

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors P Adams, 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, Ms C Sansam, A Searle, P Shearer, J P Vickers, K Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: One member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

17. **Prayer**

Councillor Mrs J Oxley read the Town Prayer.

18. **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.

19. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors J Evison (illness), A Todd (on holiday) and N Turner (personal commitments).

20. **Co-option of Councillor for Bridge Ward**

Members considered one candidate for co-option to the vacant position of town councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely Mrs Jean Mason. Councillor Mr J Oxley proposed that Mrs Mason be co-opted for the vacant position, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark. Members present agreed to the proposal.

Resolved:

- (i) Mrs Jean Mason be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;
- (ii) it be noted that Mrs Jean Mason read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

21. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Arts Week – Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night and Carlton Education & Enterprise Limited – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night – Councillor A Searle (Personal interest)
Lloyds Pharmacy – Councillor P Shearer (Personal interest)

22. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, cont'd

Reports were received regarding continued speeding issues on Forkedale, lead theft from premises on Providence Crescent and the Health Centre, car windows broken to two vehicles parked in St Peter's Court and Mount Avenue.

Councillor J P Vickers commented the next NAT meeting would be held on 14 June. He reminded members that all crimes must be reported to the Police as soon as they happen, with as much detail given, rather than wait after the event to be reported weeks later at the NAT meeting. He also reported that several people had been detained by the Police, following the spate of anti-social behaviour in the town on 29 April 2011.

Resolved that this be noted.

23. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 May 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 May 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

24. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Annual Town Meeting held on 14 April 2011** (Min Ref: 483(a)/168 – BTC 04/05/11)

Councillor M Martin felt that it may be an idea to make the meeting more interesting in some way, to encourage members of the public to attend, particularly as only 10 members of the public came to the meeting. Councillor Mr J Oxley suggested that the number of people attending indicated that either local residents were happy with everything in the town, or were not bothered to attend. He felt there were issues to deal with in the town, therefore, he hoped more would attend the meeting next year.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **Lease & Underlease of The Assembly Rooms** (Min Ref: 484(4)(ii)/169 – BTC 04/05/11)

Councillor M Martin requested a copy of the Lease and Underlease documents for perusal, once the town council office had received these from the solicitor.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **The Queen Street Orchard Group** (Min Ref: 485(2)/169 – BTC 04/05/11)

Councillor M Martin commented that he, along with other town council members had attended the Public Meeting held on 18 May. The outcome was that planning permission has previously been granted for the development and the site is to be auctioned on 1 July for £600,000.

Resolved that this be noted.

25. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, cont'd

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2011, be approved as a correct record.

26. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters were discussed at this meeting.

27. **Correspondence**

1. Letter from the Barton Bike Night organiser, thanking the town council for their financial support and giving an update on arrangements for the event.
2. Letter of thanks from Mrs Margaret Sidell for the card and gift following her retirement from the council.
3. Update from North Lincolnshire Council Traffic Officer regarding their Speed Limit Review advising the review maps are now available online at <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/Transportandstreets/trafficmanagement/speedlimitreview.htm>. Please contact them direct with any comments.
4. Receipt of letter, introduction and newsletter from RWE npower renewables regarding Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm off the east coast of England. Consultation with prescribed bodies will commence on 1 June 2011, detailed information on the nature of the project and its potential effects on the environment will be forwarded after that date. Comments will be required by 12 July 2011. Information can be viewed on www.npower-renewables.com/tritonknoll.
5. Letter from Andrew & Co Solicitors advising John Davidson has retired and Annette Wood will now deal with public sector work.
6. Notification from Northern Lincolnshire Rural Local Action Group, responsible for managing the LEADER programme of funding, that it will hold its AGM on Monday 6 June 2011 at 10.00am in the Ropewalk. A presentation will follow at 11.00am from WREN. An agenda is available from the town council office should anyone wish to represent the town council. Attendance must be confirmed to the LEADER Team.
7. Copy letter from Carlton Education to Network Rail regarding the Community Garden Scheme at the Interchange. Carlton Education have declined an offer made by Network Rail and will 'retire' from maintaining the garden, due to the restrictions imposed.
8. Notification from North Lincolnshire Partnership that due to decreasing resources the North Lincolnshire Wider Partnership Group will disband with immediate effect. It will continue to operate as a network forum, bringing together theme leads from the Delivery Boards, and leads from public, private and voluntary sectors.
9. Receipt of Barton Tourism Group minutes from their May meeting and agenda for meeting on 21 June 2011.
10. Notice of next meeting of the Barton Schools Forum on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 1.45pm in Carlton Education/Knotted Note 31 Fleetgate, Barton (town council representatives have been notified).

Resolved that:

- (i) the Speed Limit Review Maps to be perused and comments made accordingly (item 3);

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, cont'd

- (ii) the town council office to write to RWE npower renewable inviting them to the town, to consult with the town council and local residents. Proposed by Councillor Mrs W Witter and seconded by Councillor Mr J Oxley (item 4);
- (iii) Councillors M Martin and Ms C Sansam to attend the AGM, and report back to the town council with their findings. The Clerk to notify North Lincolnshire Council accordingly (item 6);
- (iv) to be discussed at the next meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee meeting to be held on 6 June 2011 (item 7);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Receipt of ERNLLCA May 2011 newsletter. Copy available from the council office.
2. Receipt of Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm consultation newsletter, along with details for proposed Application for Development Consent to construct and operate Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm under the Planning Act 2008. The town council's response must be sent by 12 July 2011. A CD is also available from the council office containing the Preliminary Environmental Information about the proposed works. Details are available on www.npower-renewables.com/tritonknoll.
3. Letter from North Lincolnshire Council Cultural Services regarding Cultural Olympiad 2012 (*copy enclosed*).
4. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning of guidance document designed to assist in updating Emergency Plan, along with informing of the Community Resilience booklets they have produced which we can distribute within the community. These booklets contain advice on how to deal with all emergencies, from flooding to Pandemic Influenza.
5. Notification from NALC of policy consultation, regarding relaxation of planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential. The town council's response, if any, should be sent to NALC by 20 June 2011.

