

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held via ZOOM
On MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)
Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark and N Jacques.

Also Present: Ms S Richards (Town Clerk) & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

84. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor J Evison (Holiday)

85. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Lions Club – Councillor A Chapman (personal interest)

Barton Civic Society – Councillor N Jacques (personal interest)

86. **Reports from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

Barton Lions Club members have helped Friends of the Barton Line with running board renewal at Thornton Curtis; litter picking in small groups on edge of the town on Westfield Road; ready to help at Far Ings Nature Reserve; helped cutting willow hedge at The Ropewalk; plan a general tidy up in the autumn on the old goods platform at Barton Interchange; able to help with Great British Clean Up if needed; able to help with the annual bulb planting if needed. The annual bonfire and firework display had been cancelled as they are unable to insure the event against a potential Covid outbreak.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mrs C Edwards advised because of the age of their members, meetings are still suspended until further notice. Therefore they do not have any items to report.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

Barton Civic Society has met with North Lincolnshire Council regarding the Interchange improvements. Funding is available for phase one; both phases are being put forward for planning permission, displaying local artwork had been suggested. Hopefully further information will be known by the next council meeting. Future maintenance taking into account possible devolution of some responsibilities by North Lincolnshire Council was mentioned. Annual bulb planting this year could be undertaken by passing bulbs to all local schools. It was agreed to contact the schools on this matter. Barton Lions Club advised they would look at donating towards this for the schools.

Resolved local schools are contacted to check if they would be interested in planting spring bulbs in and around each school themselves.

87. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 18 May 2020**

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 3 June 2020.

88. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Planters and Hanging Baskets** (Min Ref:- 9(c)/4)

Town council contractor, Andrew Robinson sent a report advising due to the poor summer weather the baskets and planters have not performed as well as in previous years. In particular the hanging baskets have suffered with the high winds which we have experienced in the past few weeks. They will be taken down in the next few days. The planters will be stripped later this month ready for autumn planting in early October. The planter at the corner of Maltkiln Lane has not suffered from vandalism this year so can probably remain in situ, but the planter next to the Job Centre has been abused on a regular basis so would recommend its relocation to another site. Following discussion it

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was agreed to move this planter to the grass area at junction of Whitecross Street and Burgate, with permission from North Lincolnshire Council's Highway Team.

Resolved that the town council contractor to be asked to move the planter from the Job Centre to the grass area at junction of Whitecross Street and Burgate, with permission from North Lincolnshire Council's Highway Team.

(b) **Wildflower planting on verges** (Min Ref:- 10/5)

North Lincolnshire Council had advised, Butts Road near Cricket Ground may be possible for wildflowers but some soil tests and selecting a suitable seed mix would be needed. They would also need to know availability to mow the grass and remove the arisings in late summer and autumn. It was agreed this would need adding to the grass cutting contract. Waterside Road, Haven side didn't look suitable, Far Ings Road to Gravel Pit Lane probably wouldn't compete with the reeds, also reluctant to us as close to the Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Alternative sites were suggested on the A1077 verges before the Humber Bridge roundabout and the other side of the roundabout opposite Lidl store. It was also pointed out the grass cutting contract would need to take into account spring bulbs in verges when the cutting season starts next spring.

(c) **Carbon Footprint Task and Finish Group Tree Planting** (Min Ref:- 11(i)/5)

North Lincolnshire Council advised Lapwing Way green as a community orchard would depend on who owns the land. No reply received for any other forwarded tree locations in the town, it was agreed to ask the Ward Members to chase this matter.

With regard to the item in correspondence at 2 September 2020 town council meeting, North Lincolnshire Council is interested in tree planting as a contribution to the Northern Forest. This is the government's 25-year vision to plant 50 million trees across the North of England, stretching from Liverpool to Hull, as set out in the 25-year Environment Plan. North Lincolnshire Council is preparing to plant thousands of trees on Council-owned land this winter. They also encourage Town and Parish Councils to come forward with proposals for areas of land that could be used to plant woodland or groups of trees. There are many tree planting grants available, including one from the Woodland Trust which covers 80% of costs. They would be most interested in proposals where the Parish or Town Council owns the land or has generated a degree of interest from the landowner, more speculative proposals without landowner support are less useful. All proposed sites will be checked for archaeology, wildlife interest that could be harmed by tree planting, underground and overhead services. Support is available to work up schemes and to organise volunteers for tree planting and aftercare. Members were reminded the town council used to have an annual tree planting programme which may be worth considering.

(d) **Public Seat – Fleetgate/Newport** (Min Ref:-12/5)

Following a site visit by the Deputy Clerk with North Lincolnshire Council officer a new seat will be fitted at Fleetgate/Newport junction and on Far Ings Road at Humber Bridge walkway (Min. Ref:- 272/121 – 10/2/20). The seat will be the same style as the Humber Bank seats supplied by J W Stamp & Sons; they are currently being made and should be installed around the end of September.

(e) **Replacement Litterbin** (Min Ref:- 271(b)/121-10/2/20)

North Lincolnshire Council has been contacted for an update on the replacement larger litterbin ordered earlier this year at High Street/Finkle Lane junction. They plan to check the location in case a larger bin affects sight line; a response for this is outstanding.

Resolved the town council to be updated on this matter when a response is received.

89. **Request for dog bin - Sailing Club, Pasture Road North** (Min Ref:- 42(14)(iii)/17–BTC 01/07/20)

North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club have asked for a dog bin on the west side of the Sailing Club gate on Pasture Road North following an increase in dog waste and bags of waste being left. A request for a dog bin on the housing estate at top of Ferriby Road, near Mallard Way was

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mentioned at 2 September 2020 town council meeting. North Lincolnshire Council has been contacted for an up-to-date list of litter bins/waste bins in the town but no reply to date. It was suggested if we have reached our quota for bins in the town to enquire the cost for the town council to pay for any additional bins to be emptied.

Resolved the town council to be updated on this matter when a response is received.

90. **Humber Bank sponsored Seats Update**

Members were advised of concerns over access raised by Humber Bank public seat sponsor for the seats on the bottom of Waterside Road next to Haven House. The town council has contacted the new landowner at Haven House who advises they are currently happy with the seats being located there. It was suggested writing to the landowner asking if they have any query with the public seats to contact Barton town council who own the seats.

Resolved the town council write to the landowner at Haven House advising them to contact Barton town council with any queries relating to the public seats on their land.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley closed the meeting at 6.22 p.m.

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