

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor A Todd (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Mrs D Pearson, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, C Ulliott, K Vickers, Ms J Warton and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present Captain A Bawden (Salvation Army), 3 Members of the Public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

248. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Captain A Bawden read out the Town Prayer.

249. **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.

250. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Thornton (unwell), J P Vickers (personal commitments), I Welch (personal commitments) and D Yellowley (unwell).

251. **Declarations of Interest**

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

Barton Bike Night – Councillor J Evison (Personal Interest)

Planning Application PA/2016/2017 – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)

Barton Civic Society & Barton Lions – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night, Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions & Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal Interest)

Accounts (229) and Barton Bike Night – Councillor A Todd (Personal Interest)

Friends of Baysgarth Park – Councillor Ms J Warton (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance and Baysgarth School – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

252. **Barton Salvation Army**

It was agreed and

Resolved that item (3) of the ‘Schedule of Correspondence after making up the Agenda’, regarding a financial assistance request made from the Barton Salvation Army, be discussed by the town council at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 10 April 2017. Also, to suspend this Ordinary Meeting of the council to allow Captain A Bawden (representing the Salvation Army) to briefly appraise the background to the request for financial assistance.

Captain Bawden gave an appraisal of the project. It was to establish a community play area at the rear of the hall. This area would be covered with artificial grass and protective matting, with play equipment. This is vital for the parent and toddler places held 2 days a week, with 60 families already on a waiting list. He highlighted the community services the building offers, which incorporates a

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Food Bank and to set up a local allotment to provide fresh food for those in need. Although an initial budget of £8,000 had been incorporated into the building development budget, a shortfall of £10k to £11k had arisen due to increased building costs escalating in recent months.

Members of the town council felt the project was a good community venture that would benefit many people, with the possibility of £2,000 or £2,500 muted, to be taken from the town council's reserve budget to assist funding of the project. However, it was agreed that the Finance & General Purposes Committee look at the application in more detail to determine what funding towards this scheme would be appropriate. Councillor J Evison also suggested that the North Lincolnshire Council community grant funding be investigated to provide additional support to the project.

The Mayor, Councillor A Todd thanked Captain A Bawden for his informative talk. Captain Bawden then left the meeting and it was re-opened.

253. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

It was reported the next meeting would take place on 14 March 2017.

254. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 January 2017**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 January 2017, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

255. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Dog Fouling** (*Min Ref: 228(b)/94 – BTC 04/01/17*)

Councillor Ms J Warton stated that North Lincolnshire Council had addressed this matter and the problem now sorted.

256. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 23 January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

257. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Applications**

Councillor Mrs W Witter commented upon the high level of planning applications for 'minor material amendments' that were being submitted. She felt this matter needed to be closely monitored.

(b) **Precept for 2017/2018** (*Min Ref: 243(i)(ii)(iii)/101 – EOM 23/01/17*)

Councillor K Vickers wished to thank all councillors for their input into this matter and the voluntary work undertaken by them. Also the Town Clerk's for their work in drafting the budget, precept and council tax for 2017/2018. With the combined effort of everyone, the town council were able to retain the same council tax for a Band D property for the last 3 years.

258. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Receipt of the Environment Agency Humber Newsletter for December 2016 (*copy available from the council office*).
3. Notice of next Barton School Councils Forum meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 1.45 pm in the Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street, Barton.
4. Letter from BCCRP explaining the events of 2016 and request to renew membership for 2017.
5. Receipt of Barton Area Foodbank January update.
6. Receipt of notes from Barton Tourism Partnership meeting held on 17 January 2017.
7. Receipt of two consultation documents from East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Statement of Community Involvement and Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule (*details of both can be found via www.eastriding.gov.uk/cil*).
8. Receipt of a copy of the Motion presented to North Lincolnshire Council by the Barton Ward Councillors with regard to Open Spaces in Barton (*Min Ref: 191/80 – BTC 07/12/16*).
9. Information from NHS North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NLCCG) requesting we promote their search to appoint a Lay Member for Governance. Further details can be found on the NHS website.

Resolved

(i) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Request from ERNLLCA for a photograph of Barton which represents this area to feature on a carousel of photos from around this area on their website.
2. Receipt of ERNLLCA January newsletter, copy available from the council office.
3. Letter with request for financial assistance from the Barton Salvation Army towards community facility at their new premises (*copy enclosed*).

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Resolved

(i) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

260. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £10,951.07 (A/cs 210 to 223) and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,558.56 (A/cs 224 to 231) - a grand total of £19,509.63;

(ii) petty cash expenses for January 2017 are £185.91;

(iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for December 2016 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

261. **Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor 2017/2018**

Consideration was given to expressions of interest received from members wishing to undertake these civic roles. One candidate for the role of Mayor, Councillor C Ulliott, and one candidate for the role of Deputy Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck.

A proposal was made from Councillor Mr J Oxley for Councillor C Ulliott to be put forward as Town Mayor elect for the annual meeting of the town council to be held on 10 May 2017, this was seconded by Councillor K Vickers and agreed by members present.

A proposal was made from Councillor J Evison for Councillor N Pinchbeck to be put forward as Deputy Town Mayor elect for the annual meeting of the town council to be held on 10 May 2017, this was seconded by Councillor Ms J Warton and agreed by members present.

