

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, S Dear, Ms E Donaldson, M Martin, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Shearer, A Todd, N Turner, J P Vickers, K Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: The Mayoress Mrs M Grindley, Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Sue Davies, representatives from Orkidz Pre-School Group and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting, the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, made a presentation to representatives of Orkidz Pre-School Group, who took part in the Christmas Festival Community Parade coming 4th. Representatives of the remaining prize winners, the 3rd Barton Scouts and Beavers and Rainbow Kindergarten Ltd were unable to attend. The Mayor and members of the town council thanked the organisations for their efforts in the parade, and the representative who attended the meeting.

237. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

238. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

239. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Adams (holiday), J Evison (work commitments) and Ms C Sansam (family commitments).

240. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Victory Club – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Barton Victory Club – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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CHAMP Ltd – Councillor N Turner (Personal interest)
CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal interest)

241. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

No reports were received at this meeting.

242. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 2 November 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 November 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor A Todd, seconded by Councillor Mr J Oxley.

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243. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Winter Service Review** (Min Ref: 204(b)/85 – BTC 02/11/11)

Councillor P Shearer reported that he and Councillor J P Vickers had held a meeting to discuss provision of salt bins and salt supplies for the town. 3 additional bins have been allocated to Beretun Green, Victoria Drive and The Willows. Councillor J P Vickers stated that the allocated 2 tonnes of additional salt supplies had been delivered. Reports were also received of slippery conditions in the current cold weather, notably in Beretun Green, The Butchery, Ramsden Avenue and St Peter's Court. Issues regarding public salt spreading to be reported to the Snow Warden's, Councillor's P Shearer and J P Vickers.

Resolved that this be noted.

244. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(c) **Minutes of an Environmental Regeneration Committee Meeting**

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Environmental Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(d) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2011, be approved as a correct record.

245. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Barton Rotary Club** (Min Ref: 230(b)/94 – ERC 21/11/11)

Councillor Mrs Witter reported the Rotary Club had planted additional bulbs in Baysgarth Park today. Councillor A Todd wished to thank the Rotary Club for this on behalf of the town council.

Resolved that this be noted.

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246. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of suggested street names from Keigar Homes for their new development off Falkland Way, Barton – Bayleaf Lane, Appleleaf Lane, Plumleaf Way & Pearleaf Drive. These are names of leaf class support tankers of the British Royal Fleet Auxiliary which all saw service during the Falkland War, which is in keeping with the existing street names of Falkland Way, Harrier Road and Ardent Link. Supporting evidence is also supplied.
2. Receipt from Smart Wind Ltd of Phase 2 Section 42 Consultation information regarding the proposed application for a Development Consent Order for an Offshore Wind Farm Project (“Project One”) within the Hornsea Zone. Comments are required by 18 December 2011. Details can be viewed at www.smartwind.co.uk.
3. Details of the Foodbank Presentation held on 31st October 2011 at St Mary’s Church, plus update report following the Presentation.
4. Receipt from North Lincolnshire Council Highways of their winter service policy; guide for snow wardens and snow warden contact information.
5. Receipt of Humberside Police Authority newsletter for November 2011.
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Licensing of Application for a Club Premises Certificate – Variation at Victory Club, Hungate, Barton. For facilities for dancing and supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 01:00 opening hours, 24 hours a day Monday to Sunday.
7. Update from North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services regarding trees in the children’s play area at Baysgarth Park, advising the 6 “semi-mature” trees have already been purchased (Min Ref: 207(4)(i)/87 – BTC 02/11/11).
8. Receipt of annual service report on St Mary’s church clock which was all found to be in good order. They also advise next year’s service will have to increase by £3.10 to £178.70.
9. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer that the following snickets within Barton will be added to the definitive map and statement as public footpaths: Glebe Way to Barrow Road; Summerdale to Bowmandale; Riverbank Rise to Eider Close; Eastfield Road to Prince Charles Drive; Queen Elizabeth Way to Millbrook Way; Falkland Way to Antelope Road; Dam Road to Victoria Drive (1) and Dam Road to Victoria Drive (2).
10. Request to subscribe to the National Association of Local Councils magazine, LCR, for £15.50 per year.
11. Receipt of cost for Barton Street Safe patrols at £15.00 per hour (Min ref: 213(i)/89 – BTC 02/11/11).
12. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Electoral Services that no request has been made to hold an election to fill the vacancy on Park Ward so the town council can now co-opt if they wish.
13. Receipt of ERNLLCA newsletter for November 2011.
14. Notification from John Cavill of Simply Gardening that he would be delighted to contribute towards the gardening column in the Bartonian (Min Ref: 175(2)(ii)/74 – BTC 05/10/11).
15. Request for funding from H&WRCC towards their community transport, the Voluntary Car Service and Mini Bus Service.
16. Complaint from local resident regarding people using the cemetery as a dog walking area. The lady had been advised to contact North Lincolnshire Council but found their response negative and thinks pets should not be allowed in the cemetery.
17. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Spatial Planning that the Planning for Renewable Energy Development – Supplementary Planning Document has been adopted as part of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework.
18. Request for views on Local HealthWatch consultation. HealthWatch will be the new consumer champion for both health and social care. Copy of questionnaire available from the town council office.
19. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Building Control of house naming at Barn 1 White Hart Farm, Brigg Road, Barton to Lea Farm, Brigg Road, Barton.
20. Request for funding from Bowmandale School towards their Residential Visit in 2012.
21. Branch Appeal from Northern Lincolnshire CPRE who are facing financial problems and in danger of

