

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room on**  
**MONDAY 9 October 2023 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor N Jacques (Chair)  
 Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, B Troop and A Watson

**Also Present:** C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

The formal meeting was adjourned to allow Mr D Warren to express his concerns with a horrendous smell to the East of Barton coming from somewhere between Barton and Barrow, he gave a list of dates when this had occurred. Asking the Town Council to find out where the smell is coming from. It was agreed to contact North Lincolnshire Council Environment Team to investigate as the Town Council has no authority to deal with this matter. Mr Warren to be advised of the Town Council's action via Councillors N Pinchbeck and A Chapman.

185. **Apologies for Absence**

None

186. **Declarations of Interest**

None

187. **Minutes of Meeting held on 22 May 2023 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council held on 7 June 2023**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council held on 7 June 2023

188. **Budget 2024/25**

Members were happy for the Budget proposed by the Environment Working Group to be put forward for the Environment Committee for 2024/2025.

189. **Grass cutting verges and amenity spaces – update**

Now we are at the end of the grass cutting season the contractor would like to meet to discuss grass cutting moving forward. Agreed for the Town Clerk with Councillors N Jacques and N Pinchbeck plus L Bennet, if needed, to meet with the grass cutting contractor.

190. **Town Planters - Update**

The town planters are currently being planted with winter planting. It was agreed to chase up what is happening to repair the brick Fleetgate planter.

The three tier planters could have edible plants next year, agreed to look into doing this, with a sign to say plants are edible.

When the planter contract is sorted for next year it was agreed to get a 3 year contract rather than continue with an annual one. Also to check if the area fronting Boyes store on High Street is part of the contract. The area fronting St Peters Court was mentioned as an area the volunteer gardeners could look after.

An Environment Working Group meeting needs to be arranged to consider what plant species are included.

191. **Lamp Post planters project progress**

Councillor L Bennet had forwarded Pollinator plants for the lamp post planters. The main thing is to not have double flowers. Single flowered plants make the most pollen, and species flowers tend to make the most of all. They don't all attract bees, but some will attract moths or butterflies or hover flies or any other insects. Moths particularly like funnel flowers like fuchsias Bidens Verbena Marjoram, thyme, chives, sage – herb baskets violas and pansies single marigolds Erigeron karvinskianus Sedums Cerinthe, Limnanthes Lobelia Echium Alyssum Scabious Bacopa Diascia Fuchsia Heliotrope the smaller salvias Lavender native species like Violets Saxifrage Cinquefoil Veronicas Germander Wood Sorrel Lamium (Dead Nettle) species Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia mummularia) small bulbs like Dwarf Iris dwarf simple form Narcissi are good for early insects. It was agreed to send a thank you email to Councillor L Bennet to pass on to the gardener who provided this information.

It was agreed to check if ladders could be used for working/installing planters on the lamp posts.

192. **Wildflower Verges**

The contractor is sorting the Butts Road Wildflower Verges. It was agreed not to pursue a wildflower area on Bowmandale as residents do not want one. Prices for work on Pasture Road and Butts Road have been requested from the contractor.

193. **Carbon Footprint Calculations**

The Town Clerk is currently part way through her Carbon Footprint training. Once completed she will liaise with Councillor A Watson who has also completed training for them to work together on this project.

194. **Finger Post Replacement**

Councillor L Bennet will do an update on her report for this project and come back to the committee with this information.

195. **Bulb Planting**

It was agreed to contact Barton Lions Club to check if they plan to match fund the Town Council's £300 budget again this year. It was mentioned to check if the grass cutting contractor would be replacing the bluebells lost at the Picnic Area. A list of historical bulb sites around Barton to be located in the Town Council office for updating. Agreed to buy bulbs direct from the supplier, Taylors, rather than buying locally. Volunteers to help bulb planting to be arranged once bulbs have been ordered. English bluebells, wood anemone, snowdrops, and wild garlic. Wild primroses and cowslip also to be considered. Planting sites suggested (were Whitecross street (where lavender is in brick planter to be included in the new specification) Top Field Woodland Verge and bank side at Caistor Roads/Nightingale Close. It was agreed to contact Barton Baggers for any areas they feel could benefit from bulbs, Councillor L Bennet would put something on their Facebook pages.

Weeds in gutters was mentioned as something to get residents to pull up from in front of their property in the January Bartonian. Also to be included on agenda for next Environment Working Group meeting. A meeting of the Community Emergency Planning Committee is needed. Working Group meeting date suggested for early November when prices have come back.

196. **Water Refill Station**

No update, it was mentioned at F&GP meeting that North Lincolnshire Council were hesitant about this project due to the difficulties they have found sorting this in Baysgarth Park. It was agreed to speak with North Lincolnshire Council Highways about this project.

197 **Litter Bins**

Following the Working Group meeting with James Todd of North Lincolnshire Council when it was suggested to move some bins after liaising with the operative, Gary, it was agreed to speak with Gary to move the Riverbank Rise play area bins.

198. **Town Bus Services**

It was agreed a meeting is needed with the officer involved at North Lincolnshire Council, ideally in person, to suggest moving or properly identifying some stops. Councillor N Jacques would like to look at this project with the Village Service included.

199. **Devolution**

No update.

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 7.50pm

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