

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2011 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, K Letts, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, A Searle, P Shearer, Mrs M Sidell, J P Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Mrs Sally Hickling and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

402. **Prayer**

Councillor P Shearer read the Town Prayer.

403. **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.

404. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors A Adams (unwell), J Pullen (attending another meeting), Mrs J Mason, R Moore (work commitments) and N Turner (personal commitments).

405. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance and Barton St Mary's Church – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor K Letts (Personal interest)
Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions Club – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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Barton St Mary's Church – Councillor Mrs M Sidell (Personal interest)
CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal interest)

406. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, with the permission of the Council, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow local resident, Mrs Sally Hickling, to speak about the Westfield Road Underpass.

Mrs Hickling gave appraisal of graffiti on the underpass walls, some of which was offensive. She had previously written to North Lincolnshire Council about this, but, explained she had received little response from them. This graffiti had been discussed at the Schools Forum meetings over a period of time, whereby she explained the children had requested they wished to have a graffiti wall to use. She further commented that the subject matter had been previously discussed by the North Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service and also the Neighbourhood Action Team. She stated that the subject had been raised at a meeting of the town council in December 2009. Mrs Hickling was proposing that the walls be painted over to cover the existing graffiti and sections of the walls to be used for controlled and monitored graffiti type projects by local schools, and perhaps, other groups like the Youth Centre, the Ropewalk and the Knotted Note etc.

Councillor K Vickers thanked Mrs Hickling for her informative discussion and re-opened the meeting.

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407. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

It was noted that The George Public House has had some of the damaged windows renewed. Future progress of the building was awaited.

Resolved that this be noted.

408. **Minutes**

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

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 February 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

409. **Matters of Report Arising**

There were no matters of report discussed at this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

410. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 February 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 21 February 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 February 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(d) **Minutes of an Assembly Rooms Management Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Assembly Rooms Management Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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411. **Matters of Report Arising**

There were no matters of report arising discussed at this meeting.

412. **Correspondence**

1. Request for donation from St Mary's Church Youth Group (E1W) who are raising funds to visit London and attend the 2012 Olympics.
2. Notification from a North Lincolnshire Council Stronger Communities Worker, of a Local Area Forum being established in the Barton area. The Forum is part of the pilot for Area Based Working which looks at building on existing assets and the devolving of powers to local people. A copy of the latest meeting minutes have been forwarded, any one interested in joining the Forum can get contact details from the town council office.
3. Thanks received from Transport Solutions in Barton for the financial support and promotion of their service for Barton residents (Min Ref: 358/124 – F& GP 18/01/11).
4. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Highways of work to improve the surfacing of A1077 for a distance of 2000m westward from Gravelpit Lane, Barton. The work will be starting Saturday 9 April and should finish on Monday 18 April 2011. The road will be closed during this period, with an alternative route for traffic A1077 Ferriby Road - A15 – A18 Brigg – A1029 Brigg Road – A1077 Winterton Road (*copy enclosed*).
5. Notification that the next meeting of the Barton School Council Forum will take place on Wednesday 9 March 2011 at 1.45pm at the Hub on Maltby Lane, Barton.
6. Letter of thanks for budgeted financial support from Barron Arts Week 2011, plus 2 complimentary tickets for Mayor elect or representative to attend launch event at The Queens on Saturday 21 May 2011.
7. Minutes of Barton Tourism Group meeting held in January 2011.
8. Three letters of correspondence from Barton Direct regarding article for a Social Enterprise Company in the Bartonian (Min Ref: 375(1)(i)/131– BTC 02/02/11) – (*copies enclosed*).
9. Request for donation from Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society who have 32 clients from Barton.
10. Letter of thanks from Mr I Wolseley for his Certificate of Merit, following nomination for Barton Town Award (Min Ref: 378/132 – BTC 02/02/11).
11. Further letter from Victoria Ding following request for a donation towards World Challenge trip, advising she is part of a team of 16 pupils raising funds, any donation would benefit the team (Min Ref: 375(4)(iv)/131 – BTC 02/02/11).
12. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department that from 1 April 2011 all planning applications will only be sent electronically to town and parish councils. The posting of paper copies of applications will cease to save costs on staff time and postage in the new financial year. Also, the Development Control Department will be moving to Pittwood House shortly from Church Square House in Scunthorpe.

Resolved that:

- (i) an agenda item be placed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to be held on 18 April 2011 to discuss this matter (item 1);
- (ii) an agenda item be placed at the next meeting of the Community Regeneration Committee, to be held on 21 March 2011 to determine a policy for articles submitted for inclusion in 'The Bartonian'. Also, it was acknowledged that Social Enterprise groups and companies had extremely varied backgrounds, and were not necessarily charitable bodies. Members agreed that the Clerk write to 'Barton Direct', stating that whilst they are quite happy to put the article submitted into the next 'Bartonian', the half page article would need to be a paid for on this occasion. A copy of last year's audited accounts to be submitted, along with the company's constitution, in order that background

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information can be perused by the town council for future determination of such requests as the one currently made. The company to also be informed that the town council are currently reviewing submission of all articles for inclusion in 'The Bartonian', in order that a fair and just policy is adopted for every type of group and business. Proposed by Councillor J P Vickers, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Oxley and agreed by members present (item 8);

(iii) the Clerk to write to the Society, explaining the town council do not support national groups that are not based in the town of Barton-upon-Humber (item 9);

(iv) the Clerk write to the student, explaining that whilst she may well form part of a group of students engaging in the World Challenge Expedition 2012, following investigation, it would appear each student is responsible for individually financing themselves for the trip. Other students have also made individual application to the town council for personal funding. In light of this, the town council stands by its previous stance that it does not consider financial requests from individuals for personal projects. The regulations governing the town council, does not permit such a donation to be made, as it does not have empowerment to do so (item 11);

(v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

413. Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda

1. Request from Barton Arts Week to borrow the town council's bunting for the launch of Barton Arts Week and during Arts Week.
2. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership minutes from their 15 February 2011 meeting.
3. Further letter regarding Barton Direct's Bartonian article advising, they are a member of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire and that its constitution and membership has been accepted by its Executive Committee.