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losing their Branch Development Officer, advising if Branch members donate £10 it would be able to continue employing the officer for another year.

Resolved that:

- (i) the suggested street names be accepted and the developer be notified accordingly (item 1);
- (ii) no comment or objection was made for the variation of the Club Premises Certificate (item 6);
- (iii) it was agreed that co-option of a town councillor be made at the next meeting of the town council. An agenda item to be placed for the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 4 January 2012 (item 12);
- (iv) the offer for the gardening column to be accepted. Mr Cavill to be notified accordingly (item 14);
- (v) these items be passed to the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on 16 January 2012 (items 15, 20 and 21);
- (vi) the resident to be notified of the resolution made at the Environmental Regeneration Committee meeting held on 21 November 2011 (Min Ref: 229/94). If the resident is unhappy with the response they have received from North Lincolnshire Council regarding this matter, they are advised to enquire about their complaints policy procedure (item 16);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

247. **Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda**

1. Invite from Mayor & Mayoress of North Lincolnshire Council to all town councillors to attend 'Carols by Candlelight' on Friday 9 December 2011 at Normanby Hall 7.30pm, tickets £10 inclusive of a glass of wine. Also invite to attend Charity Dinner & Disco on Friday 3 February 2012 at Elsham Golf Club, 7.00pm tickets £30. Tickets available for both from the Civic Office at North Lincolnshire Council and in aid of the Mayor's Appeal Fund.
2. Information from North Lindsey College regarding developing their community engagement and involvement within the local community. Enquiring if we have any small projects/activities which the College could help.
3. Receipt of VANL News for December 2011, available from the council office.
4. Reply received from Andrew & Co solicitors regarding scale plan for the Assembly Rooms (*copy enclosed*) (Min Ref: 106(4)(ii)/41 – BTC 03/08/11).
5. Information from North Lincolnshire Council Highways and Conservative Group Office with updated details for snow clearing and winter service.

Resolved that:

- (i) a copy of the letter to be scanned and forwarded to Councillor N Turner to action. He stated that Mr D White at North Lincolnshire Council does have a scale plan for The Assembly Rooms. For further report (item 4);
- (ii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

248. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £15,258.30 (A/cs 161 to 191), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £15,606.88 (A/cs 192 to 204) a grand total of £30,865.18

Resolved that this be noted.

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249. **Planning Committee Report**

No reports were discussed at this meeting.

250. **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012**

Councillor Todd gave a progress report, stating that he was liaising with 4 other local parish councils regarding this matter. To be further discussed following this.

Resolved that this be noted.

Councillor K Vickers entered the meeting.