Resolved that the election of the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor 2017/2018 be undertaken at the annual meeting to be held on 10 May 2017.

262. **The Town Award 2017**

Consideration was given to nominations for the Town Award 2017 having regard to a circulated resume of nominations. By a recorded vote, 5 votes were received for Joyce Gibson, 6 votes for Penny Phillips and 4 votes for Ian Wolseley. It was agreed and

Resolved

(i) the Town Award 2017 be awarded to Penny Phillips. The award to be presented at the Mayor's Civic Dinner to be held on 5 May 2017. The recipient to be notified and invited.

263. **The "Great British Spring Clean"**

Councillor J Sanderson felt after success of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign last year that the town council need to get involved in the 'Great British Spring Clean' this year. It was felt that the project needed to be co-ordinated with other groups wishing to be involved in the town. North Lincolnshire Council can offer the supply of litter picking equipment. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved that Councillor J Sanderson to co-ordinate the scheme together with Councillor N Pinchbeck. Other volunteers are Councillors N Jacques, Mr J Oxley, Mrs C Thornton & Ms J Warton.

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264. **Emergency Lighting at The Assembly Rooms**

The Clerk reported that whilst the town council had supported the costs of maintenance work and to fit additional emergency lighting at the Assembly Rooms last year, it did not include the town council offices. This had come to light following a recent routine survey by the Fire Alarm Engineer. As this does not comply with current British Standards, it was agreed to have this work undertaken as soon as possible. Also, following a water leak from the first floor bar area seeping through the ceiling of the ground floor town council offices, the suspended ceiling had been damaged. Following discussing, it was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) inspection and maintenance work required for the town council offices to be undertaken for the emergency lighting, in compliance with current British Standards;
- (ii) prices sought for the damaged town council office ceiling to be obtained, to replace the area affected.

265. **Protocol for the Bartonian Magazine**

All members were furnished with a copy of the 'Protocol for Bartonian Magazine' for perusal. Discussion ensued regarding the scale of charges and the terminology of some of the wording and distribution area. It was agreed and

Resolved that the 'Protocol for the Bartonian Magazine' be accepted by the town council.

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

(a) **Councillor J Evison**

Councillor Evison gave report on the following. The footpath and crossing modifications on Caistor Road/Preston Lane are now complete. The Ward Members will be attending a meeting tomorrow evening with the 'Top Field' group. The official opening of Baysgarth New School is 24 March, the skate park is nearing completion and the school stage set up part funded by North Lincolnshire Council. Preparation for the recent flood alert in the local area was well prepared for. Sandbag distribution was queried but fortunately the flooding alert passed without incident. Mr Keith Hunter the Humberside Police Crime Commissioner has delivered his plan which has been universally accepted as reasonable and the Local Council's partnership working was also discussed.

(b) **Councillor K Vickers**

Councillor Vickers gave report on the following. The Friends of Baysgarth Park group have received a grant towards obtaining Green Flag status in the park. An application is to be submitted, but this may not be achievable in the first year, but will probably do in the second year. The public seating is currently being sited onto the Humber Bank as programmed. The new planters are to be located in the Market Place and new litter bins to be fitted in and around the town. Replacement of the signage to Millfields and Ferriby Road has been undertaken. At the latest Barton Regeneration meeting it was agreed to re-render the wall adjacent to the bus shelter area in the Market Place/Market Lane.

(c) **Barton Library**

Councillor Mrs Witter enquired about the possibility of the Library moving in the town from Providence House, following a query raised from a local resident. Councillor J Evison explained that

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a review of all council services was to be undertaken at North Lincolnshire Council. Single buildings used for multi-use services being muted within this. This process has to be addressed in order to maximise the council's resources to provide as many community services as possible within a tight budget. This would involve cutbacks. However, before anything advancing in this matter, a consultation process would have to take place. Councillor Jacques commented that he did not have much faith in consultation processes following the 'Top Field' planning issues. He requested if the town council could have the terms of reference for any possible changes to the Library Service in the town, so the town council can put forward any comments and have input into the decision-making process. Councillor Evison agreed to forward the terms of reference when they are available.

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

(a) **The East Coast Path – Mablethorpe to the Humber Bridge**

Councillor Mr W Witter reported she had attended the drop in session held yesterday at Waters' Edge Visitor Centre, as a representative of the town council (*min Ref: 224(6)(ii)/93 – BTC 04/01/17 refers*). Councillor N Jacques also reported that he had attended. An appraisal of the session was given. It was at the very early stages of the scheme with alternatives stated. Funding streams for the coastal path was discussed together with the impact Able Industries and other smaller industry affected this. The installation of the Humber Bank public seating by the town council was viewed to be a step in the right direction and Councillor N Jacques felt that signage should be erected along the Humber Bank promoting the town's facilities for information purposes and to aid tourism. It was stated that the project proposals would be for the early 2020's.

(b) **Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership**

Councillor N Jacques reported the next meeting of the group is to be held during early March 2017.

(c) **English Heritage Open Days**

Councillor N Jacques stated that English Heritage was proposing to hold the 'Heritage Open Days' again this year. It was proposed that 10 September 2017 would be the date.

The Chairman, Councillor A Todd closed the meeting at 7.48 p.m.

..... Chairman 1 March 2017