

Notes from Emergency Planning Working Party meeting on 25 January 2016

**Present: Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulosey, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, K Vickers and Ms J Warton
Town Clerk Ms S Richards, Deputy Clerk Mrs C Clark & 1 member of the public**

Apologies – Councillors A Todd, C Ulliott, P Vickers, I Welch and Mrs W Witter.

Update of the Community Emergency Plan

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, gave an update why this Working Party was formed which followed on from the flooding in 2007. The emergency services and North Lincolnshire Council would lead any emergency but if their focus was in another area, as happened in the December 2013 flood, Barton may need to initiate something. Following these floods the Environment Agency have carried out repairs along the Humber bank, further work is needed in South Ferriby including the possibility of moving a section of the A1077 near the Cemex Plant which is below sea level. Historical issues of the river Humber were discussed and dredging which the Environment Agency is reviewing. In answer to a question about dredging the Barton Haven, as this stopped further flooding in the town in 2013 government money would be allocated to areas which experienced flooding first. It was also suggested clearing of Enclosure ditches around the town would help, any dumping in the ditches should be reported to North Lincolnshire Council for clearing.

A Community Emergency Plan document was put together in 2007 for Barton which is updated each year, the latest in July 2015. A copy is forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning Team; plus copies deposited with the Chairman of this Working Party and in the town council office. A letter was sent in December 2015 to the twelve community groups who agreed to be part of the Community Emergency Plan for annual update of contact details. Once updates have been completed a revised plan will be forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council and others as above, which would also include a copy of the Environment Agency flood map for Barton. It was agreed to contact all town councillors for emergency contact details to include in the plan along with what assistance they were capable of undertaking.

The Chairman explained the Amber and Red alert – Amber is Flood Alert, flooding is possible, be prepared; Red is Flood Warning, flooding is expected, immediate action required; Red Severe Flood Warning, severe flooding, danger of life. He also advised North Lincolnshire Council would like to undertake a Practice Paper Exercise. It was agreed to hold this on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 7pm in the Assembly Rooms, two or three working party members to meet with North Lincolnshire Council officer first to discuss organising the exercise.

The town council has Community Emergency ID badges & sandbag tokens which were arranged following the floods of 2007 and distributed from the council office. The town council's supply of sandbags is split between the town council storage in the Assembly Rooms rear yard and Lindsey Relay storage at Blue Cost Charity Farm with 1 tonne of sand. Volunteers to assist filling sand bags needed along with a sand bag filler at a cost of £58.01, the council agreed to purchase two. Household Emergency Plan details are regularly included in The Bartonian magazine, on the town council section of the Barton website www.barton-upon-humber.org.uk/bartontowncouncil Environment Agency emergency contact details & advising Baysgarth Leisure Centre is the emergency point and crisis centre for Barton also regularly featured in The Bartonian. Identifying vulnerable people for including in the plan has been a problem; it was suggested contacting the doctors' surgery and other groups for assistance. The Chairman would also check with North Lincolnshire Council about this problem.

Further details on Emergency Planning can be found at North Lincolnshire Council & Humber Emergency Planning Service websites at www.northlincs.gov.uk/communityadviseandsupport/emergencies/emergencyplanning or www.heps.gov.uk/lets-get-ready-community/town-and-parish-council