

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON on WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor J Sanderson (Chairman)

Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, Mrs C Thornton, A Todd, B Troop, J P Vickers and K Vickers

Also present Mr C Moore and Ms Tracy Norton (Generations Online), Major Alan Norton (Salvation Army) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk)

Prior to the meeting commencing, Mr Clive Moore and Ms Tracy Norton, representatives of Generations Online, spoke about this community group, set up four years ago and based in Winterton. Mr Moore explained they have been supported by 'Awards for All', and are now council funded. Originally the services they offered was for the Winterton area only, but they now wished to expand this to other parts of the region. Training placements are free of charge, and bridge the gap of young to old in communication links. This is something they feel is unique, to provide online training, particularly to more senior people and create and provide digital resources. In Barton, they have undertaken a project at the Resource Centre in liaison with Ongo and have approached St Peter's Primary School. They now wish the town council to be aware of what they have to offer, to open up their services in the local community.

The Chairman, Councillor J Sanderson and members of the town council thanked Mr Moore and Ms Norton for their informative presentation and opened the meeting. Both speakers then left the meeting.

285. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Major Alan Norton read out the Town Prayer, he then left the meeting.

286. **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

287. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor J Evison (NLC Mayoral Engagement)

288. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (personal interest)

Barton Civic Society and Planning Application PA/2020/116 – Councillor N Jacques (personal interest)

Queen Street School Preservation Trust – Councillor Mrs C Thornton (personal interest)

Field Opposite Falkland Way on Barrow Road, Barton – Councillor B Troop (personal interest)

289. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers gave report. English Heritage have submitted a planning application to erect cctv cameras at St Peter's Church. The Safer Neighbourhood and Neighbourhood Watch Groups are liaising with the residents in Beck Hill regarding anti-social behaviour issues in the area and thanks were given to Mr Andrew Robinson and Barton Civic Society for the relocation of a public seat from Beck Hill to Baysgarth Park.

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The Police have reported that a prolific shoplifter in the town has been served with a two year criminal behaviour order under new Police powers to block access into shop premises.

290. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 5 February 2020**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8 January 2020 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Subject to an amendment requested by Councillor N Jacques for minute reference 263/118. This is for the Clerk to write to the Government regarding the resolution.

291. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Proposal to Up-Grade the Direct Link from the Barton Line to Barnetby for Passenger Services and to Encourage North Lincolnshire Council to Apply to the Government's New Stations Fund Initiative for the Funds to Build the New Passenger Facilities at Barton Interchange** (*Min Ref: 263/118 – BTC 05/02/20*)

Councillor N Jacques enquired of any progress in this matter regarding Councillor R Waltham MBE at North Lincolnshire Council. Councillor J P Vickers reported that to date, no further information had been received in the matter.

Resolved that this be noted.

292. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Emergency Planning Sub-Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated notes of an Emergency Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2020 be approved as a correct record

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

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2020 be approved as a correct record

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(d) **Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2020 be approved as a correct record. The content to be discussed at the end of the meeting with the exclusion of the press and public.

(e) **Minutes of a Community Committee Meeting**

5) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of a Community Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2020 be approved as a correct record

293. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **VE Day Celebrations** (Min Ref: 282(vi)/125 – CC 02/03/20)

Councillor J P Vickers reported that English Heritage have been contacted and confirm the church bells will be rung to commemorate the VE Day celebrations on 8 May 2020. Councillor N Jacques gave clarification when the bells were last rung at the church. Councillor Mrs C Thornton felt that good publicity was needed to promote this. Councillor J P Vickers stated that the Publicity Department at English Heritage were undertaking this role. Councillor Mrs A Clark enquired if bunting would be erected in the town for the commemorative weekend. This was confirmed. It would remain in situ for the VE Day celebrations and also the VJ Day celebrations.

(b) **Picnic in the Park** (Min Ref: 283(ix)/126 – CC 02/03/20)

Councillor J P Vickers confirmed that the memorial junior football tournament in memory of the late Councillor John Oxley would take place in liaison with Councillor Mrs J Oxley and family as a tribute for everything Councillor John Oxley did for junior football, and the community services he undertook in the town.

294. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of latest Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Details of ERNLLCA training days:
 - (a) Financial Responsibilities on 19 March 2020 at Bishop Burton College £90+vat per delegate.
 - (b) Social Media – Engaging Your Community 9.30am to 12.15pm on 24 March at Bishop Burton College and 25 March at The Ropewalk, Barton, £37.50 +vat per delegate.Details of both training sessions available from the town council office.
3. Information received from Humberside Police Community Speed Watch Scheme Co-ordinator with details of the Scheme and 4 questions which need to be answered to begin routine checks required to make a scheme for Barton viable (Min Ref: 93(a)/38 – BTC 04/09/19).
4. Contact from Defib4Life Ltd advising they work closely with the Ambulance Service with the supply of defibrillators and replacement supplies if any are required in the town.
5. Agenda for BCCRP OGM on 3 March 2020 at Grimsby Town Station.
6. Contact from Lincolnshire Lowland Search and Rescue, a registered charity which supports the emergency services asking for support to publicise their fundraising campaign. Further details can be found at www.lincsars.org.
7. Details for entry in the CPRE Best Kept Village 2020 competition. Closing date for entries 26 June.

