

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on THURSDAY 2 JULY 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mrs S Evison, Mrs D Pearson, N Jacques, A Lamyman, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, J Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, P Thornton, C Ulliott, J P Vickers, Ms J Warton, I Welch and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Scunthorpe Telegraph Reporter, 1 member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

45. **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 Mrs J Oxley to read out the town prayer.

46. **Apology – Councillor Mrs D Pearson**

Further to *minute reference 313(b)/133* of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 April 2015. Councillor Mrs D Pearson read out a statement publicly apologising to Councillors J P and K Vickers. She stated that she now knew that both Councillors were not recipients of monetary gain in the sum of £165,000 from the sale of land/property in the Butchery in Barton, following the allegations she had made on the local radio during 2013. This followed an investigation by the North Lincolnshire Council Monitoring Officer and the Standards Committee, together with a Police investigation. Councillor J P Vickers thanked Councillor Mrs Pearson for the apology and hoped that a line could be drawn under the matter now the public apology had been made.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, re-opened the meeting

47. **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.

48. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors T Chant (unwell), J Evison (work commitments), A Todd (on holiday) and K Vickers (on holiday)

49. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance and National Westminster Bank – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)
Barton Civic Society – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)
National Westminster Bank – Councillor A Lamyman (Personal Interest)
Barton Civic Society – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)
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Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal Interest)
National Westminster Bank – Councillor N Pinchbeck (Personal Interest)
Barton Neighbourhood Action Team, Healthwatch North Lincolnshire and VANL – Councillor Mrs C Thornton (Personal Interest)
National Westminster Bank – Councillor P Thornton (Personal Interest)
National Westminster Bank – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)
Agenda item 11(5) Bus Service 252 - Councillor Mrs W Witter

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50. **Co-option of Town Councillor for Park Ward**

Members present agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda. Proposed by Councillor J P Vickers and agreed by all members present.

Three candidates were considered for co-option for the vacant position of town councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely Jean Mason, Paul Thornton and Darren Yellowley. Members present duly considered the candidates, following an appraisal made by each one. A vote was taken by a show of hands - Jean Mason 6 votes, Paul Thornton 7 votes and Darren Yellowley 2 votes. It was then agreed by all Members present that Paul Thornton be co-opted.

Resolved

- (i) Paul Thornton be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;
- (ii) it be noted that Paul Thornton read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office;
- (iii) the Clerk to notify North Lincolnshire Council Election & Democratic Services of the co-option.

51. **Co-option of Town Councillor for Bridge Ward**

Members present agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda. Proposed by Councillor J P Vickers and agreed by all members present.

Two candidates were considered for co-option for the vacant position of town councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely Jean Mason and Darren Yellowley. Members present duly considered the candidates and a vote by a show of hands was taken - Jean Mason 10 votes and Darren Yellowley 2 votes. It was then agreed by all Members present that Jean Mason be co-opted.

Resolved

- (i) Jean Mason be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Bridge Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;
- (ii) it be noted that Jean Mason read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office;
- (iii) the Clerk to notify North Lincolnshire Council Election & Democratic Services of the co-option.

52. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers gave report. Issues with nuisance vehicles in the town are being monitored and action taken where necessary. The proposals to erect gates to the entrance drive of the Leisure Centre are being implemented and the Waterside area is also being monitored regarding reports of nuisance vehicles. It was felt that the local Police had undertaken a sterling job with their presence at the Annual Bike Night held on 1 July, particularly as the event had attracted a lot of people. It was stated that Police attendance and engagement with annual events in the town worked very well. It was hoped this may continue and fit in with the new Police shift pattern.

Resolved that this be noted.

53. **Minutes**

- (a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 3 June 2015**

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Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2015, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

54. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Barton Civic Society** (*Min Ref: 27/(c)/11 – BTC 03/06/15*)

Councillor N Jacques gave report of the Civic Society meeting held on 5 June, in relation to Heritage Listing Status of community buildings in the town. He stated that the society was enthusiastic to engage with the town council in this matter, to consider an asset list and to take the process forward. However, it had been evident that the process of paperwork for this was not straightforward.

