

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, M Burman, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Thornton, A Todd, J P Vickers, K Vickers, I Welch and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Mr S Leonard (Scunthorpe Telegraph) 2 representatives of the Skelton School of Classical Ballet and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Town Mayor, Councillor J Evison, made a presentation to representatives of the Skelton School of Classical Ballet, who won first prize in the Christmas Festival Community Parade. Other winners were second prize the 3rd Barton Scouts and third prize Orkidz Pre-School. Other entrants were the Rainbow Kindergarten, the 3rd Barton Beavers and the Julia Tyson School of Dance who were also awarded prizes. The Mayor and Members of the town council thanked the organisations for their contributions in the parade, stating that the 2014 Festival had been very successful.

216. **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 Captain N Cotterill to read out the town prayer. It was noted of the passing of local historian Rex Russell who died last month. He was the recipient of the British Association of History Award, for his work undertaken regarding the history of the town, making him famous for this work. He spent the last years of his life in a nursing home in Nettleton. Also, thoughts and prayers were sent to Councillor Stuart Dear who was currently in hospital, following a serious bout of ill health. The town council send him very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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

217. **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.

218. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors T Chant (unwell), S Dear (in hospital), Mrs J Mason (unwell), N Jacques (unwell), Mrs D Pearson (unwell) and P Shearer (unwell).

219. **Declarations of Interest**

Assembly Rooms Volunteers Group and Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night and Account number 195 (4835) – Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)

Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions Club, Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night, Barton Lions Club and Carlton Education – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night – Councillor A Todd (Personal Interest)

CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

AJF Waterworks – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)

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Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

220. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported the NAT meeting held last month discussed traffic issues, the CCTV system etc. whereby the Police and Safer Neighbourhoods were working closely together. It was reiterated that Barton Police Station would remain open and staffed, following the new Humberside Police structure. Councillor J Evison reported that the local Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Grove was to attend a town council meeting shortly. It was also commented that the crime figures in the town had been low as at the 22 December 2014.

Resolved that this be noted.

221. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 3 December 2014**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3 December 2014, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

222. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Update of the Town Centre CCTV System** (Min Ref: 203/83 –BTC 03/12/14)

Councillor J P Vickers reported the locations where the new CCTV system cameras were to be located in the town by North Lincolnshire Council. The locations were decided via consultation with the Police, Safer Neighbourhoods and North Lincolnshire Council. Everyone present was furnished with a plan showing these. Following discussion in this matter, it was agreed and

Resolved that the town council agree to the location proposals. North Lincolnshire Council to be notified accordingly.

223. **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 15 December 2014 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 5 January 2015 be approved as a correct record.

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224. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **PA/2014/1360 – Wren Living** (Min Ref: 214(1)/88 – PC 05/01/15)

Councillor Mrs W Witter gave report that a public consultation meeting was to be held on 8 January at the Assembly Rooms by Wren Living. Everyone was invited to attend this meeting to seek further information regarding the application. Following an extension of time granted to the town council to make comment on this, it would be discussed at the next Planning Committee Meeting of the town council to be held on 26 January 2015. This is also a public meeting, whereby everyone is invited to attend.

Resolved that this be noted.

225. **Correspondence**

1. Latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Thanks from Rushby Dance and Fitness for the town council's donation following their attendance at Barton Christmas Festival.
3. Notification from BT Business that superfast fibre broadband has arrived in the Barton area and supplying posters to display around the town.
4. Donation of £300 received from Barton Lions Club towards the bulb planting scheme in 2015 (*a letter of thanks has been sent*).
5. Thanks from Ruby Twirlstars for the town council's donation following their attendance at Barton Christmas Festival.
6. Receipt of Barton NAT Group meeting minutes following their December meeting.
7. Receipt of Register of Electors 2015 from North Lincolnshire Council Electoral Services.
8. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Finance Team that from 2016 Barton Town Council must submit their precept request by 31st January at the latest each year.
9. Receipt of ERNLLCA December newsletter.
10. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council that superfast broadband is available in this area and supplying posters to display around the town.
11. Breakdown of costs received from The Ropewalk for arranging the Lantern Parade at the Christmas Festival in 2014, following their advice that the town councils £2,000 towards costs is no longer sufficient to cover expenses.

Resolved

- (i) it was agreed to hold an Extra-Ordinary town council meeting, the week after the January meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to ratify the precept and budget for the next financial year. To be finalised at the Annual Meeting of the town council to be held in May (item 8);
- (ii) to be discussed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 11);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification from CHAMP Ltd that they have engaged a new contractor for PAT testing the public rooms at the Assembly Rooms. They suggest the town council engage their own contractor for the town council office equipment rather than continuing with the past arrangement, as the town council has more equipment than CHAMP which meant they were out of pocket financially.
2. Details from North Lincolnshire Council's Public Rights of Way Officer that they have a request to include the footpath in St Mary's Churchyard, from Burgate to Soutergate to the definitive map.

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They ask if the town council have any comment and if they would support this inclusion.

