

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022 at 19.00**

Councillor P Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors A Chapman, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mrs C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, Mrs C Thornton, B Troop, A Todd and K Vickers. Also in attendance Major Alan Norton Barton Upon Humber Corps Salvation Army and Ms T Davis (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

Prior to commencement of the formal meeting Major Alan Norton read the Town Prayer. There was one minute silence in honour of Mr David Witter who sadly passed away. He gave a huge amount of voluntary time and service to the Town. The Mayor thanked Major Alan for his time and attendance.

**Public Participation**

None

259. **Apologies for Absence**

None Received

260. **Mayors Notices**

Congratulations on the success of the Christmas Festival. £100 was made by the Mayoress selling cookies for the Mayor Charity Fund. Huge thank to all members and staff for contributing to the success. Also Thank You to Mr R Norris for beautiful lights on Beretun Green. Donations can be made a No 5 and No 10. Finally Good Luck to England in the Quarter Finals of the World Cup on Saturday.

261. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

262. **Minutes To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr Mrs C Patterson**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct

**Unanimous**

263. **To approve as a correct record minutes of the following meetings of the Council**

(a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr ?, Seconded Cllr ?**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**Unanimous**

(b) **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022****AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr K Vickers**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**Unanimous**

(c) **Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022****AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr Mrs S Evison**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Committee of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Environment Committee.

**Unanimous**

(d) **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022****AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr K Vickers**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**Unanimous**

(e) **Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022****AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be noted.

**Unanimous**

264. **Correspondence**

1. NALC 2022 Local (parish and town) Council Elections Report – 27.10.22
2. Civility & Respect Project Newlster – November 2022
3. Barton NAT Minutes – 01.11.22
4. NALC Newsletter – 02.11.22
5. The Weekly Roadworks List – 04.11.22
6. Chief Executives Bulletin – 04.11.22
7. NALC Newsletter – 09.11.22
8. Chief Executives Bulletin – 11.11.22
9. NLC Ferry Ward Area 7.5 Tonne Weight Zone – 16.11.22
10. NLC Ferry Ward Area 7.5 Tonne Weight Zone Map – 16.11.22
11. NALC Newsletter – 16.11.22
12. Chief Executives Bulletin – 21.11.22
13. Barton Area Food Bank Donation Plea – 22.11.22
14. NALC Newsletter – 23.11.22
15. Chief Executives Bulletin – 25.11.22
16. Chief Executives Bulletin – 28.11.22

17. NALC Events – 29.11.22
18. Local Councils Update Council Cuts – December 2022
19. Local Councils Update Energy Bill Relief – December 2022
20. Local Councils Update The Autumn Statement – December 2022
21. Winter Countryside Voices – Autumn/Winter 2022
22. Barton Area Food Bank AGM Update - December 2022
23. CPRE Countrywise Newsletter – November 2022
24. NALC Newsletter – 30.11.22
25. Community Rail Humber 21.11.22
26. LLLW Newsletter – Dec/January 2023

Item 22 – **it was suggested the Clerk write and encourage the Food Bank to apply for a Grant from the Town Council direct.**

265. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council**

(a) **Cllr K Vickers**

North Lincolnshire Council have set up a Warm Welcome Campaign at the Hub in the Baysgarth Leisure Centre. This is open from 6am until 9pm.

The on going road works are getting completed.

Riverview salt bin has been replaced.

The North Lincolnshire Council Children Services has been awarded the Best OfSted in England and with no recommendations. **Congratulations to be sent to the Team running the service.**

(b) **Cllr P Vickers**

20mph limit in the Town Centre goes live in January 2023.

The One-Way that is planned for Hungate will have to be into the town due to parking issues and the traffic island. **To be on the January Agenda for further discussion.**

Should be news on the outcome of the Levelling Up Funding by the end of 2022.

Cllr Jacques expressed his disappointment that the Regeneration Meeting was cancelled. He questioned whether this has slipped down the North Lincolnshire Council priorities. Cllr P Vickers will chase up a new date. Cllr Jacques gave a thank you to the Mill Marston Brewery for the work carried out on the Mill due to the pressure from the Dilapidated Buildings Group to replace the White Cap.

Cllr Troop questioned the progress on the S106 funding for the Falklands Way roundabout. Cllr P Vickers stated that this is dependant on additional funding and the outcome of planning permission.

North Lincolnshire Council is still awaiting the outcome of capital funding applications to progress with the Interchange project.

266. **To consider reports from Members appointed to outside bodies**

Cllr Troop expressed his thanks to all councillors for their support at the Christmas Festival.

Cllr N Jacques – Community Rail Partnership. The proposals from North Lincolnshire Council to open the Barton to Barnetby Line have been turned down. To request for further details and the reasons for this refusal to progress.

267. **Accounts for Payment**

Accounts were noted as have had prior approval.

Accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £31,024.59 (A/cs 231 to 278).

