

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulese, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Thornton, J P Vickers, K Vickers, I Welch and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: 2 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

298. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then sought resolution from members present, for the meeting to be temporarily suspended whilst the town prayer was read. It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor Mr J Oxley to read out the town prayer.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, re-opened the meeting

The meeting was re-adjourned. This was followed by one minute's silence, in respect of the late Councillor Stuart Dear, who sadly passed away on 21 March following a long illness, bravely born.

299. **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.

300. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs D Adlard (unwell), M Burman (work commitments), Mrs J Mason (on holiday) and Mrs D Pearson (unwell)

301. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night and Baysgarth School – Councillor J Evison (Personal Interest)

Baysgarth School – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)

Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night, Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

North Lincolnshire Council Licensing Committee – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)

Appendix III (item 6) – Councillor I Welch (Personal Interest)

Baysgarth School – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

302. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported the consultation exercise being held today at Baysgarth School, regarding vehicular nuisance/speeding issues in the town appeared to be going well. Several people had attended with positive information put forward. The Police are collating the intelligence reported, with a view to concluding this matter for action shortly.

Resolved that this be noted.

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303. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 March 2015**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 March 2015, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

304. **Matters of Report Arising**

There were no matters reported at this meeting.

Resolved that this be noted.

305. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

306. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Letter from Johnson Brook Consultants: Planning Application PA/2014/1360 – Wren Living**
– (Min Ref: PC 30/03/15)

Councillor Mrs W Witter reported that this matter to be discussed under *Min Ref: 308(9)(vi)/131* of this meeting, as follows.

307. **Correspondence**

Resolved

1. Receipt of Barton NAT Group minutes from their 3 March meeting, along with the latest crime statistics for Barton.
2. Notice of resignation received on 6 March 2015 as a town councillor on Park Ward by Annabel McCourt. North Lincolnshire Council Elections Office have been informed.
3. Receipt of the latest copy of the 'Highway Programme of Works' for the area, from North Lincolnshire Council.
4. Invitation to all councillors to attend The Workers Memorial Day event at The Baptist Church, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe on Tuesday 28 April 2015 from 10.30am.
5. Receipt of agenda and minutes for the March meeting of the Barton Tourism Partnership.
6. Receipt of March newsletter from 'Healthwatch North Lincolnshire'. Copy available from the Council Office.

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7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Tourism Team of market consent application from Baysgarth House Museum, for market principally selling second hand goods. To be held monthly from April to September, with the first market held on 5 April 2015.
8. Notification from Barton Bike Night Committee that Jon Evison has taken over as chairman from Barrie Newton and that Bike Night will still be held on Wednesday 1 July 2015.

Resolved

(i) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification via the NAT Group of a parcel scam which involves a card being sent to your home advising a parcel is waiting for collection and requesting payment of £10 payable over the phone.
2. Receipt of CPRE 'Countryside Voice' and 'Fieldwork' spring magazines. Copy available from the council office.
3. Invite for a member of the town council to attend the launch and first conducted walk of the new Ted Lewis Trail at 10 am on Easter Monday 6 April, the walk starting at 11am and will last about 1½ hours.
4. Reply from Neighbourhood Services regarding matters raised at the Environment Working Party meeting. Areas on Eastfield Road which are the responsibility of North Lincolnshire Council will be sorted; Victoria House sign has been passed to Highways; a full tree assessment has been completed on Baysgarth Park and a tree management plan is to be created; cost for a dog waste bin in Beretun Green will be £112.44 + vat.
5. Further matter from the Environment Working Party meeting. Reply from Wybone, with price for a new planter on King Street/Chapel Lane corner costing £463.94 delivered, + vat.
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Licensing of application for a premises licence variation at the George Inn, George Street, to remove requirements for licenced SIA door supervisors and removal of condition that prohibits under 18's on the premises after 21:00 hours.
7. Notification from Barrie Newton that he has stood down as Chairman of Barton Bike Night Committee. A new committee has been formed and the event will take place in 2015.
8. Receipt of ERNLLCA March newsletter. Copy available in the town council office.
9. Update from Johnson Brook, regarding the Wren Living Planning Application PA/2014/1360 (*copy enclosed*).
10. Copy of resident's objection sent to North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department regarding the Lidl Planning Application PA/2015/184 for advertisement consent.
11. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council ESAG that our arrangements for the Picnic in the Park are satisfactory and based on the information provided the event does not present an unacceptable risk to public safety (*Min Ref: 228(ii)/94 – BTC 07/01/15*).

Resolved

- (i) that Councillor P Thornton attend the first walk of the new Ted Lewis Trail, to be held on Easter Monday, 6 April, on behalf of the town council (*item 3*);
- (ii) it was agreed to purchase a dog waste bin, to be located on Beretun Green, at a cost of £112.44 + vat. The budget to be taken from Earmarked Reserves 'Litter Bins' 2015/2016 (*item 4*);
- (iii) it was agreed to purchase a replacement planter to be located on King Street/Chapel Lane, at a cost of £463.94 delivered + vat. The budget to be taken from Earmarked Reserves 'Repairs/Renewals' 2015/2016. Councillor Mrs W Witter requested that the spring planting to be undertaken once the new planter is in-situ, rather than the existing one. The spring planting contractor to be notified (*item 5*);

Councillor K Vickers left the room whilst the next agenda item was being discussed.

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(iv) Councillor J Evison gave appraisal of this item and the reasoning behind the premises licence variation (*item 6*);

Councillor K Vickers re-joined the meeting.

