

**BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING held on MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2012 at
7.30pm in THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON**

Present Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors F Coulsey, Ms E Donaldson, M Osgerby and J Oxley. Co-opted Mr J French, and Mr D Witter.

Also present Councillor Mrs W Witter, & Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk).

342. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mrs A Clark (in hospital), J Evison (work), Mr M D'Alessandro & Mr A Robinson, (Civic Society), Mr A Long (Barton Neighbourhood Services Manager)

343. **Declarations of Interest**

None

344. **Parish Path Partnership Matters**

None

345. **Minutes of Meeting 21 November 2011**

It was noted that minutes of this meeting had been approved as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 7 December 2011.

346. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Westfield Road Underpass** (Min Ref:- 226/93)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council clear the underpass of leaves and litter at least once a week. Vegetation around the entrance was cleared in the summer.

(b) **Dog Control Orders** (Min Ref:- 229/94)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council have sent information on dog control orders and being a responsible owner which they would like publicised. Members agreed to put information in the Bartonian on a regular basis to promote responsible dog ownership.

Resolved that an item to be placed on a regular basis in the Bartonian magazine to promote responsible dog ownership.

(c) **Yellow lines – High Street** (Min Ref:-230(a)/94)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council acknowledge the wrong colour/width of lines had been put in the Conservation area, this will be corrected.

(d) **New Planters** (Min Ref:- 231(iv)/95)

Three new planters had been purchased to replace three of the current worn planters located around the town centre. These would be sorted at the next planting season.

(e) **Street name plates** (Min Ref:- 231(v)/95)

Prices for street name plates had been requested, but no reply to date. This to be chased for purchase from the 2012/2013 budget, name plates already reported as missing/damaged on the town council file to be sorted first.

(f) **Donation requests** (Min Ref:- 231(vi)/95)

A donation of £200 has been received from Barton Lions, a letter of thanks has been sent.

(g) **Replacement trees** (Min Ref:- 231(vii)/95)

Request has been made to purchase two replacement memorial trees from our contractor, no reply received to date. Members also mentioned replacement of failed tree at the Brigg Road/Beretun Green development. It was agreed to contact the developer to replace this tree.

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Resolved that the developer of the Brigg Road/Beretun Green development or North Lincolnshire Council planning department to be contacted regarding replacement of the failed tree.

(h) **Oak tree – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee** (Min Ref:- 231(viii)/95)

North Lincolnshire Council has advised it would be better to purchase an oak tree with their own tree order and plant at the beginning of the season around October. They also suggest spending £200.00 - £350.00. The tree budget for 2012/2013 is £300.00, members agreed to spend up to £250.00 on a tree and £50.00 for a suitable plaque. It was suggested by the co-opted groups they may be able to contribute towards this scheme. It was agreed the Mayor of Barton should plant the tree.

Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council be advised up to £250.00 is available to purchase an oak tree. The Mayor of Barton to be requested to take part in the tree planting ceremony.

(i) **Noticeboards** (Min Ref:- 228(c)/93)

The chairman advised Councillor P Adams had written to Tesco supermarket with possible location discussed with their staff member, a reply was outstanding. He had contacted Burgate Post Office who would allow a noticeboard in the west bay window facing the pavement, which he had made himself. It was agreed the council would like to see the board before it is put up. The Co-op supermarket would in principle allow an external board similar to the Assembly Rooms boards. Members discussed if this should be left until the next council year from May 2012 to progress, as no budget was available for 2011/2012 or provision made in the 2012/2013 budget. Planning permission/listed building consent/conservation area consent will probably be required from North Lincolnshire Council. It was unsure if outside the Co-op was in the ownership of them or North Lincolnshire Council, permission would be required from the landowner at this site. Quotes for a noticeboard at the Co-op would also be required.