251. **The New Parliamentary Constituency**

Councillor S Dear queried the proposals following a meeting he had attended of the Barton Civic Society. Discussion took place regarding the size of the towns and the local identity and logistics of the towns included. It was agreed and

Resolved that the town council object to the proposal of "Brigg and Humberston". It was felt that Barton-upon-Humber should be included in the name to retain it's identity in the area and having a higher population along with Immingham. The Boundary Commission to be notified that the town council propose the name "Barton-upon-Humber and Immingham". Proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark.

252. **Maintenance of the War Memorial**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that some local residents had complained that the engraved names on the war memorial had become weathered, in need of maintenance work to give the names clarity. Members agreed and

Resolved that quotations be sought from suitable contractors for the war memorial engraved names to be enhanced.

253. **Closure of the Town Council Office during Christmas and the New Year**

The Clerk discussed closure of the office over the Christmas period. Due to public holidays and weekends, the office would be closed from noon on Friday 23 December 2011 to 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 3 January 2012. Members present agreed and

Resolved that Barton Town Council office be closed for Christmas/New Year from noon Friday 23 December 2011 to 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 3 January 2012.

254. **Annual Maintenance Fees**

The Clerk reported that the North Lincolnshire Council annual Premises Licence maintenance fee was now due in the sum of £180. As the Premises Licence of the Assembly Rooms was still in the name of the town council/clerk, the fee is technically the responsibility of the town council. However, no budget provision had been made in the current financial year for this. It was agreed and

Resolved that the town council pay for the annual Premises Licence maintenance fee, to be taken from the town council's reserves and that CHAMP Ltd be invoiced for this fee accordingly.

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255. **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives**

(a) **Humber Bridge Tolls**

Councillor K Vickers reported a meeting was scheduled for Friday 9 December, to discuss reduction of the Humber Bridge Tolls. The four local unitary authorities would have to guarantee the balance of the loan to allow the toll reductions. However, it is felt to be welcome news for the whole area, being in the fortunate status of enterprise zones, highway development schemes and the proposed reduction in the Humber Bridge tolls early in the new year.

(b) **Fault Reporting**

Councillor K Vickers stated that the on-line reporting procedure on the North Lincolnshire Council website is currently in the process of being modified. It is anticipated that once a fault is reported, members of the public will be allowed to track progress of the issue they have raised to conclusion.

(c) **Bus Passes**

Councillor Mr J Oxley wished to congratulate North Lincolnshire Council, as it was still renewing bus passes a month before the expiry date of the current scheme.

256. **Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

(a) **ERNLLCA Training**

Councillor Mrs Witter reported she had attended a “Councils are Employers – What are the councillors responsibilities?” training course. It was stated that due to the Localism Bill, the role of the town council was evolving and additional local services anticipated to be placed upon them. This she commented, would impact upon the town council staff and as employers, the town council needed to be aware of these changes in relation to supporting staff in the next few years. In preparation for changes in the planning regulations, some members of the town council and the clerk are attending a training course for this in January 2012.

(b) **Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership**

Following attendance at a meeting held on 6 December, Councillor Mrs Adlard reported the rail service was to be renamed “The Humber Linc”, Santa special services would be running on Saturday 10 December, on the Goxhill to New Holland section of the line wire thefts had taken place, resulting in a bus service operable from Barton to Cleethorpes (vehicle(s) of the Landrover/blue Transit van varieties had been seen in the area at the time of the thefts). Also, the loss of official rail uniforms/clothing. The next meeting to be held on 6 March 2012 at The Ropewalk in Barton.

Resolved that the town council strongly object to the renaming of the line to “The Humber Linc”. It was felt the current name is more appropriate, retaining Barton and Cleethorpes in the title.

(c) **Barton Christmas Festival**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pearson reported she had been greatly assisted at the Christmas Festival by Julie Harrison with the Mayoral raffle and tombola, fundraising for the Mayor’s appeal. She wished to send a personal letter of thanks to her for her support and hard work.

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257. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from this meeting because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following business, concerning personnel and contractual matters, and arising out of the business to be transacted.