Resolved that this be noted.

(b) **Public Seat (Mr R Nowell)** (*Min Ref: 27(b)/11 – BTC 03/06/15*)

Councillor Mrs W Witter reported that the public seat would be in-situ by the end of the current month.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **CPRE** (*Min Ref: 38(a)/15 – BTC 03/06/15*)

It was reported that although this particular meeting had not been convened for some time, the group itself still undertook meetings themselves. In light of this, Councillor N Jacques asked if members of the town council sitting on outside bodies that no longer met or had new contact details of the group, could please inform the town council office to enable the records to be up-dated accordingly. Also, if any new outside bodies were established, that these could also be raised at the appropriate town council meeting for consideration.

Resolved that this be noted.

55. **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 22 June 2015 be approved as a correct record.

56. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement** (*Min Ref: 43/17 – PC 22/06/15*)

Councillor Mrs W Witter gave report regarding concerns raised regarding transportation issues and construction traffic during the period of the 35 month contract being operational. Councillor N Jacques also raised concern regarding the number of retrospective planning applications that were being submitted regarding listed buildings and the Conservation Areas in the town. He asked if North Lincolnshire Council could look into addressing this matter further.

Resolved that this be noted.

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57. **Correspondence**

1. Update regarding the new CCTV system in Barton which is currently out to tender and hope to start work end of July. It is anticipated the work will take no more than 5-6 week (*Min Ref: 31(6)(iv)/13 – BTC 03/06/15*)
2. Receipt of the latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
3. Notification from CPRE of free community energy workshop in London CPRE National Office. Further details can be found at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/magazine/features/item/3960-empower-communities-cpre-community-energy-workshop>
4. Reply from Healthwatch North Lincolnshire regarding attending a council meeting (*copy enclosed*) (*Min Ref: 30(11)(iii)/13 – BTC 03/06/15*)
5. Receipt of Environment Agency June newsletter for Humber Bank (south) where they advise the repairs to the flood banks near to the Waterside car park in Barton have been substantially completed and improvement works to the access steps will be completed this month. Copy of newsletter available from the council office.
6. Receipt of NAT Group meeting minutes from their meeting on 26 May 2015.
7. Notification of North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Housing & Employment Land Allocations DPD: Revised Submission Draft – Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications. The representation period runs until 5.00pm on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Details can be found at http://nlines-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/proposed_main_modifications
8. Concerns with parent parking at Bowmandale School starting and leaving times have been received. The concerns have been passed on to North Lincolnshire Council Road Safety Team who advise this has long been an issue and a number of initiatives have tried to improve the situation and reduce the number of vehicles on the school run. A school travel plan have been suggested which should include the whole school community and have support from the local town council.
9. Notification from CPRE that this year's competition will be judged between 21 July and 4 August (*Min Ref: 284(1)(i)/118 – BTC 04/03/15*).
10. Letter of thanks from the Ted Lewis Group for their recent donation (*Min Ref: 324(a)/136 – F&GP 27/04/15*)
11. Updated from the town council planter contractor advising he will water the new tree on Market Lane when he waters the planter in the same location, at no additional charge to the council (*Min Ref: 30(1)(i)/13 – BTC 03/06/15*).
12. Contact from a lady recently moved to Barton who works as a reader and marketing communications professional who would like to discuss a few revisions to improve the Bartonian magazine.
13. Confirmation of acceptance of our Premises Licence application for the Barton Christmas Festival on Saturday 28 November 2015 (*Min Ref: 310(ii)/131 – BTC 01/04/15*).
14. Notification from North Lincolnshire Tourism Team of market at a special event application on 26 July 2015 at Water's Edge Visitor Centre.
15. Receipt of Barton School Councils' Forum Meeting minutes from their 17 June 2015 meeting.
16. Information from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) of a Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth Day on 14 March 2016. A guide to taking part can be found at <http://flayaflagforthecommonwealth.co.uk/>
17. Notification from ERNLLCA (East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association) that any resolutions for their 2015 AGM should be sent by 12 August 2015. The AGM is on 17 September 2015.
18. Receipt of Barton Tourism Meeting minutes from their 16 June 2015 meeting along with agenda for their 21 July 2015 meeting. They also advise that town council representatives on the Group is a maximum of 3 members, as stated in their Constitution (*Min Ref: 11(12)/5 – AGM 20/05/15*).
19. Contact from NatWest Bank local CEO offering to meet with representatives of the town council at a separate meeting to a full council meeting. He asks to know in advance what additional information the council would like from the Bank ie what outcome (aside from reversing the decision) so they can

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seek inputs to the meeting.

