

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, N Jacques, A Lamyman, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, A Todd, C Ulliott, J P Vickers, K Vickers, Ms J Warton, I Welch and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain Alan Bawden (Salvation Army), Scunthorpe Telegraph Reporter, 1 member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

166. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Captain Alan Bawden read out the Town Prayer. He then left the meeting.

167. **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.

168. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors' T Chant (unwell), Mrs S Evison, Mrs J Mason (on holiday) and Mrs D Pearson (unwell)

169. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night and Baysgarth School – Councillor J Evison (Personal Interest)

Account No. 147, Barton Lions Club and Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

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Baysgarth School – Councillor N Pinchbeck (Personal Interest)

Account 148 – Councillor A Todd (Personal Interest)

Correspondence (8) Dog Bins Tofts Rd/Horkstow Rd Area – Councillor C Ulliott (Personal Interest)

Baysgarth School – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

170. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported several uninsured and un-road worthy vehicles had been stopped in the town. The vehicle illegally entering Baysgarth Park (as reported at the last meeting) had been confiscated and taken off the road. Further intelligence was being received for Police patrols to apprehend drivers breaking the law and with vehicles not fit for purpose on the road.

Resolved that this be noted.

171. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 7 October 2015**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 October 2015, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 November 2015, cont'd

172. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Committee Meeting – 5 October 2015** (*Min Ref: 146(b)/58 – BTC 07/10/15*)

Councillor N Jacques commented that he was encouraged to hear that the Tesco Store in the town are receptive to hear about possible public car parking arrangements involving the store car park. He offered to further discuss this matter with them, as a representative of the town council, if the town council wished him to do so. It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor N Jacques engage in consultation with representatives of the Barton Tesco Store, regarding public car parking in the town and the store car park.

173. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 19 October 2015 be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 October 2015 be approved as a correct record.

174. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 19 October 2015**

Councillor K Vickers reported quotations were currently being sought for the replacement of the town council notice boards at The Assembly Rooms and alternative banking arrangements were being investigated. Councillor N Pinchbeck stated he thought it may be prudent that as two of the banks in the town had closed, the town council write to Barclays Bank asking them if they could open the bank on Wednesdays, to assist the lack of banking facilities in the town. Councillor N Jacques enquired about up-date of the mayoral boards in the Assembly Hall, requesting they be up-dated every two years at least. It was agreed and

Resolved

(i) a letter to be sent to Barclays Bank, asking if they would re-consider their opening times and open the bank on Wednesdays to offer a better banking service in the town. This follows closure of two other local banks;

(ii) the mayoral boards in The Assembly Hall be updated every two years.

(b) **Planning Application PA/2015/1241 – Baysgarth School**

Councillor Mrs W Witter reported that it was encouraging to hear that a skate park and improved facilities at the school were welcomed for the town.

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175. Correspondence

1. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council of consultation documents regarding Planning for Health and Wellbeing; Planning for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Development available to view at http://nlincs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/health_spd and http://nlincs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/solar_spd Details can also be viewed electronically at the Barton Local Link office. Comments are welcomed by 9 November 2015 and 6 November 2015, respectively.
2. Copy of resident's letter sent to North Lincolnshire Council and their subsequent reply regarding failure to empty his brown bin has been forwarded to the town council office (*the bin has now been emptied*).
3. Receipt of Barton Area Food Bank AGM notice for Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.00 pm in Trinity Methodist Church on Holydyke.
4. Receipt of copy letter sent by South Ferriby Parish Council to Stagecoach in Hull regarding a late night 350 bus service during 2017 for the Hull City of Culture (*Min Ref: 125/48 – BTC 02/09/15*).
5. Receipt of the latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
6. Reminder of the next Barton School Councils' Forum meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 1.45pm at Castledyke School.
7. Receipt of permission from North Lincolnshire Council to install seasonal decorations in the town centre for 2015 (*Min Ref: 345/145 – BTC 06/05/15*).
8. Receipt of email from resident requesting additional dog bins and signs on the Tofts Road/Horkstow Road area (*copy enclosed*).
9. Update regarding removal of the town councils cctv cameras and recorders – the Christmas lighting contractor will remove the cameras from outside buildings in January 2016 when the lights are removed. Price for this work will be forwarded when details of camera brackets, wiring etc are forwarded to them. A contractor is also required to remove the recorders from inside business premises, as this work is too much for one volunteer to undertake (*Min Ref: 153(i)/61 – BTC 07/10/15*).
10. Update regarding winter salt requirements. North Lincolnshire Council will top up the town councils' three green bins on Beretun Green, Victoria Drive and Willow Drive when they top up their own yellow bins at the start of the winter period (*Min Ref:- 148(3)(ii)/60 – BTC 07/10/15*).
11. Acknowledgement and thanks received from Barton Lions Club regarding the recent donation made towards the town's annual bonfire and firework display.
12. Correspondence received from North Lincolnshire Council Democratic Services. They are currently looking into the two electoral wards in the town. Further information to follow in due course.
13. Request received from Bowmandale Primary School for a donation towards their annual trip to Newlands Outdoor Centre, in Cumbria.
14. Receipt of ERNLLCA October Newsletter, copy available from the council office.
15. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership meeting minutes for October.

