

BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2012 at 7.30pm in THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON

Present Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, Ms E Donaldson, M Martin & Mr J Oxley. Co-opted Mr M D'Alessandro, Mr J French and Mr A Robinson.

Also present Councillors P Adams (part of meeting), F Coulsey, S Dear and Mrs W Witter. Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) and Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk).

146. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Shearer (personal commitments)

147. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr A Robinson (contractor) – personal interest.

148. **Parish Path Partnership Matters**

Members were advised the wooden seat at the top of Westfield Road was overgrown with grass etc, Councillor Mrs Clark had sorted this but asked if the seat could be stained. Another wooden seat on Westfield Road also needs repairing. It was agreed to look to put money in the budget in 2013/2014 to sort this.

The southern paths are alright; on the Humber bank path the town council's VJ/VE seat needs emergency repairs. It was agreed to sort this immediately using the Environment repairs/renewal budget.

Parish path wardens are nominated annually, it was agreed for Councillor P Shearer to continue on the Eastern paths, if he agrees, Councillor E Donaldson to walk the Southern paths.

A copy of the town council's parish path map to be forwarded to Councillor M Martin for inclusion in the next issue of Barton Direct.

Resolved that:-

- (i) Budget to sort seats on Westfield Road to be looked at in 2013/2014;
- (ii) Emergency repairs to seat on Humber bank to be sorted from the Environment repairs/renewal budget;
- (iii) Parish Path Wardens for 2012/2013 to be Councillor P Shearer Eastern and Councillor E Donaldson Southern paths;
- (iv) Town council's parish path map to be included in the next issue of Barton Direct;

149. **Minutes of Meeting 21 May 2012**

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 6 June 2012.

150. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Replacement Chestnut Tree** (Min Ref:- 30/11)

Members were reminded Councillor J Evison advised at the July council meeting budget would be available via North Lincolnshire Council to replace the "jubilee tree" in the Beck area in the autumn. It was agreed he should liaise with Mr A Robinson as Barton Civic Society are planning work at the Beck area.

Resolved that Councillor J Evison to liaise with Mr A Robinson regarding replacement of the jubilee tree in the Beck area.

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(b) **Replacement tree** (Min Ref:- 25(a)/9)

In answer to a question members were advised neither the town council nor civic society had received a reply from the Brigg Road developer regarding this replacement tree.

(c) **Emergency Plan Working Party** (Min Ref:- 27/10)

Members were advised this working party had met and confirmed the updated Community Emergency Plan for 2012.

151. **Best Kept Garden Competition Rules** (Min Ref:- 48(a)/17 – BTC 6/6/12)

Members discussed the previously circulated draft copies of best kept garden competition rules and procedures which had been put together by Councillors F Coulsey, Mrs J Oxley and M Martin. Two drafts had been produced, one with separate rules and procedures, the other with rules and procedures combined. Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark to adopt the combined draft rules and procedures as the town council best kept garden competition rules for use from 2013 onwards. Councillors F Coulsey, Mrs J Oxley and M Martin were all thanked for their valued input to put this information together. Councillor F Coulsey also donated two trophies to be presented in the best kept business hanging basket and private garden sections of the competition, which were gratefully received.

Resolved that:-

- (i) the combined draft rules and procedures be adopted as the town council best kept garden competition rules for use from 2013 onwards;
- (ii) the two donated trophies to be presented in the best kept business hanging basket and private garden sections of the competition.

152. **Noticeboards – Post Office and Tesco Store** (Min Ref:- 86(2)(ii)/29 – BTC 2/7/12)

Members were advised the Post Office and Tesco Store had both confirmed in writing that they would allow the town council to use the boards with no charges applicable in relation to rental space. The boards would only be used for town council notices. Councillor P Adams agreed to sort notices for the boards, which would be supplied by the town council office, and he was thanked for all his help sorting this matter.

Resolved that:-

- (i) the town council use the Post Office and Tesco Store noticeboards for town council notices;
- (ii) Councillor P Adams to be thanked for all his assistance sorting this matter;
- (iii) A letter of thanks to be sent to the Post Office and Tesco Store for their support.

Councillor P Adams left the meeting

153. **Winter Maintenance & Salt Bin Provision** (Min Ref:- 127(11)(v)/46 – BTC 1/8/12)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council are planning for the forthcoming winter and would like to know if the town council require any further green salt bins at £130.00 each, do we need more bulk salt, and where should it be delivered. Also do any existing green bins or existing salt need relocating. It was agreed to ask the Barton snow wardens, Councillors P Vickers and P Shearer what was required for report back to the town council and North Lincolnshire Council

Resolved that Councillors P Vickers and P Shearer be requested to arrange what is required for Barton with North Lincolnshire Council and report back to the town council.