(v) a letter to be sent to Barrie Newton, thanking him for all of the work he had undertaken for Bike Night, sending best wishes to him and also the new committee formed to undertake continuation of the Barton Bike Night (*item 7*);

(vi) it was agreed that the town council's objection to planning application PA/2014/1360 (Wren Living) will remain. Any proposed changes made to the original application by the applicants, will require amended plans submitted to North Lincolnshire Council Planning Authority. This will allow the town council and local residents to peruse any revisions/changes for further report. Also, the result of the Public Enquiry regarding the development site land usage will need to be determined before the town council are able to consider this matter further. The applicant to be notified (*item 9*);

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

309. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £4,954.59 (A/cs 1 to 7), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £5,710.45 (A/cs 8 to 14). A grand total of £10,665.04.

310. **Report from the Community Working Party Meeting held on 10 March 2015**

All members were furnished with a copy of the meeting notes, whereby Councillor Mr J Oxley gave appraisal of this meeting. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved

(i) the Picnic in the Park event to be held on Sunday 2 August 2015. The Risk Assessment to be undertaken by Councillor A Todd, as approved by the town council;

(ii) the Christmas Festival event to be held on Saturday 28 November 2015. The Risk Assessment to be undertaken by Councillor A Todd, as approved by the town council.

311. **Report from the Environment Working Party Meeting held on 23 March 2015**

All members were furnished with a copy of the meeting notes, whereby Councillor F Coulsey gave appraisal of this meeting. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved

(i) the price submitted by the contractor to undertake the town planting programme for 2015/2016 be accepted (the cost is held the same as for 2014/2015). The budget to be taken from Environment 'Community Planting' budget 2015/2016. Proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Oxley;

(ii) a new dog waste bin to be purchased for Beretun Green (*Min Ref: 308(4)(ii)/130 above refers*);

(iii) a new planter to be purchased for King Street/Chapel Lane corner (*Min Ref: 308(5)(iii)/130 above refers*);

(iv) the annual bulb planting day to be held on Saturday 17 October 2015 at 9.30 am, meeting at Baysgarth Park Museum;

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- (v) bulbs to be ordered: £300 of daffodil bulbs and £300 of crocus bulbs. The budget to be taken from the Environment 'Bulb Planting' budget 2015/2016 for £300 and also the donation received from the Barton Lions in the sum of £300;
- (vi) the Barton Lions to also continue their bulb planting programme in the town on Baysgarth View;
- (vii) the Market Place improvement programme to now commence mid-April 2015;
- (viii) the remaining items discussed and agreed at the Environment Working Party meeting, to be undertaken in liaison with the town council office. These include public seats, parish paths, the annual garden competition etc.

312. **Assembly Rooms Emergency Repairs**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that urgent repair work was required to be undertaken at the front elevation of The Assembly Rooms. This involved work to the guttering, roof and masonry in the front elevation brickwork. Distortion of the brickwork and extreme dampness to the internal walls in the Assembly Hall had been observed. Several contractors had been contacted, but due to the extreme height of the building, most had declined to undertake this work. However, a contractor had been sought, and scaffolding would be required to be placed around the front of the building, to allow the work to be carried out. The work was scheduled to commence 26 April, for one week. The cost to undertake the work was approximately £1,400. It was agreed by all members present to undertake this urgent work. The budget to be taken from the Assembly Rooms 'Repairs/Decorations' budget 2015/2016. Councillor Mrs W Witter reminded everyone present that external work to the fabric of the building was the responsibility of the town council, and not the building lease-holder.

Councillor Mr J Oxley commented that improvement works undertaken to the Assembly Hall, bar area, staircase and installation of the lift to the first floor had improved the look and facilities available at the building for public use. Councillor N Jacques also wished to thank CHAMP Ltd for instigating the project works. He then enquired about progress to a more permanent job of 'ramping' the front entrance to the public passage of the Assembly Rooms. The Clerk reported that Councillor A Todd was investigating this matter. Councillor J P Vickers commented that Councillor Todd was liaising with North Lincolnshire Council regarding permissions to undertake the work onto the public footpath onto Queen Street.

Resolved that urgent repair work required to the front elevation of The Assembly Rooms be undertaken. The cost of the work is approximately £1,400. The budget to be taken from the Assembly Rooms 'Repairs/Decorations' budget 2015/2016. Proposed by Councillor J P Vickers, seconded by Councillor Mrs W Witter and agreed by everyone present.

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

(a) **Town Centre CCTV System**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that the new cctv system was expected to go live during June 2015. There had been delays regarding the Humber Bridge and procurement issues.

(b) **Complaint**

Councillor K Vickers stated that a complaint between himself and Councillor Mrs D Pearson had now been concluded, following a two year investigation by the North Lincolnshire Council Monitoring Officer and the Standards Committee, together with a Police investigation. The result, he stated, was that Councillor Mrs Pearson had breached paragraphs 3.1 and 3.4 of the Code of Conduct. The subject matter involved allegations publicly made by Councillor Mrs Pearson that Councillor Vickers had been the recipient of monetary gain regarding the sale of land/property in the Butchery in Barton.

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The investigation undertaken, Councillor Vickers stated, was that the allegations publicly made by Councillor Mrs Pearson had not been proven. In light of this, it was concluded that Councillor Mrs Pearson had provided a written apology, which she will be required to read out at the next town council meeting she attends. If Councillor Mrs Pearson adheres to this and reads out her apology, then Councillor Vickers stated that he would accept the apology.

Councillor T Chant wished to make comment upon this matter. However, the Chairman, Councillor J Evison, stated that Councillor K Vickers had given a report of the outcome of the investigation held by the Monitoring Officer at North Lincolnshire Council, which concluded the issue. Therefore, no discussion was to be made or entered into by members of the town council.

(c) **Improvement Works**

Councillor J Evison reported that the Castledyke West car park had been re-surfaced, along with other highways in the town. Also, the gymnasium at the Leisure Centre had been refurbished.

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

No reports were made at this meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

6 May 2015