

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr J Oxley (Chairman)

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

Also Present: Mr R Waltham (North Lincolnshire Council), Captain A Bawden (Salvation Army), Scunthorpe Telegraph Representative, 4 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillor R Waltham (Deputy Leader -North Lincolnshire Council) addressed the town council to speak about Barton-upon-Humber. Discussion had taken place at North Lincolnshire Council 4/5 months ago regarding regeneration of urban centres in North Lincolnshire and population growth, followed by liaison with the Ward Members for the town pressing to engage in this matter. A survey of the town had been undertaken by him and the Ward Members on 5 April to identify areas to be looked into. He stated that a Community Led Plan in Brigg had been undertaken in addressing key issues to deliver which he outlined. He stated that Brigg Town Council had put in very little funding towards the process, which had been the cost of some finger post notice boards in the town. He explained the proposals for Barton would be similar, with 5 strands of the regeneration process: 1) highways and transportation, 2) public services, 3) business and commerce, 4) skills and training and 5) environment. For the vision to go forward, things would be listed by category with a structured time frame. He felt that such a group would need to be led and managed by North Lincolnshire Council, as many of the themes would ultimately be delivered by the authority, having the resources to do so. He anticipated the group would take 18 months to 2 years to deliver the various key elements to be determined. The group would need to formulate a plan, with representatives attending the meetings from the town council, the business community, Civic Society, tourism, etc. Ideally, the local Member of Parliament would chair the meetings, which would be held every 2 months or so. When Brigg had undertaken this, local MP Andrew Percy, had chaired the meetings and the action points took 18 months to achieve. He felt that a Neighbourhood Plan was irrelevant in this matter and to beware of consultation overload. He was aware a consultation process was currently being undertaken by the town council's strategic plan working party, which he acknowledged was a big job, but an even bigger job to have the structure in place to deliver the elements of it.

Members of the town council asked Councillor Waltham questions about this which included funding avenues to achieve the 'Green Flag' status in Baysgarth Park, town development, parking, a relief road, healthcare issues, scoping exercise, consultation process, group funding, timescale, traffic and infrastructure planning.

As a side issue, Councillor J P Vickers asked about the listing of buildings under the 'Assets of Community Value – The Community Right To Bid'. Councillor Waltham explained this was mainly to protect buildings that were deemed to be at risk. However, there had been some misunderstandings with applications submitted from organisations in this matter, resulting in endless listings of properties by some applicants. Many of the properties he stated were either owned were listed buildings or had some other form of protection in place already, therefore were not classified as at risk. He outlined examples of this.

The Chairman Councillor Mr J Oxley together with Members of the town council thanked Councillor Waltham for his informative talk and assistance in this matter. Councillor Waltham then left the meeting.

306. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Captain A Bawden read out the Town Prayer. Captain Bawden then left the meeting.

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307. **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.

308. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors' Mrs J Mason (holiday), Mrs J Oxley (unwell) and Mrs D Pearson (unwell).

309. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)
Barton Civic Society, Barton St Peter's Primary School and Development R/O 13 Queen Street –
Councillor N Jacques (Personal & Non Prejudicial Interest)
Barton Civic Society and Barton Lions – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)
Horkstow Road – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)
Planning Applications PA/2013/1496, PA/2016/144, PA/2015/0291 and PA/2015/0755 – Councillor
Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

310. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported things had settled down in the town, therefore he had no matters to report. Councillor Mrs W Witter reported 'boy racers' were still causing problems speeding along Horkstow Road, ignoring the 30mph speed limit. Councillor J Evison stated he would address this matter with the North Lincolnshire Council Road Management Team.

Resolved this be noted.

311. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 2 March 2016**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2016, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment. The Clerk reported that Councillor I Welch had been omitted from the NAT representatives of the town council. It was acknowledged that Councillor J P Vickers attended and chaired the meetings in his capacity as a Ward Member for North Lincolnshire Council and not as a Barton Town Council representative (*min ref: 287(18)(vi)/119 refers*).

312. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Proposed Public Seating – The Humber Bank** (*Min Ref: 288(4)(ii)/120 – BTC 02/03/16*)

Councillor N Jacques felt that the town council needed to fund some of this project from its' reserves, following the community grant application submitted to North Lincolnshire Council being unsuccessful. He acknowledged that a local organisation had come forward regarding funding of one of the seats. It was agreed and

Resolved an agenda item be raised for the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held on 18 April 2016 to discuss this matter.

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(b) **Building Site Entrance on Queen Street** (*Min Ref: 284(b)/116 – BTC 02/03/16*)

Councillor N Jacques reported that a local resident had removed pallets and dog excrement located at the entrance of the developments site.

Resolved that this be noted.

(c) **Dog Fouling** (*Min Ref: 284(b)(i)/117 – BTC 02/03/16*)

Councillor Ms J Warton gave an up-date report of this matter.

Resolved that this be noted.

313. **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 14 March 2016 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 4 April 2016 be approved as a correct record.

314. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Committee Meeting** (*Min Ref: 304(a)(ii)/127 & 305(b)/128 – PC 04/04/16*)

Councillor Mrs W Witter reported that since the meeting had been held, amended plans had been received from North Lincolnshire Council regarding planning application PA/2016/121 – Rear of Kingston View, Barrow Road, Barton. Following consultation with the Case Officer, it would appear the overall application remains unchanged, the plans merely show more extensive areas of the garden and boundary fence/hedges of the site.

With reference to the planning decision for PA/2013/1496, she commented that the town council had not received a definitive answer from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the town council's objection concerning road safety concerns for the site access onto Barrow Road.

Resolved this be noted.

315. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council. Also, details of their Re-tread Recycling Programme for 2016/17.
2. Notification that North Lincolnshire Council will be installing a replacement beacon (*Min Ref: 289(22)(vii)/119 – BTC 02/03/16*).

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3. Notification that North Lincolnshire Council has formally adopted its Housing & Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document as part of its Local Development Framework which sets out the overall development strategy for housing and employment allocations, town centre boundaries and development limits in North Lincolnshire up to 2026.
4. Concern from local resident over the usage of the lorry park/events business on Maltkiln Road which has been forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council.
5. Correspondence from Barton Civic Society regarding Assets of Community Value nomination form (*copy enclosed*) (*Min Ref: 287(14)(iv)/119 – BTC 02/03/16*).
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council that they are currently only able to offer a one year service level agreement for community planting (*Min Ref: 290(ii)/121 – BTC 02/03/16*).
7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Tourism Team of Market Consent application on 6 July 2016 for a general market at Barton Bike Night.
8. Invite for representatives of the town council to attend the North Lincolnshire Workers Memorial Day at Scunthorpe Baptist Church, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe on Thursday 28 April 2016 at 10.30am.
9. Copy of legal structures in the Community & Voluntary sector for the Friends of Baysgarth Park Group from North Lincolnshire Council (*Min Ref: 294(a)/123 – BTC 02/03/16*).
10. Information from Safer Neighbourhoods in relation to the prevention of car crime. Copy available from the council office.
11. Update from Barton Living Memorial Trust that the new copse in Baysgarth Park, with lectern is completed (*Min Ref: 287(5)/117 – BTC 02/03/16*).
12. Receipt of latest agenda and minutes from Barton Tourism Partnership. Also quote for set up and development of town council pages on the website at £470.00 for 5 separate pages, providing content for the pages is the responsibility of the town council (*Min Ref: 246 (iv)/100 – EBTC 25/01/16*).
13. Invite to attend a new sub group of Barton Tourism Partnership which hope to meet twice a year to look at advance event programming. The initial meeting will be at Ropery Hall, Tuesday 3 May at 7.00pm.
14. Update from North Lincolnshire Council regarding dog fouling, advising the Dog Warden Service is not aware of any specific issues in Barton. However they will make the Community Wardens aware of concerns but without witness testimony from members of the public, dog fouling enforcement actions are difficult to make. They have produced a poster which they encourage should be displayed. Also the new dog bins on the Redrow site are now part of their emptying system (*Min Ref: 284(c)/117 – BTC 02/03/16*).
15. Letter from North Lincolnshire Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods thanking the town council for taking part in the Clean for the Queen Campaign 2016 (*Min Ref: 288(9)(iv)/120 – BTC 02/03/16*).
16. Receipt of Town Grant Scheme application from Barton St Peter's CE Primary School.
17. Receipt of Town Grant Scheme application from Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society (*Min Ref: 287(2)(i)/119 – BTC 02/03/16*).
18. Receipt of Environment Agency Humber newsletter for March. Copy available from the council office.
19. Reply from North Lincolnshire Council Planning regarding the development to the rear of 13 Queen Street (*copy enclosed*) (*Min Ref: 284(b)/116 – BTC 02/03/16*).