20. Following the latest meeting of Barton School Councils' Forum, Castledyke School is organising a poster competition about their concerns with dog fouling. The pupils ask if it would be possible to print the winning poster in the next issue of The Bartonian.
21. Receipt of ERNLLCA June newsletter.
22. Updated parish paths map and photographs of all finger post supplied by Councillor I Welch following his inspection of the Barton paths along with a couple of items to bring to the attention of North Lincolnshire Council Public Rights of Way Team (*Min Ref: 36/15 – BTC 03/06/15*).
23. Copy of letter sent to North Lincolnshire Council Noise Nuisance Team regarding the loud music from event in Baysgarth Park on 20 June 2015. The main complaint, in their opinion, is the lack of pre warning/ publicity to the event.
24. Notification from BT that superfast fibre broadband could be available for the town council office.
25. Request received from Castledyke Primary School, for the Barton School Forum to take part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade, to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.
26. Notification received from Safer Neighbourhoods reporting that a spate of 'snap lock' burglaries have taken place in North Lincolnshire, particularly rural areas. Further information can be found on <http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/about/public/cylinder-snapping/>.

Resolved

(i) that Healthwatch North Lincolnshire be invited to attend an ordinary meeting of the town council to discuss this matter and be allowed a 15 minute timeslot to do so (*item 4*);

Councillor Mrs S Evison joined the meeting;

- (ii) it was agreed to accept the offer from the bank and that Councillors Mr J Oxley and N Pinchbeck together with one ward member represent the town council at a meeting to be arranged with them. The Clerk to contact the bank for suitable dates available for the meeting to be held (*item 19*);
- (iii) the winning poster to be printed in the next issue of the Bartonian and the School Councils' Forum to be notified accordingly (*item 20*);
- (iv) the town council office have the up-dated parish paths map for information purposes. Councillor I Welch reported that his inspection had covered 13.8 miles around the footpath network (*item 22*);
- (v) further investigation into this matter is to be made by the town council office (*item 24*);
- (vi) Castledyke Primary School be allowed to take part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade, on the condition that enough adult supervision and parade marshall's accompany them (*item 25*);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Elections Office that the vacancy on Bridge Ward due to the resignation of Mr P Shearer can now be filled by co-option (*Min Ref: 31(5)(iii) - BTC 03/06/15*).
2. Request from Ted Lewis Group to commemorate his name with street names (*copy attached*).
3. Receipt of VANL (Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire) AGM invite for Thursday 7 October 2015 at Heslam Park Rugby Club in Scunthorpe at 11am. Nominations for vacancies on the Trustee Board should be returned by 27th August 2015 using their nomination form.
4. Request from Mr John French for the town council to pursue the neglected flower/shrub beds in front of St Peters Court and St John Ambulance car park along with shabby public seats in various locations, but especially the Transport Interchange on Fleetgate.
5. Contact from North Lincolnshire Council Transport Solutions regarding changes to Bus Service 252 which takes primary school pupils from Caistor Road Estate to Castledyke School (*copy enclosed*).
6. Receipt of meeting papers for ERNLLCA North Lincolnshire District Committee AGM to be held on

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Thursday 16 July 2015 at 6.00pm in the Civic Centre, Scunthorpe.