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154. **Work at Barton bus/rail Interchange** (Min Ref:- 34(a)/12 – ERC 21/5/12)

The Civic Society representatives gave an outline of work they would like to undertake on land to the north of the railway station (opposite the platform), to plant up part of the area with daffodil bulbs, renovate the railings adjacent to the road and extend and make good with new tarmac the triangular strip of pathway adjacent to the railings. Network Rail who owns the land has no objection to the work being done, but is not prepared to contribute to the cost. Estimated costs for the work on the railings have been sought from two local contractors. The Civic Society is prepared to contribute to this work but is looking to other organisations to share the expense of approximately £4,000. They will be contacting Barton Lions and Rotary Clubs and applying for external funding possibly from Leader so would be looking for around £500.00 from the town council. It was explained any funding request made to the town council would need to be submitted to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on a Town Grant Scheme application form, available from the town council office.

Resolved that a Town Grant Scheme application form to be sent to Barton Civic Society Treasurer for possible funding towards the above works, for consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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

(a) **Barton Civic Society**

An update was given regarding the Beck Project which included showing the Consulting Engineers drawings and a print from 1804. The idea was to get as much water exposed as feasible, which meant excavating the central area to have water all year round and use the existing outfall as a weir. The south side boundary walls need repairing; substantial maintenance of St Mary's Church wall is required, which they think is the responsibility of North Lincolnshire Council, as it is a closed churchyard. The Soutergate railings still need engineering advice; the shrubs etc at Beck Hill side need to be substantially reduced to give a view through to the church. The group had liaised with the North Lincolnshire Council Barton ward members, who have agreed to take up highway related matters with North Lincolnshire Council. They also planned to contact the police regarding anti-social behaviour, which has reduced since removal of some of the shrubs. The seat at the viewing area would remain and either turned round to face the beck or a circular seat installed, and the brick bin would be replaced. The committee wished them well with the project. Damaged seats with missing slats outside the Co-op on Market Lane were reported, which would be passed to North Lincolnshire Council, along with reports of weeds in the flowerbeds in the car park to the rear of St John Ambulance HQ.

Resolved that:-

- (i) The committee wish the Civic Society well with their Beck Project;
- (ii) Damaged seats with missing slats outside the Co-op on Market Lane and weeds in the flowerbeds in the car park to the rear of St John Ambulance HQ to be reported to North Lincolnshire Council.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club would be undertaking bulb planting at The Ropewalk with re-claimed hyacinth and daffodil bulbs supplied from North Lincolnshire Council, if the town council could supply some crocus bulbs, The Ropewalk have labour. Aconites and snowdrops were considered more suitable for The Ropewalk as the area is shaded. Rotary Club will continue planting crocus bulbs around trees in Baysgarth Park.

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They also plan to have a tree planting scheme in Barton, Goxhill, Barrow and South Ferriby, to involve local youth groups. They are currently liaising with North Lincolnshire Council regarding numbers/sites, and the Woodland Trust for funding.

During the above discussions damaged caused to current bulb planting sites by contractors for National Grid whilst replacing gas pipes around Barton was mentioned. It was agreed to contact the contractor, AMEC, to make them aware of the damage to nearly 20 years work of bulb planting, to enquire if a goodwill gesture to cover the damage would be possible. Possible sites for planting this year were discussed and it was agreed to plant daffodils at Barrow Mere on Saturday 20 October 2012 at 9.30am meeting at Barrow Mere. Barton Neighbourhood Services Team would need contacting for permission and grass cutting prior to planting.

Missing litter bins outside The Old Mill in Market Lane and opposite the entrance to Baysgarth Leisure Centre on Brigg Road were mentioned. It was agreed to contact Barton Neighbourhood Services Team to enquire if replacement bins will be installed, the town council to be requested to consider purchase of new bins at the next full council meeting, if required. Barton Neighbourhood Services Team was also thanked for their prompt response to replacing the missing fencing from the top of Ferriby Road. The police to be notified, along with reports of missing fencing from gardens which back on to Baysgarth Park. This agenda item "To consider items of report from co-opted Members" to be changed for future meetings to "To consider items of report from representatives on outside organisations" to reflect attendees at the meeting who are not co-opted members.

Resolved that:-

- (i) The town council supply aconites/snowdrops or crocus bulbs, whichever is most suitable for planting at The Ropewalk;
- (ii) The town council remaining supply of bulbs for 2012 to be daffodils to be planted at Barrow Mere, if Barton Neighbourhood Services Team give permission;
- (iii) Bulb planting volunteers to meet at Barrow Mere on Saturday 30 October 2012 at 9.30am;
- (iv) A letter to be sent to AMEC, the National Grid contractor, regarding lost bulb planting sites following their gas pipe replacement works;
- (v) Barton Neighbourhood Services Team to be contacted regarding the missing litter bins outside The Old Mill in Market Lane and opposite the entrance to Baysgarth Leisure Centre on Brigg Road;
- (vi) The town council to consider the purchase of 2 bins at the council meeting on 5 September 2012, if Barton Neighbourhood Services Team does not plan to replace;
- (vii) Thanks to be sent to Barton Neighbourhood Services Team for replacing the fencing on Ferriby Road, the police to be notified;
- (viii) Agenda item "To consider items of report from co-opted Members" to be changed to "To consider items of report from representatives on outside organisations"

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley at 8.55 p.m.

..... Chairman 5 September 2012