Resolved

- (i) it was agreed the replacement beacon located on the Humber Bank will be lit to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday on Thursday 21 April 2016. Details and times to be announced by the Mayor, Councillor Mr J Oxley in due course (*item 2*);
- (ii) an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss (*item 5*);
- (iii) it was agreed to accept the one year service level agreement in the sum of £4,495.60 (£213.60 above the budget allocation). However, two other contractors were contacted, whereby one couldn't submit a quotation price and the other one declined (*item 6*);

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- (iv) an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss (*item 12*);
- (v) the Chairman Councillor Mr J Oxley to liaise with Councillor Mrs W Witter regarding sponsorship money for the 'Clean for Queen Campaign' (*item 15*);
- (vi) an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss (*item 16*);
- (vii) an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss (*item 17*);
- (viii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

316. Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda

1. Contact from resident of Green Lane regarding the condition of this un-adopted lane (*copy enclosed*).
2. Comments from resident regarding dog mess and the Environment Working Party article in the Bartonian (*copy passed to Councillor F Coulsey & North Lincolnshire Council*).
3. Notification from SLCC of Networking Day on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at Swanland costing £15.00, which covers the new Financial Regulations.
4. Update regarding the damaged street light and missing hanging basket bracket on Beck Hill which North Lincolnshire Council are dealing with (*Min Ref:190(i)/121 – BTC 02/03/16*).
5. Notification from resident who advises CRIG would possibly be interested in sponsoring a public seat on the Humber Bank and requesting further information (*Min Ref: 288(4)(ii)/120 – BTC 02/03/16*).
6. Reply from the Environment Agency requesting the google earth map of the proposed seat locations along the Humber Bank in a different format as they cannot download it (*following further contact they had requested the locations in pdf format*) (*Min Ref:288(4)(ii)/120 – BTC 02/03/16*).
7. Notification of CPRE AGM on Saturday 7 May 2016 at 1.30pm at the 20/21 Visual Arts Centre in Scunthorpe, reports and agenda available from the council office. Also received - the spring copies of their Fieldwork and Countryside Voice magazines.

Resolved

- (i) North Lincolnshire Council to look at the snicket maintenance off Green Lane, which they do currently maintain. However, there appears to be no plan to adopt Green Lane by North Lincolnshire Council, the local highways authority. The resident to be notified (*item 1*);
- (ii) it was agreed the Clerk to attend the SLCC Networking Day (*item 3*);
- (iii) the Cardiac Rehabilitation Interest Group (CRIG) to be provided with the cost and details to sponsor a public seat on the Humber Bank. Also, Sergeants Ice Cream Parlour in Market Lane wish to be notified of the same details (*item 5*);
- (iv) the town council office to provide the Environment Agency with a pdf format map. To date, permission to locate the seats has not been granted. Also, some public seats at Waters' Edge and the building adjacent to the Visitor Centre requires maintenance (both of these are owned and maintained by North Lincolnshire Council) (*item 6*);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

317. Accounts for Payment

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £13,145.61 (A/cs 1 to 14), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,516.68 (A/cs 15 to 22) - a grand total of £19,662.29. Also, petty cash expenses for March 2016 in the sum of £74.20.