7. Price for grass cutting received from Neighbourhood Services, as requested from the Environment Working Party meeting on 23 June 2015.
8. Update from North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning with up to date details of Town and Parish Councils with a Community Emergency Plan in place (*the town council's plan contact details have recently been updated and needs to be forwarded*).
9. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Property Services of a new property converted from a garage on Soutergate, Barton, which will be 1a Soutergate.
10. Information from Planning Consultancy Company offering their expertise in localism and neighbourhood planning to help local councils produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Resolved

- (i) agreed names to be added to the town council's suggested street names list are Lewis, Jack Carter and Plender. The Ted Lewis Group to be notified accordingly by the town council office (*item 2*);
- (ii) to be addressed by the Environment Working Party (*item 4*);
- (iii) it is suggested that Transport Solutions contact Social Services, the Viking Resource Centre and each of the schools to gain historical and background information regarding this issue. The Clerk to write in response to this matter (*item 5*);
- (iv) the information to be discussed and addressed by the Environment Working Party (*item 7*);
- (v) the up-to-date information for the Emergency Plan to be sent to North Lincolnshire Council (*item 8*);
- (vi) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

59. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £2,229.82 (A/cs 60 to 64), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £7,421.42 (A/cs 65 to 72). A grand total of £9,651.24. Also, petty cash expenses for June 2015 in the sum of £177.25.

60. **Report from the Environment Working Party Meeting held on 23 June 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 Environment Working Party Chairman for 2015/2016 will be Councillor F Coulsey;
- (ii) the Environment Working Party Vice-Chairman for 2015/2016 will be Councillor Mrs J Oxley;
- (iii) Councillor F Coulsey has undertaken weeding around the town council planter in George Street;
- (iv) a dog waste bin to be purchased by the town council and located near to the school on Marsh Lane;
- (v) a recommendation for the working party to be changed to a committee to be discussed at the next meeting of the town council to be held on 5 August 2015;
- (vi) the next Environment Working Party meeting will be held on 10 August 2015 at 7pm in the Committee Room at The Assembly Rooms.

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61. **The Town Prayer**

The Clerk gave report on the current change in legislation regarding the saying of the town prayer at council meetings, following advice received from the Local Councils' Association and NALC. This is in accordance with The Local Government (Religious etc. Observations) Act 2015, which came into effect on 26 May 2015. It was agreed and

Resolved that at the beginning of all ordinary meetings of the town council an agenda item will be placed to allow the town prayer to be read out. The council to ensure that prior to the prayers being said, those present who do not wish to participate are given the opportunity to leave the room should they so wish.

62. **Proposed Scheme for Trees on Tofts Road**

This agenda item has been withdrawn from the meeting, pending further information and also a member of the public wishing to speak to the town council about this matter. In light of this, it will be discussed at the next meeting of the town council to be held on 5 August 2015.

Resolved that this be noted and an agenda item be placed at the meeting to be held on 5 August 2015.

63. **The Nature of Advertising in The Bartonian**

Councillor A Lamyman queried the advertisements appearing from companies and groups that are outside the town boundary in the Bartonian. The Clerk gave appraisal of this and the historical factors involved. The cost of the advertisements submitted off-set the net cost of publishing the community magazine, encouraged local tourism and fell in line with other local town and parish council community magazines of a similar nature.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Baysgarth School – Sports Village**

Councillor J P Vickers encouraged everyone to put their views and proposals on-line regarding this matter. The consultation event ran until 16 July and it was important regarding access to funding for the project that the local requirements were put forward. At the next meeting of the town council to be held on 5 August, two speakers would attend the meeting to address the town council on this matter and to provide further information.

(b) **Travellers**

Travellers in the town were discussed, together with the migration of travellers currently in Brigg. It was suggested that a full-time officer be appointed to deal with this issue at North Lincolnshire Council, as it was felt that a part-time role was insufficient. Councillor J P Vickers stated that what was really needed was a suitable dedicated site in North Lincolnshire to be sourced for the travellers.

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

(a) **Rail Partnership**

Councillor N Jacques gave report. He requested if North Lincolnshire Council could look into the

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provision of installing a matrix board at the rail terminus, in line with provision made by North-East Lincolnshire Council. It was felt the current information point was not user friendly and difficult to access. The rail franchise tender due next year would hopefully ensure improvements to the local rail system with hourly and weekend services.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

..... Chairman 5 August 2015