

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD on WEDNESDAY 06 December 2023 at 19:00

Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, N Jacques, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, B Troop, P Vickers & A Watson. Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk)

Public Participation

Anglian Water Regional Engagement Manager and Treatment Manager attending via Teams Link. Unfortunately the IT was not working and it was agreed with Anglian Water representatives to re-schedule.

Cllr K Vickers welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for the support and help with the new Banking Hub.

235. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor N Turner personal.

236. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

237. **To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr K Vickers, Seconded Cllr P Vickers

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st November 2023 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

238. **To approve as a correct record minutes/notes of the following meetings of the Council**

(a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1st November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st November 2023 be received, approved and confirmed by the Planning Committee members present at this meeting 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 6th November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop

That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6th November 2023 be received, approved and confirmed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee members present at

this meeting as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Unanimous

(c) **Notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group Meeting held on 14th November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr K Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop

That the previously circulated notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group held on 14th November 2023 be noted.

Unanimous

(d) **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Thornton

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th November 2023 be received, approved and confirmed by the Planning Committee members present at this meeting as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Unanimous

(e) **Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 27th November 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Thornton

That the previously circulated notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 27th November 2023 be noted.

Unanimous

239. **Correspondence**

- 1) Chief Executives Bulletin (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- 2) Roadwork Alerts from One.network
- 3) NALC Events
- 4) Beautiful Flower Bed
- 5) BAFB Update November 2023
- 6) NALC Newsletter (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- 7) Residents Email Concerning Wrens Traffic dated 8th November 2023
- 8) NLC Devolution Announcement
- 9) Local Councils Update December 2023 (1) (2)
- 10) Community Response Fund

Cllr N Jacques noted the lovely letter from a resident about the lovely wild flower bed at the Tesco area.

Cllr B Troop suggested the letter about WREN Traffic be re-directed to North Lincolnshire Council

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

(a) **Cllr P Vickers**

There has been two consultation events for the proposed Relief Road. These have gone really well. The Planning application should be submitted soon and it is anticipated that the work will commence April/May 2024.

There is £10K in the Police Crime Commission Community Response Fund. It is going to be used for new Youth provision in the town.

Action Agenda Item for January for Full Council support.

The walkaround the Dilapidated buildings went really well with the North Lincolnshire Council Conservation Officer.

Foodbank is also going well and the footpath has been cleared.

Cllr Pinchbeck asked if the new CEO has been appointed.

The new CEO will be starting in February 2024.

A new planning condition in Wales has been brought in. There has to be proof that a property will absorb the same amount of water after it has been built. Can this condition be applied to properties in North Lincolnshire?

Police have been out with the Safer Neighbourhood Service.

Cllr Jacques asked if there was any news on devolution. This will be chased up.

Cllr Bennet enquired about the street cleaning vehicles and if the program is known people can be asked to remove their cars so that all of the street gets cleaned.

(b) **Cllr C Patterson**

Full Council have been discussing the Greater Lincolnshire model.

There has also been a request to extend bus services later in the evenings particularly on the weekend.

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

Members noted the Police Drop In times at the Assembly Rooms and welcomed it.

242. (a) **Accounts for Payment and up to date Bank Reconciliation**

Accounts were noted as have had prior approval.

Accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £38,080.09 (A/cs 207 to 250).

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

(b) **Precept 2024-2025 Request to North Lincolnshire Council – Recommendation from Finance & General Purposes Committee - Precept of £228187 and Band D of £60.34 – dependent on the new Tax Base Rating with £27K to remain in Ear Marked Reserves with an addition of £1000 in Elections leaving a General Reserve of £73598.**

AGREED

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Precept 2024-2025 Request to North Lincolnshire Council –

Recommendation from Finance & General Purposes Committee -

Precept of £228187 and Band D of £60.34 – dependent on the new Tax Base Rating with £27K to remain in Ear Marked Reserves with an addition of £1000 in Elections leaving a General Reserve of £73598.

Six For and 4 Against

Cllr P Vickers requested a recorded vote.

For

Cllr B Troop

Cllr L Bennet

Cllr C Thornton

Cllr N Jacques

Cllr A Watson

Cllr N Pinchbeck

Against

Cllr P Vickers

Cllr K Vickers

Cllr C Patterson

Cllr A Chapman

Cllr N Pinchbeck requested to speak after the vote. Mayor denied the request.

243. **Westfield Road Underpass**

There is a lot of graffiti and anti-social behaviour and the police and youth justice group are involved. With the support of the Town Council this area could be turned into a graffiti feature area as is happening in lots of places across the country.

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Letter of Support to be sent.

Unanimous

244. **Consideration writing to Cash Access UK and Amanda Bell to thank them for all their support with the Banking Hub**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Letter of thanks to be sent to Cash Access UK and to Amanda Bell

Unanimous

245. **Consideration of the best way to facilitate the Schools Council**

Members discussed the best ways to engage with the schools. This could be through their own meetings in the schools and then to feedback to the council.

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers

To organise a meeting of the School Council Group to look at the best ways to engage with the schools.

Unanimous

246. **Waste Bin and Capacity for Waste in the Town Centre**

Cllr Troop stated that the bin capacity in the town has been reduced with the new dual bins and general waste is being put in the recycling side when the general waste side is full.

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck
 To write to North Lincolnshire Council to query the bin capacity in the Town as with the recycling bins this has reduced the general waste capacity.
Unanimous

247. **Emergency Plan Sub Committee – confirm meeting on the 3rd January 2024 at 6pm and invitation to more Councillors to join the committee**

Cllr Jacques confirmed the meeting invitation to all members and the meeting to be January 3rd 2024 at 6pm.

248. **To Consider Town Council Office opening hours between Christmas and New Year**

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop
 Office to be closed between Christmas and New Year and staff will take annual leave on the normal working days.
Unanimous

249. **To Consider Street Lighting on Barrow Road**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers
 Letter to be sent to North Lincolnshire Council CEO
 CEO Northern Power Grid and the MP outlining the extremely dangerous issue of poor street lighting on Barrow Road near Baysgarth School.
Unanimous

Meeting closed at 19.40

..... Chairman
 6th December 2023