

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room on**  
**MONDAY 16 MAY 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, A Chapman (1855 via Teams), Mrs C Thornton, N Pinchbeck

**Also Present:** Ms T Broughton (Town Clerk)

27. **Election of Chairman**

**AGREED**

**Proposed Cllr Mrs C Patterson, Seconded Cllr Mrs A Clark**  
 To elect Cllr N Jacques as Environment Committee Chairman.  
**Unanimous**

28. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr B Troop (Work Commitments)

Cllr A Chapman (Personal) but did attend some of the meeting via Teams

29. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

**AGREED**

**Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr Mrs C Patterson**  
 To elect Cllr A Chapman as Environment Committee Vice-Chairman.  
**Unanimous**

30. **Declarations of Interest**

None

31. **Minutes of meeting held on 14 March 2022, approved and confirmed as a correct record**

These were noted as approved at Full Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

32. **Update on Devolution discussions with North Lincolnshire Council**

Unfortunately there is no update with Devolution discussions due to a management restructure at North Lincolnshire Council. The Black and Gold Street Planters around the town have all been weeded and are now awaiting plants. The brick planters need to be emptied and will require a discussion with NLC on how to proceed with this.

The Clerks to contact North Lincolnshire Council to further progress the emptying or weeding of the brick planters.

33. **Grass cutting verges and amenity spaces – review**

Unfortunately there has been a delay with the grass cutting and the cuts will be completed by the end of the week. The Council have assurance that the contractors are back on track with their 3 weekly cycles.

The wild flower beds will be prepared and seeded this week. Japanese Knotweed was discussed on Brigg Road and to contact North Lincolnshire Council for further management advice. The council will continue to monitor the contract in the usual manner and bring any further updates or issues to the committee.

The Clerks to contact the contractors for cutting dates and routes and to contact North Lincolnshire Council for further advise on the management of the Japanese Knotweed.

34. **Town Planters and progress on planting and maintenance**

Planter locations were put forward to North Lincolnshire Council but sadly deemed inappropriate due to inhibiting issues such as proximity to the road and the ground levels. Members discussed alternative locations including the Marsh Lane Cricket Ground entrance and Bowmandale/Holydyke location.

Clerks to continue investigating alternative planter locations and bring back to the next Committee meeting.

35. **Wall Hanging baskets – update on project progression**

Potential locations have been suggested by the Chairman and letters have been hand delivered to gain feedback for consideration.

To review at the next Environment meeting in September.  
Print the list of locations for Cllr Mrs A Clark.

36. **Tree Planting Sites**

Locations have been investigated but unfortunately no confirmed sites have been secured. Barton Civic Society sent list of tree planting sites to North Lincolnshire Council and members discussed the possibility of Farmers and the use of their land being included in the scheme.

Clerks to contact National Farmers Union for names and addresses and to contact the Tile Yard for possible tree planting.

37. **Hanging Basket competition**

Due to low numbers entering previous years, members discussed the judging of hanging baskets rather than inviting residents to enter.

Members discussed the promotion of the hanging basket competition within the July Bartonian with the aim to judge the baskets at the end of July, Date TBC.

The judging was discussed and members agreed for the judges to follow the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) route used for the Best Kept Gardens. It was emphasised that the council needs to be inclusive and therefore people can still enter if they are outside of the route, and should be encouraged to notify the council to be included.

The Clerks to publicise the Hanging Basket Competition in the July Bartonian. Date to be agreed at the next meeting.

To add two additional Environmental Committee Meetings in June (with focus on Grass cutting) and July (with focus on fixed wall planters). Dates to coincide with the June and July Full Council Meetings.

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 19.05

..... Chairman

16 May 2022