

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2012 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, J Austin, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mr J Oxley, Ms C Sansam and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Mr P Stones (North Lincolnshire Homes), Mr D Elliott (Scunthorpe Telegraph), 3 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting commencing, Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

357. **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.

358. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Adams, S Dear (in hospital), Ms E Donaldson (work commitments), J Evison (work commitments), M Martin (holiday), Mrs D Pearson (unwell) and K Vickers (NLC engagement).

359. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance and North Lincolnshire Homes - Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Humber Diamond Jubilee Committee – Councillor M Osgerby (Personal interest)
Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions - Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Town Band – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest)

360. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley, with the permission of the council, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow Mr P Stones (Director of Regeneration), North Lincolnshire Homes, to speak about St. Peter's Court, Barton.

Mr Stones outlined the current position of St Peter's Court. It is under review, along with several other North Lincolnshire Homes buildings. This has resulted in hard decisions having to be made, due to the practical and financial viability of the buildings, not being sustainable in the long term. Unfortunately three have had to close at Epworth, Ulceby and Winterton. However, St. Peter's Court is still undergoing the consultation process and no decision has been finalised. The building consists mainly of bedsit accommodation built in the 1960s/1970s. It is a unique design, unconventional and becoming more unsuitable for elderly residents. It has no lift to the upper floor – only stairs. The layout of the bedsits, have large kitchens and small living spaces. These are neither attractive or practical features, and make the dwellings hard to let, particularly as expectations are greater nowadays. The building cannot be converted, as there is a central staircase running through the building. However, it is noted the building is a good site and location in the town centre.

Following an options appraisal of the site by consultants, one option is to change the building designation into 2/3 bedroom dwellings to make the building financially viable. All of the 19 current

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residents are being consulted on a one to one as to their views. Out of these, 14 are happy with the proposals, two are against and three cannot be contacted. However, Mr Stones stressed that no one would be forced to vacate the building if they did not wish to do so. A solution would be available for all of the current residents in due course. On the 18 April a paper will go to North Lincolnshire Council on the consultation findings and the preferred option of the building, along with that of four other sheltered units in the North Lincolnshire area, following the consultation process.

Mr Stones concluded the consultation process of this and the other buildings being reviewed are not being taken lightly. However, the future of these has to ensure that the assets of North Lincolnshire Homes are viable in the long term for both practical and financial reasons.

Councillor Mrs A Clark expressed concern for the lack of sheltered accommodation in the town centre and that no new bungalows are being built. Mr Stones explained this was mainly due to the lack of land available in Barton. However, he would note this point for future planning purposes and look at any pockets of land available in the locality. Councillor Mr J Oxley thanked Mr Stones for explaining the current position to the council. He was aware that St Peter's Court required updating, but, felt happier that all of the current residents were being consulted in the matter on a one to one basis.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley, thanked Mr Stones for his informative discussion and re-opened the meeting. Mr Stones then left the meeting.

361. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

No reports were discussed at this meeting.

362. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 1 February 2012**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 February 2012, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

363. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were discussed.

364. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of an Emergency Verbal Planning Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2012, 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 20 February 2012, be approved as a correct record.

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

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Environmental Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2012, 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 5 March 2012, be approved as a correct record.

365. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were discussed.