Resolved that:-

- (i) this committee recommend adoption of the noticeboard made by Councillor P Adams for Burgate Post Office, when seen by members of the council, before it is put up;
- (ii) Councillor P Adams to be thanked for all the work he has undertaken to date on behalf of the council;
- (iii) Quotes for a noticeboard at the Co-op to be looked into by the office for the next council year;
- (iv) Advice to be sought from North Lincolnshire Council conservation officer regarding suitable noticeboards for the conservation area and what permissions are required before any boards can be put up in the conservation area.

(j) **North Lincolnshire Council Winter Service** (Min Ref:- 228(a)/93)

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to North Lincolnshire Council Highways for their prompt response to clearing snow from the town centre following the recent snowfall.

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to North Lincolnshire Council regarding the above matter.

347. **Grounds maintenance, hanging basket & planter scheme 2012**

Members were advised the second year of our five year service level agreement with North Lincolnshire Council for the Barrow Road, Ferriby Road and Finkle Lane bedding scheme had been returned. The town council’s planters and hanging baskets also require sorting. It was agreed to continue with the same scheme as in 2011, if the costs are within budget the office and committee chairman are authorised to accept prices. A request for colour of plants to reflect the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

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Resolved that prices for planting the town council planters and hanging baskets be requested from our contractor, with the office and committee chairman authorised to accept prices, if within budget.

348. **Best Kept Garden & Hanging Basket Competition 2012**

Members agreed to arrange the competitions again this year, in the same format as previous years. Councillor Ms E Donaldson volunteered to assist Councillor F Coulsey judging entries. The chairman advised the Environment Committee report for the April Bartonian included reference to the competition and encouraging more entries to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed the Presentation evening in September should reflect this celebration.

Resolved that the town council organise the annual Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition in the same format as previous years on judging dates to be agreed with Councillors F Coulsey and Ms E Donaldson. The Presentation Evening to be held on Thursday 13 September 2012.

349. **Old Water Mill Site on Waterside Road**

Members were advised of the poor condition of land at the car parking area/walk way at the junction of Waterside Road and Maltkiln Road. This triangle of land is used to access the footbridge over the Haven on Maltkiln Road as the adjacent footpath from Waterside Road does not connect with the footbridge. Mr D Witter submitted a picture of the problem area and Mr J French a street map. It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of North Lincolnshire Council and request improvement in the area for pedestrians.

Resolved that the poor condition of the above area to be brought to the attention of North Lincolnshire Council for improvement for pedestrians.

350. **Information Regarding Green Spaces** (Min Ref:- 323(3)(ii)/134 – BTC 01/02/12)

Members were advised the article from Fields in Trust gave information of a 'Challenge' to protect green spaces for future generations as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Funding is available to owners of green spaces to protect and improve them. A scheme through the Woodland Trust to plant trees for the Diamond Jubilee was also discussed. It was noted that the town council do not own any land to be able to take part in this 'Challenge'.

351. **Items of Report from Co-opted Members**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

Members were advised Lion Clubs Nationally were planting 40,000 trees, Barton Lions would be planting 400; 200 of these had already been planted at Waters' Edge site, adjacent to the water treatment plant. Barton Lions were thanked for this scheme.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Crocus bulbs have been planted in Baysgarth Park around the trees on the roadside between Park Avenue and Millfields, also waiting to hear from North Lincolnshire Council regarding replanting surplus bulbs. They will be supporting the tree planting on 10 March 2012.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

10 March 2012 trees from Tesco, site of potential petrol station, to be moved to the Railway Station with support from other groups. They are also clearing and tidying area next to the railway line and would like to replace railings. Network rail who own the land are unable to assist with cost of new railings, financial support from the town council was requested.

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It was agreed the civic society should formally write to the town council requesting funding, and give an idea of cost for the railings.

An update was given of their Beck project; the consultants have produced a survey drawing along with drawing showing a spring giving 1 metre of water, re-instatement of southern boundary wall and other repairs. In answer to a question members were advised currently they have no grants or know of any grants to carry out this project. They would like to contact other town or parish councils which have a village pond for guidance on any funding. Mr J French will contact the council office with names of relevant councils, and contact details which are in the public domain will be passed on for the Beck Group to contact.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley at 8.45 p.m.

..... Chairman 7 March 2012