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8. Receipt of Barton NAT Group 28 January 2020 meeting minutes and crime statistics from January – December 2019. Their next meeting is 7 April 2020, 6.30pm at the Assembly Rooms.
9. Notification North Lincolnshire Council is preparing a new single Local Plan for its' area. The Consultation runs from 14 February to 27 March 2020. Roadshows will be held across the area and details can be viewed electronically at Local Link Offices and Libraries across North Lincolnshire. A paper version will be available for inspection at Scunthorpe Central, Scunthorpe. Details can be viewed at www.localplan.northlincs.gov.uk/localplan
10. Receipt of the Environment Agency February newsletter Humber 2100+ - working together to manage tidal flood risk. Copy available from the town council office.
11. Request from Mr Craig Ulliott to attend the 1 April Town Council Meeting to talk about Crime in Barton. He plans to stand as the Conservative Party Candidate for the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner election this year.
12. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership 19 November 2019 meeting minutes, 18 February 2020 meeting agenda with includes a report on signage to link Barton Tourist Attractions.
13. Letter of thanks from the Ted Lewis Group for the recent donation (*Min Ref: 234(f)/1404 – F&GP 13/01/20*).
14. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Licensing Department of an application to vary a premises licence at Chao Bann, 35/35a High Street, Barton to include Monday and Tuesday along with the remainder of week. Monday to Thursday 11:30hrs to 23:00hrs, Friday to Saturday 10:00hrs to 23:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs to 22:00hrs.
15. Notification CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Branch has litter picking equipment available to borrow, free of charge if required. Contact details available from the town council office.
16. Reminder from Barton School Councils' Forum that it is essential Councillors planning to attend the 18 March meeting of the Forum at Wren must confirm attendance at least 2 days beforehand to guarantee access through their security.

Resolved

- (i) Councillor J P Vickers gave appraisal of the Speed Watch system. Councillors J Sanderson and J P Vickers expressed interest in volunteering for a Community Speed Watch group. Councillor N Jacques felt that this issue should be passed to the Tourism Group for a wider circle of people who may wish to volunteer for the scheme. This was agreed by members present. Councillor Mrs C Thornton felt it may be prudent to place this matter onto Facebook to promote it (*item 3*);
- (ii) it was agreed the town council enter the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2020 (*item 7*);
- (iii) it was agreed to invite Craig Ulliott and Keith Hunter to speak at the 1 April 2020 meeting of the town council regarding the Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner election this year (*item 11*);
- (iv) the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Receipt of ERNLLCA newsletter for February 2020 - copy available from the council office.
2. Letter of thanks from Mrs W Witter for receiving the Town Award 2020. She hopes to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 13 May 2020 to receive the award (*Min Ref:- 259(i)/117 – BTC 05/02/20*).
3. Information received from North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services advising of the opportunity to transfer responsibility of grass cutting in Barton to the town council. Grant payable by North Lincolnshire Council with details of area and minimum cuts per year advised. Terms and conditions can be viewed at <http://s.northlincs.gov.uk/grasscutting> with a link to follow prompts to accept Terms and Conditions after 9 March but before 25 March 2020. If the council is interested but unable to meet this deadline, alternative dates for accepting and commencement may be possible.

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4. Receipt from Councillor N Jacques information and table showing the town council's main sources of carbon, with a calculation of the town council's carbon footprint per year of 5.665 tonnes.
5. Invite for all councillors to attend the 2020 Workers Memorial Day celebrations on Tuesday 28 April 2020 at The Scunthorpe Baptist Church on Ashby Road from 10am.
6. Receipt of CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Newsletter for March 2020.
7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Licensing Department of an application to vary a club premises certificate at the Humber Bridge Water Ski Club, West Marsh Lane, Barrow Haven.

Resolved

(i) an agenda item to be placed for the 1 April 2020 meeting of the town council to discuss this matter when the information has been perused, due to the tight timeframe given by North Lincolnshire Council (*item 3*);

(ii) Councillor N Jacques gave appraisal of his findings regarding Barton Town Council's carbon footprint. He read out details based upon his estimated calculations, explaining the process. To mitigate the impacts, he felt that tree planting was the best way forward. However, it was complicated in determining how many. In light of this, he felt the Tree Officer at North Lincolnshire Council may need to be involved for further advice. He stated that he had placed an article in the April 2020 of the Bartonian, on behalf of the Carbon Footprint Task & Finish Group, of where local residents would want trees to be planted in the town. It was noted that a donation had been made to a local resident in the town a year ago for tree planting on Ferriby Road, however, the tree planting does not appear to have taken place. The Clerk was instructed to write to the resident requesting an up-date in this matter. Councillor A Todd enquired if undertaking grass cutting in the town would affect the town council's carbon footprint and Councillor J P Vickers stated that the Community Committee had agreed not to produce paper copies of the Christmas Festival advertising leaflet this year to assist reduction in the town council's carbon footprint (*item 4*);

(iii) the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

296. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £10,864.92 (A/cs 239 to 245) and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,015.89 (A/cs 246 to 252) - a grand total of £16,880.81;

(ii) petty cash expenses for February 2020 are £152.68;

(iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for January 2020 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

297. **Progress on Converting Street Lights to LED**

Councillor Mrs C Thornton enquired about the current progress of converting public street lighting from sodium to LED. Councillor J P Vickers gave appraisal. Since 2017 22,500 have been replaced, including 1,800 in the town. There are 146 yet to be replaced, but these tend to be decorative lighting that is not a standard conversion. However, he felt this was quite a positive achievement, in reducing the carbon footprint and also energy saving costs. Councillor A Todd reported that 80% of the local estates had been converted.