Resolved:

(i) that Barton Arts Week be notified they may borrow the town council's bunting for the launch of Barton Arts Week and during Arts Week. To be returned in good condition (item 1);

(ii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

414. Accounts for Payment

Resolved:

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £2,707.94 (A/cs 270 to 280), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,516.08 (A/cs 281 to 287) a grand total of £9,224.02.

415. Planning Committee Report

Councillor Mrs W Witter commented that issues surrounding future cemetery provision, was currently being investigated, for further report.

Resolved that this be noted.

416. Westfield Road Underpass

Councillor P Shearer gave appraisal of historical issues regarding the underpass. Debate took place, whereby members commented upon the proposed graffiti wall would require regular monitoring to ensure offensive graffiti did not re-appear, would the dampness of the walls be a problem, the use of local council tax payer's money to be used wisely and general issues regarding maintenance.

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On a point of order, Councillor Mrs J Oxley commented that when this matter was raised at the town council meeting held on 2 February 2011, (*min ref: 379/132-BTC 02/02/11 refers*), the resolution was made for graffiti removal and painting of the walls. It had not been discussed the wall was to become a monitored graffiti wall.

Councillor K Vickers also pointed out that when this matter was discussed at a meeting of the town council on 2 December 2009 (*min. ref: 258/100-BTC 02/12/09 refers*), it had been raised under 'Police & Neighbourhood Action Team', whereby it should have been raised as a separate agenda item, as it required further financial resolution by the town council.

Members agreed and

Resolved that the donation of £250 previously agreed, to stand, towards providing paint, to over-paint the graffitied walls in the underpass. Each local school to be responsible for their own section of controlled and monitored graffiti artwork project by Mrs Sally Hickling. To be reviewed after a one year period by the town council, in order to establish if the project is successful or not. It was acknowledged however, that the town council are not responsible for continually providing funding to overpaint the walls, or indeed, for any maintenance issue of the underpass itself. However, the town council are interested in the condition of the underpass and would review accordingly in the future.

417. **Councillor Induction Training**

Councillor Mrs W Witter commented on the forthcoming elections and the roles and responsibilities of town council members. She noted that the town council did not have an induction procedure for new councillors. Although each new member was provided with information regarding the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations etc., she felt an induction evening would be useful and informative, to help absorb and understand procedures, the mayoral system, town council office opening hours, committees etc. She proposed the induction training be undertaken on the evening of Monday 9 May 2011 at The Assembly Rooms. This would be the Monday after the election, but, before the Annual Meeting of the town council to be held on 11 May 2011.

Councillor Mrs M Sidell felt that any existing member that was re-elected after the election could mentor new members.

Councillor Mr J Oxley commented on the excellent training courses run by ERNLLCA, providing invaluable knowledge to members at all levels. For new councillors, he felt the course "Understanding Your Role of Councillor", was particularly pertinent.

Councillor P Shearer commented that the identification badges provided to each member of the town council should be worn more often, to help members of the public identify their local councillors. He felt this was particularly relevant at council meetings as well.

Resolved that an induction evening be held at The Assembly Rooms, the evening of Monday 9 May, 2011. Councillor Mrs W Witter to liaise with the town council office to arrange. All members of the town council old and new welcome to attend.

418. **Funding to Businesses with CCTV**

Councillor A Searle reiterated the funding of £50 to each business, whereby a town council cctv camera was located, towards electricity bills to assist in the running costs of the town council owned cctv system. This was discussed at a meeting of the town council held on 5 January 2011 (*min ref: 335/116-BTC 05/01/11 refers*). Members agreed and

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Resolved that a £50 donation be made to the five business premises whereby the town council owned cctv cameras were located. To provide assistance in the electricity running costs to operate the cameras. The donation monies to be taken from the Community Regeneration budget 2010/2011 "CCTV". Empowered: the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, section 31 (1c) – the detection or prevention of crime – assist others to install and maintain equipment.

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

(a) **Potholes**

Pothole repairs are currently being undertaken, however, reports of news ones found should be reported directly to North Lincolnshire Council, to add to their maintenance lists. Several were reported to North Lincolnshire Council representatives attending this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **'Watermark' Government Exercise**

Councillor Mrs M Sidell explained the town council were registered to engage in this paper exercise, week commencing 7 March 2011. All are welcome to attend a meeting on Thursday 10 March at the Assembly Rooms, commencing at 10.30 am for this. It was commented that an emergency exercise would be an incident in the town as part of the exercise procedures. The town council office have been contacted by North Lincolnshire Council regarding this matter.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **Baysgarth Park**

Incidents of anti social behaviour were commented upon happening in the park. These included damage and the littering of quantities of bottles and cans. It was advised that the Police need to have crime reported directly to them and also that Neighbourhood Services be informed, as the park fell into their remit to manage.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Shrink Map & Tourism Website Launch**

Councillor J P Vickers invited everyone to attend the launch, to be held on Saturday 5 March, 10.30 am at the Wilderspin School, Queen Street, Barton. He then furnished each member of the town council with a copy of the shrink map, for their information purposes.

Resolved that this be noted.

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, closed the meeting at 8.26 p.m.