366. **Correspondence**

1. Information from East Riding of Yorkshire Council advising of 'Joint Minerals Development Plan Site Selection Consultation Report'. A disc of the document has been forwarded. It can also be viewed at www2.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building/future-strategic-plans/joint-minerals-dpd/. The consultation period ends on 19 March 2012.
2. Receipt of the Humber Playing Fields Association Newsletter, The Playing Field, for Winter 2011/12. Copy available to view in the town council office.
3. Notice from North Lincolnshire Council Environment Team of definitive map modification (public footpath 1, Barton-upon-Humber) Order 2012(1), by adding a 14-metre-long footpath between Barrow Road and Glebe Way, Barton.
4. Notification from Barton Police Neighbourhood Beat of online Cyber Space ebeat at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 March 2012.
5. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership minutes from their January meeting.
6. Notification of gas mains renewal in the Barton area by National Grid in partnership with AMEC. The projects are due to start beginning of April. Interested parties can visit National Grids information bus which will be stationed near to the Market Place on Friday 9 March 2012. The Construction Engineer overseeing the project is happy meeting with members of the town council to discuss the work.
7. Further update from North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officer regarding planning application 2012/0118 at East Acridge House advising he proposes to recommend approval of the request to crown lift the Yew tree (Min Ref: 323(4)(iii)/134 – 01/02/12 BTC).
8. Update from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the Localism Act 2011 – Standards (*copy enclosed*).
9. Receipt of meeting notes No: 3 from the Humber Diamond Jubilee Committee, held at Hessle Town Hall on 7 February 2012 (Min Ref: 321(a)(i)(ii)(iii)/132 – BTC 01/02/12) (*copy enclosed*).
10. Letter of thanks from Bowmandale School for their recent donation (Min Ref: 301(b)/122 – F&GP 16/01/12).
11. Receipt of ERNLLCA February newsletter. Copy available from the council office.
12. Notification of online petition regarding wind turbines which can be viewed at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/22958>.
13. Notification that Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council (HWRCC) now operate with East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) under the leadership of Penny Brown.
14. Notification from VANL of "Who Cares" AGM on Saturday 10 March 2012 at 10.00 am in the

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Central Community Centre, Lindum Street, Scunthorpe.

15. Reminder from East Riding Pension Fund that the town council is required to have a written policy statement on whether they intend to adopt a discretionary injury benefit scheme.
16. Notification of Open Morning for The Beacon Clinic Acupuncture Practice at 7 Beacon Avenue, Barton, on Saturday 3 March 2012 8.30am – 1.30pm. All town councillors welcome to attend.
17. Notification that Transport Solutions have moved from Haven House in Barton to The Ark in Winterton.
18. Receipt of town grant scheme application from the flower arrangers at St Mary's Church and St Mary's Ladies Group, towards their Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival.
19. Update from Mrs S Hickling regarding the progress over the past 12 months at the Westfield Road underpass project to clean and clear the walls of graffiti, which has worked well (Min Ref: 406/141 – BTC 02/03/11).
20. Price received from contractor for new town shields for the annual town award winner at £64.00 per shield, same price as 2008.
21. Receipt of entry form and guidance notes for the CPRE Best Kept Village competition 2012.

Resolved that:

- (i) the Clerk to liaise with members of the Personnel Committee to convene a meeting to discuss this matter (item 15);
- (ii) an agenda item be placed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 16 April 2012. The group to be notified accordingly (item 18);
- (iii) the town council office to order a suitable quantity of the town shields (item 20);
- (iv) the town council to be entered in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2012 (item 21) ;
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Request to take up annual membership of Humber Playing Fields Association at a cost of £20.00 for 2012/2013.
2. Request from North Lincolnshire Council Programme Director to help get superfast broadband across North Lincolnshire by signing up to their initiative – South Humber Broadband and completing a questionnaire. Information can be viewed at www.shumberbroadband.info<<http://www.shumberbroadband.info>>
3. Receipt of planning application which does not fall within the town council scheduled Planning Committee Meetings – PA/2012/0213 Keigar Homes Ltd Mr M Snowden – Application for a non-material amendment to PA/2009/0828 dated 05/10/2012 to remove the erection of a garage from plot 136 at Land off Barrow Road, Barton.
4. Receipt of meeting notes No:4 from the Humber Diamond Jubilee Committee, held at Hessle Town Hall on 28 February 2012 (Min Ref: 321(a)(i)(ii)(iii)/132 – BTC 01/02/12) (*copy enclosed*).
5. Further details of gas mains renewal in the Barton area by National Grid in partnership with AMEC, listing streets and dates affected by the work. The information will also be listed in the local press (*Item 6 on Schedule of Correspondence sent with the agenda refers*).
6. Receipt of VANL newsletter for March 2012 along with request to complete 'voluntary and community sector mapping questionnaire'.

