the St. John Ambulance building on Fleetgate, 9.30am – 1.30 pm. All welcome.

330. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from this meeting because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following business, concerning personnel and contractual matters, and arising out of the business to be transacted.