The balanced bank reconciliation sheets now are prepared for Finance & General Purposes.

268. **To approve the recommendation from Finance & General Purposes Committee Budget for 2023/24 was agreed at a 0% increase. This amount being £166,750 precept request to North Lincolnshire Council. This equates to £44.09 for a Band D property and the use of up to £33,000 of Council General Reserves**

Cllr P Vickers thanked all the members and staff for their hard work on the budgets for next year.

Cllr N Jacques proposed to take the precept Agenda Item 10 after Items 14 and 15 as they could have a further financial effect. Cllr Troop agreed this should be moved. There was further discussion and Cllr Jacques stated to the Council that a 1p per day on a Band D property would equate to an additional £14K to the budget.

Town Clerk requested her advice at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be noted at this Full Council meeting. This includes longevity for future of the council services to the community. Town Clerk also added that continuing professional development and the sharing of learning and information is really important and vital to the Council.

Cllr B Troop requested a recorded vote.

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr J Evison**  
 Budget for 2023/24 was agreed at a 0% increase. This amount being £166,750 precept request to North Lincolnshire Council. This equates to £44.09 for a Band D property and the use of up to £33,000 of Council General Reserves  
**Cllrs J Evison, K Vickers, C Patterson, P Vickers, A Todd, S Evison and A Chapman For, Cllrs B Troop, N Pinchbeck and C Thornton Against and Cllr N Jacques Abstained**

269. **To consider adoption of the Civility and Respect Pledge**

Cllr K Vickers read out to members an article in the Local Government Lawyer regarding the Local Government Ethical Standards report and how the Government rejected a request from the Committee on Standards in Public Life to consider tougher sanctions for breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Town Clerk apologised to Cllr K Vickers for not responding to his article and having spoken to the NALC Officer can confirm that the Civility and Respect project is not the same recommendation and is a separate initiative driven by National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales.

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded N Pinchbeck**  
 To adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge  
 6 in Favour and 5 Abstentions.

270. **To consider Co-option of member to the council due to the vacant seat following the death of Cllr Mrs A Clark at the January 2023 Full Council meeting.**

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**  
 To advertise to Co-opt a new member for the vacancy and elect at the January 2023 Full Council meeting.  
**Unanimous**

271. **That Barton on Humber Town Council requests Anglian Water to carry out a survey of water and sewage services in the north of the town, to ascertain whether the rapidly increasing numbers of new houses are impinging on the efficiency of those systems in existing areas, before serious problems occur. Both water and sewage systems are basically Victorian, and are very likely to be approaching the end of their usable life – Cllr Mrs C Thornton**

Cllr Mrs Thornton explained that there have been several complaints about drain water going into the Haven particularly when it rains and then the water gets deep and muddy. There are also reports of really large rats. Additionally there is low mains pressure causing issues with dispensing tap water. It is also felt that additional house building is exacerbating the problem.

Cllr Todd stated that Butts Road water is increased surface water not drains water. Drainage Boards also must take some responsibility. It was felt that council investigation would put residents minds at rest.

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr Mrs C Patterson, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**  
 To write to Anglian Water to request a survey of the water and sewage services.  
**Unanimous**

272. **To set aside up to £5000 for grants between £500 and £1500 for organisations providing Warm Spaces for Barton residents to contribute to the organisations heating and refreshment costs – Cllr N Jacques**

Cllr N Jacques stated that a scheme for Warm Spaces grant should be finalised urgently as this is the time that people will need to use it.

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr Mrs C Patterson, Seconded Cllr J Evison**  
 Delegated Authority to be given to Chairman of each Committee and the Town Clerk/RFO to award Warm Space Grants to appropriate applications with no cap on the total amount awarded.  
**Unanimous**

273. **To consider how best to fund future initiatives including employment of the Handy Person, the outcome of the Staffing Review and WC cleaning at the Interchange – Cllr N Jacques**

Cllr Jacques highlighted the need for council to consider how to fund initiatives that have been discussed and agreed previously. He went on to suggest that creativity should be used to source additional funding. Devolution package is still on the table and some funding will be delivered with devolution. Existing budgets can also be realigned with additional grant funding sourced.

**AGREED**     **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**  
Refer to F&GP Committee January 2023.  
**Unanimous**

274.     **To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following contractual**

**AGREED**     **Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded N Pinchbeck**  
To enter into closed session  
**Unanimous**

275.     **Personnel Update**

Personnel Committee met on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Council Time Management for meetings and staff time was discussed at length. It was agreed that Working Groups are working really well. Clerk to contact IT to look at transcribing software to free up time. Personnel to meet again in January 2023 to consider in more depth the meeting schedule.

276.     **Assembly Rooms Update**

Ongoing maintenance work and repairs were discussed. Awaiting a date for the additional survey work to be carried out. Windows to be assessed in early January 2023. Further updates to follow.

Meeting closed at 20.15

..... Chairman     7 December 2022