Resolved that:

- (i) Planning Application PA/2012/0213 to be discussed under minute reference 369 "Planning Committee Report" below (item 3);
- (ii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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368. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £1,778.53 (A/cs 245 to 251), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,803.83 (A/cs 252 to 259) a grand total of £8,582.36.

369. **Planning Committee Report**

The Planning Committee Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, explained that although a Planning Committee meeting had been held on 5 March, the town council had not been informed by North Lincolnshire Council of planning application PA/2012/0213 – Keigar Homes Limited, at land off Barrow Road, Barton. This had only come to light, when the town council office had routinely checked the North Lincolnshire Council website. In light of this, it was agreed and

Resolved that PA/2012/0213 Keigar Homes Ltd Mr M Snowden – Application for a non-material amendment to PA/2009/0828 dated 05/10/2012 to remove the erection of a garage from plot 136 at Land off Barrow Road, Barton. Comment be made to North Lincolnshire Council that by removal of garage space to proposed dwellings on the site, alternative vehicle parking spaces needs to be made.

370. **The Role of Mayoress**

It was agreed that in the absence of the Mayor from this meeting, that this agenda item be withdrawn. It was noted that alternative escorts had been sourced to attend mayoral functions with the Mayor to assist during the current mayoral year.

Resolved that this be noted.

371. **The Town Prayer**

Each member of the council received written advice from ERNLLCA regarding the High Court decision, concerning the case relating to the saying of prayers before meetings of Bideford Town Council. As a result, it is currently unlawful for prayers to be said during a parish/town council meeting. If it is the wish of the council that prayers continue to be said, two options have been put forward to allow this. Following discussion, it was agreed that historically, the town council have always said prayers at the outset of a meeting. It was felt strongly that this continue as part of the meeting – NOT before the meeting commences. In light of this, it was agreed and

Resolved that the town council meeting open at the appointed time and the Chairman to ask for a resolution from the council that the meeting be temporarily suspended whilst prayers are said. This must be a decision made by the council, not the Chairman.

372. **Town Award – 2012**

Consideration was given to nominations for the Town Award 2012 having regard to a previously circulated resume of nominations. By a recorded vote, 1 vote was received for Liz Bennet, 1 vote for Wendy Burt, 3 votes for Jan Gilbert, 2 votes for Maureen Hardman, 3 votes for Ralph Marshall, and 3 votes for Barrie Newton. As this resulted in a tie between Jan Gilbert, Ralph Marshall and Barrie Newton., all three names were put into a hat and drawn at random by a member of the public attending the meeting. It was agreed and

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Resolved that the Town Award 2012 be awarded to Barrie Newton. Presentation of the award in previous years has been made at the Annual Civic Dinner. However, the Mayor had decided in the current climate not to hold the dinner for 2012. In light of this, it was agreed that a celebration evening be held, following the Ordinary Meeting of the town council to be held on 2 May 2012. This would be in honour of the Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, whereby presentation of the town award would also be presented to Barrie Newton. The town council office to invite Mr Newton accordingly.

373. **Precept Leaflet 2012/2013**

Members were all furnished with a draft copy of the Precept Leaflet 2012/2013. The content and detail in the leaflet was perused and agreed and

Resolved that this be printed and sent to all households in the town via North Lincolnshire Council Council Tax Section.

374. **The Bartonian – April 2012 Edition**

Members agreed, following proof reading undertaken by Councillors Mr J Oxley and P Shearer and also Mrs J Tuplin, that the draft copy be accepted and printed, then distributed accordingly.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Budget**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that North Lincolnshire Council council tax had been frozen for the forthcoming year, for the second year running.

(b) **Humber Bridge Tolls**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that the tolls would be halved from 1 April 2012, following agreement by the four local unitary authorities. This follows recent discussion and media coverage.

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

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

Following attendance at a recent meeting, Councillor Mrs Adlard reported the rail service was still under consideration to be renamed "The Humber Linc". It had been noted by the group that the town council felt the current name more appropriate, retaining Barton and Cleethorpes in the title. However, the partnership still preferred the name "The Humber Linc".

The next two meetings are scheduled to be held on 29 May 2012 at St James Hotel, Grimsby and 4 September 2012 at The Ropery, Barton.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley, closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