Resolved

(i) Councillor N Jacques felt the documents for Health and Wellbeing were very significant regarding contributions to the arts and heritage and also wellbeing. However, he felt that some of the wording was misleading in the PV policies, section B. He further commented that the wording should be changed to the local community to decide rather than North Lincolnshire Council. Councillor K Vickers made comment regarding the community fund and outlined the criteria. It was agreed and **Resolved** that comment be made to change the wording from "Should any of North Lincolnshire's Communities agree to hot solar PV developments..." to "Should planning permission be granted for any solar PV development the local community ..." (*item 1*);

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- (ii) to be discussed at the next meeting of the Environment Working Party. Councillor C Ulliott to investigate this matter, as it would appear there are contractual issues to consider regarding obligations by the developer of the Fox's Fold housing estate, that have not been met (*item 8*);
- (iii) the contractor who has provided an installation and maintenance service for the town centre cctv system in the past has provided the town council with a quotation to dismantle, remove and dispose of the now obsolete equipment. There is no value to the equipment for re-sale and no further quotations are to be sought in this instance. Removal of the system is specialised and the contractor understands the wiring and connection of the equipment, having previously erected and maintained it. The quotation in the sum of £675 + vat to be accepted and the contractor notified (*item 9 and min ref: 153(i)/61 – BTC 07/10/15*);
- (iv) it was agreed to support the residential 2016 visit in the sum of £200. Budget to be taken from 'Community: Donations/Grants (empowered)' of £150 and £50 to be taken from the town council's reserves. This is due to only £150 remaining in the budget allocation. The school to be notified. Proposed by Councillor Mrs W Witter and seconded by Councillor J Evison. All agreed. (*item 13*);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

176. **Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda**

1. Receipt of the latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Request from Barton Bike Night Committee for the town council's continued financial support to the 2016 event scheduled for Wednesday 6 July 2016.
3. Notification from Police Events Planning Team that their contact at the Remembrance Parade this Sunday, 8 November will be Sgt Dickinson.

Resolved

- (i) Councillor Mrs W Witter reminded all councillors that Remembrance Sunday was a special day and that effort to attend the event was requested. This was to commemorate those who fought for the country in past times and for those who lost their lives in doing so. Councillors J Evison, N Jacques and C Ulliott gave their apologies, as they were unable to attend due to work commitments etc. (*item 3*);
- (ii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

177. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £8,553.11 (A/cs 133 to 139), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,641.67 (A/cs 140 to 150) - a grand total of £17,194.78. Also, petty cash expenses for October 2015 in the sum of £ 156.90.

178. **Report from the Community Working Party Meeting held on the 2 November 2015**

Councillor A Todd gave report. He stated he was unable to attend the meeting due to being unwell, but gave thanks to Councillor Mr J Oxley for chairing the meeting. It was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) that quotations be sought to move the festive lighting power box adjacent to Charlie's Bar to The White Swan Public House on Fleetgate and for the work to be undertaken. The necessary permissions to also be sought to move the box;

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- (ii) it was agreed to use the private company for 1st aid cover at the 2015 Christmas Festival, due to the usual voluntary groups that have undertaken this in past years being unavailable to assist this year. The cost of this service will be £250 above the budget allocation in the town council's budget line, but within the overall Community budget allocation. The 1st aid cover is a statutory requirement regarding permissions and licences to hold this annual event in the town centre;
- (iii) Judges for the schools' competition for the 'Christmas Lights Switch On' agreed to be Councillors Ms J Warton and C Ulliott. Judging to take place on Thursday 5 November 2015;
- (iv) Councillor N Jacques to inspect the old town council tressle tables currently stored at the Salvation Army Citadel, for report and disposal;
- (v) the next Community Working Party meeting to be held on Monday 14 December 2015, 7pm at The Assembly Rooms.