298. **Update on the Community 'Speedwatch' Scheme**

Discussed under minute reference 294(3)(i)/132 above.

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299. **Consideration of Actions which the Town Council Could Take to Enable People with Visual Impairment to Make Their Way Safely around the Town, especially when using Crossings across the A1077**

Councillor Mrs C Thornton gave appraisal of those who are partially sighted who are experiencing problems crossing the road, notably on Ferriby Road and in the Market Place. Discussion took place regarding the zebra crossing in the Market Place and the suggestion there was a wheel located on the post to assist those who are partially sighted who cannot see when the lights have changed. Councillor J P Vickers gave a report from North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department regarding the proposal to put a pedestrian crossing on Ferriby Road, following the Lidl Store development. It would appear there are issues to combat regarding obtaining a clear sight line for the position of the crossing, therefore, various locations are currently being investigated. Councillor Mrs A Clark felt this was something that was very much required to cross the road safely.

300. **Consideration of having a Representative on the Queen Street School Preservation Trust following Mr J Emerson attending 5 February 2020 Town Council Meeting**

Following discussion, it was agreed the Trust had not requested a member of the town council to be a representative on the Trust. Councillor Mrs C Thornton gave background to this and stated that regarding the interview process, it had been for an opinion only. This matter had now taken place. Councillor J P Vickers stated that if a representative of the town council was required to sit on the Trust, then a written request would be required from them, to be considered at the annual meeting of the town council to be held on 13 May 2020. It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor Mrs C Thornton, a member of the Queen Street Preservation Trust update the town council on any relevant issues the Trust may raise.

301. **Consideration of the request from the Queen Street School Preservation Trust for the Town Council to Support their Plans for the £1.5m Improvements to Joseph Wright Hall**

In light of the above (*minute reference: 300/134*), Councillor N Jacques wished to withdraw the item.

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

(a) **Councillor J P Vickers**

Councillor J P Vickers reported the success of the new path system around Baysgarth Park through the Friends of Baysgarth Park Group. They had received very favourable reports from local residents.

(b) **Councillor K Vickers**

Councillor K Vickers endorsed the comments made by Councillor J P Vickers above. He felt the path improvement scheme in Baysgarth Park was the best thing in this area for local residents and those visiting the park from elsewhere. The paths were well used and accessible for all and very good value for money.

Councillor N Jacques enquired about the recycling bin still located on Cottage Lane car park and felt that the consultation process for the Local Plan is a separate issue to the proposals for a relief road in the town. Councillor J P Vickers commented that the North Lincolnshire Council consultation event held on 19 February had been a good event for everyone to express their views, and it was important to get these issues right for the town.

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Councillor N Jacques commented about alternative routes for the relief road proposals and the longevity of the Local Plan. Councillor K Vickers stated that the current route proposal for a relief road was a starting point only, drawn up by the consultants engaged. It was not necessarily endorsed by North Lincolnshire Council. Indeed, the consultation process would have to be looked into as there was no particular route currently agreed. Councillor N Jacques concluded that he felt the current proposal was, in his view, a link road and not a relief road.

Councillor K Vickers left the meeting.

Councillor Mrs A Clark enquired about the poor condition of the Age UK building located on the High Street and if any progress was likely to be made to improve it. Councillor J Sanderson stated he had looked into the matter, whereby a private landlord owned the building.

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

(a) **The Town Mayor's Chosen Charity for the 2019/2020 Mayoral Year**

The Mayor, Councillor J Sanderson, stated that although at the annual meeting of the town council held on 13 May 2019 he had chosen two charities to support, namely the Young Carer's and the Volunteer Car Scheme, he wished to point out that he was now only supporting one of these charities, the Young Carers (*minute reference: 9/2 – BTC 13/05/19 refers*).

Resolved the town council's website has details removed that relate to the Town Mayor supporting the Volunteer Car Scheme for the mayoral year 2019/2020.

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

Councillor Mrs C Thornton gave a report from the Partnership's meeting held on 3 March. This included changes to the Northern Franchise – now run by Northern Trains Ltd, in public ownership. A possible direct train route from Cleethorpes to London in the future was also muted etc.

(c) **The Town Council's Website**

Councillor J P Vickers reported he had requested the town council office to put up the current guidelines regarding Coronavirus for everyone's health and safety reasons.

The Chairman, Councillor J Sanderson closed the meeting at 7.57 p.m.

..... Chairman 1 April 2020