

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the**  
**THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on**  
**MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2018 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor F Coulsey (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, N Jacques, Mr J Oxley, Mrs P Sanderson and Ms J Warton.

**Also Present:** Councillors J Sanderson & Mrs W Witter. Mr J French (Barton Civic Society), Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

97. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mrs S Evison (holiday), Mrs C Edwards (Barton Rotary Club) & Mr A Robinson (Barton Civic Society).

98. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

99. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mr D Witter advised they would be planting £100 of purple crocus bulbs to represent Polio Eradication Drive. They plan to plant these in one bunch the same day as Friends of Baysgarth Park bulb planting in the Chad Varah Garden.

(b) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor Mr J Oxley advised they had match-funded the town council spring bulb budget and would assist on the planting day in October.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

Mr J French advised they are pursuing their project with landlords of vacant properties to be maintained, such as OddFellows Hall and Eagle House. They continue to tidy up the Interchange Area and cut the grass at The Beck. Currently pursuing drainage options from the water build up on The Beck car park area. Hopefully anti-social behaviour problems there are now sorted. North Lincolnshire Council is looking through their evidence forms for parish and urban paths not on the definitive map. They voiced concern at public money being spent on a bin store for a private individual on Market Lane. Thanks were passed on from resident of Fleetgate House for the new litterbin outside their property.

100. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 4 June 2018**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 4 July 2018.

101. **Matters Arising**

(a) **North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project** (Min Ref:- 25(a)/10)

Members were advised Councillors F Coulsey & Mrs P Sanderson collected an awards certificate from North Lincolnshire Council for this project. Details of a Winter Community Project would be forwarded in the next few weeks. Tidying up the area around the Old Coastguard building and public toilet block both at the View Area were put forward as possible projects. Due to the possible tight timescale for this Project, it was agreed for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to agree a suitable project with the town council office, once details are known.

**Resolved** that the town council consider a suitable Winter in Bloom Community Project once the criteria is known.

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(b) **Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition** (Min Ref:- 25(g)/10)

Members were advised both rounds of judging had taken place. Following consultation with the committee chairman, the Presentation Evening had been changed from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September due to the Assembly Rooms being in use and Andrew Robinson unavailable for the Gardener's Question time on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Invites have been sent out to judges and entrants. It was also agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr M Bennett for encouraging 9 residents of Newport to enter the competition.

**Resolved** that a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr M Bennett of Newport.

(c) **Yellow lines in Conservation Area** (Min Ref:- 25(f)/100)

The yellow lines on West Acridge had been changed to the correct shade of primrose yellow.

102. **Spring Bulb Planting Sites 2018** (Min Ref:- 25(e)/10)

Copies of the current spring bulb planting sites and suggested new sites around the town were passed around for consideration of sites in 2018. It was noted the town council budget of £320 had already been allocated in the Chad Varah Memorial Garden. Sites for the additional £320 from Barton Lions Club were agreed for the Humber Bridge Viewing Area and High Street fronting the Lidl store. Planting date was agreed as Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30am, meeting at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area.

**Resolved that:-**

- (i) the Humber Bridge Viewing Area and High Street fronting the Lidl store to be planted with spring bulbs in 2018;
- (ii) Bulb planting date was agreed as Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30am, meeting at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area.
- (iii) Bulbs to be ordered with recommendations from the contractor as most suitable for the areas to be planted.

103. **Additional Watering – Hanging Baskets**

Members were advised, due to the exceptionally warm summer the allocated budget for watering town council hanging baskets has already been spent. Baskets can still be watered to the end of August costing £250 or alternate dates costing £125 with funding taken from earmarked reserves 'Environment – Emergency Contingency'. Alternatively they can be removed straight away at no additional cost.

**Resolved** that hanging baskets continue to be watered daily up to the end of August, with additional costs over budget from earmarked reserves 'Environment – Emergency Contingency'

104. **Report – North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project**

Members considered the previously circulated report from the North Lincolnshire in Bloom Project Contractor for the improved flowerbeds on High Street outside Lidl store and St Peter's Court. For these areas to be maintained next year additional budget would be required for 2019/2020. New planter covers for the 2 new Junction Square planters at £70 each was agreed. It was also noted additional budget would be required from 2019/2020 for the additional 4 planters, with the current total of 24 from 20 planters around the town. An annual report on the condition of parish paths was agreed to be a good idea, Councillor I Welch to be asked if it would be possible to produce this.

**Resolved that:-**

- (i) Additional budget to be considered at the 12 November 2018 Environment Budget Meeting for continued maintenance of the flowerbeds on High Street outside Lidl store and St Peter's Court and additional 4 planters;
- (ii) 2 new planter covers to be purchased at £70 each from the current Environment Budget, if funds are available, alternatively added to the 2019/2020 budget.

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- (iii) Councillor I Welch to be asked if it would be possible to produce a report for the parish paths on the outskirts of the town.

105. **Additional Planters outside The Co-op**

Members were advised complaints have been made regarding vehicles parking on the forecourt outside The Co-op store in Market Lane. A suggestion had been received to install a couple of planters in a position which would stop this happening. It was suggested this could be funded by the North Lincolnshire in Bloom Winter Project, along with tidying up of the Old Coastguard building and public toilet block both at the View Area, once details have been received. Having litterbins along the Humber Bank and a handrail on steps at The Old Tileyard and Humber Bridge Country Hotel to the Humber Bank were requested.

**Resolved** that

- (i) 2 additional planters outside The Co-op store in Market Lane to be considered for the North Lincolnshire in Bloom Winter Project;
- (ii) North Lincolnshire Council to be asked what the cost would be to include emptying of litterbins on the Humber Bank as part of their emptying schedule;
- (iii) The Old Tileyard and Humber Bridge Country Hotel both to be contacted with a request for a handrail on their steps to the Humber Bank to assist people with walking difficulties to access this area.

The Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey closed the meeting at 7.45p.m.

..... Chairman

5 September 2018