3. Information received from Barton Bike Night Committee, including a Balance Sheet from the 2014 event, requesting financial support to the 2015 event on Wednesday 1 July 2015.
4. Concerns raised by local resident on two separate issues; the lack of information for people who do not use the internet to know about death notices in the town now the local paper is weekly. Also concern at the 'road quality' between the mini-roundabout at the foot of Ferriby Road and the mini-roundabout at the end of the High Street (parts of Holydyke and Fleetgate).
5. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Street Naming Team that Elland House, Barrow Road has been renamed, Tides's Out, Barrow Road, Barton.
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Planning Team that planning application PA/2014/0998 for Mr C Bratton Land Developers (Lincs) Ltd at Land rear of 13 Queen Street, Barton will be considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 14/01/2105 at the Civic Centre in Scunthorpe starting at 2pm.

Resolved

- (i) it was agreed that the town council arrange and fund PAT testing of the electrical equipment in the town council office only (item 1);
- (ii) it was agreed to support this inclusion. North Lincolnshire Council to be notified (item 2);
- (iii) to be discussed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 3);
- (iv) death notices are outside the remit of the town council. It is suggested that the Scunthorpe/Grimsby Telegraph be notified of this issue and noted that some local funeral directors display a board outside their premises giving notification of recent deaths. With regard to local highway issues, the town council will forward the details to North Lincolnshire Council Highways for consideration (item 4);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

227. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £9,386.72 (A/cs 182 to 195), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £8,269.01 (A/cs 196 to 209). A grand total of £17,655.73

228. **Report from the Community Working Party meeting held on 16 December 2014**

Councillor A Todd gave appraisal of the meeting regarding the post mortem of the 2014 Christmas Festival and budget proposals for 2015/2016. Dates for this year's events were also given.

Resolved

- (i) the 2015/2016 Community budget to remain the same as the budget for 2014/2015;
- (ii) Dates for this year's events are Picnic in the Park will be held Sunday 2 August and the Christmas Festival Saturday 28 November 2015.

229. **Funding of Testing Work at The Assembly Rooms**

Resolved it was agreed that the town council arrange and fund PAT testing of the electrical equipment in the town council office only (*Min Ref: 226(1)(i)/94 above refers*).

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230. **Update of the Assembly Rooms Doorstep**

Councillor K Vickers reported that a temporary repair had been undertaken to the doorstep, but a more robust and permanent repair was required. Thanks were given to Councillor Vickers for sourcing someone to undertake the repair. Following discussion, it was agreed and

Resolved that the town council office seek quotations from three local contractors, seeking a more permanent repair to the step. To be further discussed once the quotations have been received by the town council.

231. **Community Events Noticeboard**

This agenda item is withdrawn by Councillor P Thornton.

232. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor P Thornton gave appraisal of the current position regarding funding issues and the number of local groups that would have to be on board to initiate the plan. Much debate ensued by those present. Councillor Mrs W Witter commented that Planning Committee meetings of the town council were held every three weeks to discuss all planning issues in the town. She urged everyone to attend these and have input into the future planning of the town. A proposal was put forward by Councillor K Vickers, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark for the town council not to have a Neighbourhood Plan. A vote was taken, with 11 against the town council having a Neighbourhood Plan and 2 in favour of one. It was agreed and

Resolved that in the current climate it was felt that benefit to the town with such a plan would be negligible, particularly in view of the manpower and financial costs the town council would have to provide. It was noted that the town is protected by local and national planning law regarding development, which was felt to be sufficient. It was concluded that the town council would not engage with a Neighbourhood Plan.

233. **Barton Painting from the "Here, There & The Elsewhere" Exhibition**

Councillor K Vickers demonstrated the painting, very kindly donated to the town council by the artist, Graham Underhill. However, the location originally agreed by the town council to hang the picture in the Committee Room at The Assembly Rooms, was unsuitable as the picture was too large for the space available. In light of this, it was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) the picture to be loaned to the Waters' Edge Visitor Centre in the town for display;
- (ii) the cost of the picture to be added to the town council's asset register for £1,500;
- (iii) the artist to be notified where the painting is to be located in order that he may view it.

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

(a) **Footpaths and Highways**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that the footpaths on Meadow Drive are to be completed this year along with other highway resurfacing and repair works in the town.

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(b) **Lidl Car Park**

Councillors J P Vickers and K Vickers gave an update regarding the newly implemented parking restrictions imposed. North Lincolnshire Council are currently looking into this matter regarding Land Registry, the covenant and historical issues. Discussion and debate ensued regarding whether or not the car park should be used for Lidl customers only, or whether the restriction could include shoppers to the store and also to other stores into the town, say, with a 2 hour limit. To be further discussed when North Lincolnshire Council have additional information to convey regarding this matter.

(c) **Barton Carnival Committee**

Councillor J Evison reported that the group had been successful in obtaining £3,000 of grant aid funding. As previously reported, funding for this group to be discussed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of the town council to be held on 19 January 2015.

(d) **Flooding Damage**

Councillor J Evison stated that after the flooding issues last year, repair work had been undertaken on the river bank. Contractors had completed some re-surfacing work, making it more accessible for some disability access. Gullies and sumps in the town were being dug out, offering better drainage. If anyone notices any blockages in these please inform North Lincolnshire Council.

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

No reports were made at this meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

..... Chairman

4 February 2015