Resolved:

- (i) that the town council office send a letter of support from the town council, for a bid to promote the North Lincolnshire wide Cultural Olympiad celebrations in 2012. It was also agreed to request if the Ropewalk could be possibly included as a partner (item 3);
- (ii) to be further discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting to be held on 13 July 2011 (item 5);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

29. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £1,414.35 (A/cs 45 to 51), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £7,523.31 (A/cs 52 to 59) a grand total of £8,937.66.

30. **The Mayor's Chosen Charities for the Year 2011-2012**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson reported that her chosen charities for the year 2011/2012 would be the Red Cross and St John's Ambulance.

Resolved that this be noted.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, cont'd

31. **Final Accounts of the Town Council 2010/2011**

Consideration was given to the circulated final accounts of the town council for the financial year 2010/2011, prepared by the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, in accordance with the Audit Commission Regulations. The town council's internal auditor had undertaken an audit of the town council financial records, practices and procedures on 10 May 2011. He deemed the final accounts of the town council for the period 2010/2011 to be accurate and in good order. The Clerk informed members that the Auditor had pointed out review of the town council statutory documents were required to be reviewed on a more regular basis by the council.

Councillor Mr J Oxley expressed sincere thanks to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for their hard work ensuring the town council accounts and administration is kept in good, accurate order.

Resolved

- (i) that the final accounts of the town council for the financial year 2010/2011 be approved, the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and the Town Mayor being authorised to sign the appropriate certification of the final accounts for submission to the Audit Commission;
- (ii) that Members Declaration of Interest Forms to be reviewed each year, to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Town Council;
- (iii) Councillor M Martin felt it prudent that The Assembly Rooms is re-valued, as the last valuation was undertaken in 2006. Property prices have changed during this time, affecting the valuation in the town council's yearly accounts. Councillor K Vickers felt this was a waste of local council tax payer's money and proposed this not to be carried out. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Mason.

32. **Draft Copy of the July 2011 Bartonian**

It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved that Councillor's Ms E Donaldson, M Martin, Mr J Oxley and P Shearer proof read the draft copy of the Bartonian for any errors that may appear and suitability of content.

33. **Town Centre CCTV Upgrading Work**

Councillor A Searle gave an appraisal of the upgrading work, explaining that some of the cameras had not been working properly, whereby some had been changed from one location to another, and some required replacement with a new style camera. Two locations required new cameras – The Knitting Box and Partners Tea Room. The cost of the new cameras are £600 each. Problems at the transport interchange camera were discussed. It was noted that liaison between the Police and the contractor needed to take place to decide how best to progress with the matter, as this camera was a different type to the other town centre locations. It was commented upon that the system needed to be further progressed to incorporate coverage in King Street, particularly at the health centre area. Councillor K Vickers also stated that the system needed to be discussed with North Lincolnshire Council to enquire if the town centre CCTV in Barton could be incorporated into the CCTV Control Centre in Scunthorpe. It was also commented that Baysgarth Museum had in the past been fitted with a land line direct to the Scunthorpe CCTV Control Centre, therefore there had been linkage to Barton previously. Thanks were given to Councillor A Searle for the hard work and hours of his own personal time he gave to work on the CCTV system.

Resolved that this be noted and two new cameras to be purchased to replace those not working. Further discussion to take place regarding the transport interchange camera, once assessment had been made of the problem by the contractor.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 June 2011, cont'd

34. **Play Area on the Keiger Estate between West Acridge and Dam Road**

This item withdrawn from the meeting as the matter has now been resolved.

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

(a) **Ferriby Road Advertisement Signage**

Councillor J P Vickers explained Barton Tourism Partnership were liaising with North Lincolnshire Council, regarding advertisement signage being continually erected upon the fence near to the Humber Bridge roundabout at the top of Ferriby Road. This has come about as the fence is owned by North Lincolnshire Council, whereby they currently have in place a policy for no signage to be erected on the fence. Discussions were taking place for proposals to allow approved town events signage to be erected only. This would be monitored by North Lincolnshire Council and the Barton Tourism Partnership.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **Planning Applications – Section 106**

Councillor J P Vickers commented that the Section 106 agreement in the planning approvals given for the proposed 13 Queen Street development and also the Redrow Homes development on Tofts Road, were being scrutinised as to when they are both likely to comply with the agreement, in order to provide recreation facilities as part of the respective planning approvals given.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **‘Ward Walks’**

Councillor K Vickers explained a new initiative to be trialled in the town for ‘Ward Walks’, to incorporate a catchment of about 300 dwellings, whereby problems and issues are to be noted. This will include drainage problems, street signage, street lighting etc, etc.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Annual New Age Curling Championship**

Councillor K Vickers congratulated the Mayor and her team for winning the championship. The event was enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Resolved that this be noted.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.