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318. **Report from the Community Working Party Meeting held on the 7 March 2016**

Councillor A Todd gave an appraisal of the meeting and everyone was furnished with a copy of the meeting report to peruse. Councillor N Jacques enquired if the town council had plans to celebrate the Queen's birthday on 6 June, as he had been approached by the Barton Community Rail Partnership about this. Councillor A Todd commented that currently there were no plans to do so and neither was there budget provision for this. Councillor K Vickers stated that perhaps bunting could be erected in the town. It was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) the date for the Annual Picnic in the Park event is Sunday 7 August 2016;
- (ii) the date for the Annual Christmas Festival event is Saturday 26 November 2016;
- (iii) arrangements and permissions for the above two events to be organised by the town council office, providing the costs are within budget allocation for 2016/2017;
- (iv) the advertising charges for the 'Bartonian' were reviewed, and it was agreed to maintain the current level of charges;
- (v) Councillor C Ulliott to organise a town council team of 6 players to play bowls against the Bowling Club at the Picnic in the Park event.

319. **Report from the Strategic Working Party Meeting held on the 4 April 2016**

Councillor N Pinchbeck gave an appraisal of the meeting and everyone was furnished with a copy of the meeting report to peruse. It was noted that 3 street surveys have been undertaken and 229 comments have been received from 123 people and groups. More responses were required from younger age groups in the town, to ensure a representative sample is received from all age ranges. The working party have set up Facebook and linked to the 2 most popular Facebook pages locally, which has attracted a variety of comments and continues to do so. The next meeting was planned to be held on Monday 25 April, 5.30 pm at The Assembly Rooms. Councillor C Ulliott commented if it was prudent or not for the Strategic Plan Working Group to continue in its' current format, in case there was conflicting interest between this and the North Lincolnshire Council regeneration group, suggested by North Lincolnshire Council's Councillor Waltham earlier at this meeting. Councillor N Jacques felt this wouldn't be the case. Councillor K Vickers suggested he thought it would be a good idea to accept Councillor Waltham's offer and that it may be time that the town council working party's return to being committees. This would mean a more formal arrangement to them and the meetings would be clerked. For clarity, the Clerk had obtained guidance and advice from ERNLLCA regarding the remit of working parties. A copy was handed to all Members present. It was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) that Councillors' N Pinchbeck and A Todd (Mayor Elect – Ex Officio), represent the town council at meetings to discuss regeneration issues in the town, as highlighted by North Lincolnshire Council Councillor R Waltham, the speaker at the outset of this meeting;
- (ii) an agenda item be placed for the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 18 April 2016, to review the committee and working party structure of the town council.

320. **Gumdrop Bin**

Following discussion, it was agreed and

Resolved this matter to be discussed by the Environment Working Party at the meeting on 11 April.

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

(a) **Councillor J P Vickers**

Councillor J P Vickers commented that he felt the ideas put forward by North Lincolnshire Council Councillor R Waltham at this meeting, would be good for regeneration issues in the town and a good opportunity.

(b) **Councillor J Evison**

Councillor Evison reported that as part of his role, he had involvement in the Crime Commission. He had been amazed at the degree of management of this, following a recent meeting with them.

(c) **Councillor K Vickers**

Councillor K Vickers stated that the tour of the town with North Lincolnshire Council Councillor R Waltham on 5 April had gone well, with several issues highlighted that required attention and action. The Market Place improvements were progressing well. The newsagents premises were to be re-painted and the bus shelter repairs making it look a lot better. There were some white lining issues on the town's highways that required renewing and it was nice to see the opening of a new business in the town – a Flower Shop on the High Street. He felt that pride is required in the town by everyone. Councillor N Jacques reported that the public conveniences located at the Humber Bridge Viewing Area were reported to be closed and if they could be opened. If this was a problem, he enquired if the town council could pay to have them open.

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

No reports were made at this meeting

The Chairman, Councillor Mr J Oxley, closed the meeting at 8.33 p.m.

..... Chairman 4 May 2016