179. **The 2 Wards (Bridge & Park) in Barton-upon-Humber**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that this matter had been raised before the last election. However, due to the demand on resources at North Lincolnshire Council at the time, it was agreed that this matter be discussed at a later date. At the last two elections, one ward was under-subscribed and one was over-subscribed. This resulted in co-optation of councillors a month after both elections, causing added work and expense. Also, the town councillors answered queries from all residents of the town, no matter which ward they represented. Councillor N Jacques stated that this may be problematic to independent councillors at elections, having to cover the entire town with election flyers and notices, causing additional work and expense. Councillor K Vickers felt there were no reasons for the two ward system and that one ward would be more democratic. Councillor Mrs A Clark commented that she served all residents in the town, not just those in her ward. Councillor J P Vickers concluded that consideration of a one ward system would not reduce the number of councillors the town council currently had. In light of this, a vote was taken. It was agreed and

Resolved that a letter be sent to North Lincolnshire Council Democratic Services, explaining the town council's support for one ward as opposed to the current two in the town and the reasons for this.

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

(a) **General – Councillor J Evison**

It was reported that current topics Councillor Evison has been dealing with are planning issues, pot holes, white lining and the Scunthorpe Steelworks issues.

(b) **Cycle Track**

Councillor K Vickers reported that the cycle track between Barton-upon-Humber and Barrow-upon-Humber had become narrow, overgrown and needed re-surfacing. The work was required to make it safer to use and for clearer visibility. He likened this to the cycle track between Barrow-upon-Humber and Goxhill which had been widened and improved. Discussion ensued and it was agreed and

Resolved that the town council support improvement works to be carried out on the cycle track between Barton-upon-Humber and Barrow-upon-Humber by North Lincolnshire Council.

(c) **National Award**

It was agreed that the local resident nominated for the award, be put forward for inclusion.

Resolved the Town Clerk write a letter of support from the town council for this.

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(d) Nightingale Close/Eastfield Road

Councillor A Todd wished to congratulate North Lincolnshire Council, for undertaking work to cut back and prune the over-hanging shrubbery and hedges adjacent to the public footpath. This had improved and made it safer to walk along the footpath.

181. Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

(a) Ambulance Service

Councillor Mrs A Clark reported the local Ambulance Service was currently to be reviewed.

(b) Information Day

Councillor Mrs W Witter stated an 'Information Day For the Over 50's' was to be held at the Trinity Methodist Church on 1 December 2015, 9.30 am to 1pm. Invaluable information will be available on an array of services.

(c) Public Seats

Councillor N Jacques requested a progress report regarding the Environment Working Party and the Aid to Communities grant for new seat provision. The Clerk stated that to date, nothing had been received or progressed in this matter due to the current availability of resources. Councillor Jacques requested this matter be pursued as soon as possible.

(d) Bulb Planting

Councillor F Coulsey wished to thank everyone who assisted on bulb planting day. 8,000 bulbs have been planted in the town with additional supplies planted by the Barton Lions and Rotary Clubs. In future years additional councillors are required to assist with the bulb planting programme.

(e) CHAMP Ltd – Christmas Fair 2015

The Clerk reported that a request has been made from CHAMP, asking if they may borrow the town council owned Father Christmas costume, as in previous years with the same conditions. It was agreed and

Resolved that CHAMP Ltd may borrow the town council owned Father Christmas costume. A deposit of £50 is required from them, returnable on receipt of the costume being returned in good order to the town council.

(f) Diary Dates

The Mayor, Councillor Mr J Oxley, reminded all members present of forthcoming town council events and functions, whereby all members of the town council are invited to attend and assist:
Thursday 5 November – Annual Bonfire & Firework Display – 5.30 pm at Baysgarth Park, Barton;
Sunday 8 November 2015 – Remembrance Sunday – 10.15 am at The Citadel, Queen Street;
Saturday 21 November 2015 – Mayor's Casino Night – 7 pm at The Assembly Rooms, Barton.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, closed the meeting at 7.48 p.m

..... Chairman 2 December 2015