

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2018 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor N Pinchbeck (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Mrs D Pearson, J Sanderson, Mrs P Sanderson, Mrs C Thornton, A Todd, B Troop, C Ulliott, J P Vickers, K Vickers, Ms J Warton and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present Carolyn & Kevin Guy (Barrow-upon-Humber Parish Council), 1 member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Prior to the meeting commencing, Carolyn and Kevin Guy (Barrow-upon-Humber Parish Council) spoke about the Barrow-upon-Humber Neighbourhood Plan. They handed out information packs to all members present and Carolyn Guy gave an appraisal of the work they had undertaken so far. She explained they had attended local events to hand out leaflets, requesting response from local residents for the 5 questions listed. She spoke about community cohesion, housing, open spaces, communication etc. It was anticipated that the next step was to outline the entire parish boundary to be included in the plan. This would expand out from the town centre to land and land owners outside the inner town centre for inclusion. She stated that four councillors were currently involved, whereby determination of a steering group was hoped to be progressed. A committee of about twelve to fifteen members would be required and satellite groups formulated to address the different aspects of the plan requirements. She felt that the plan would take two years, maybe longer to achieve. She acknowledged that there was a lot of work to do and the finance to be established to progress the plan.

Questions were then put forward from members of Barton-upon-Humber Town Council. These included would all age groups be catered for in the plan, future linkage of Barton-upon-Humber with Barrow-upon-Humber boundaries and the impact of this, land owners crossing parish boundaries, some aspects of incorporation into the Barrow-upon-Humber Neighbourhood Plan was felt to be issues a parish/town council should be undertaking on a regular basis without a neighbourhood plan, the need for consultants, grants/finance to be sought to undertake the work for a plan, including fundraising, administration requirements and staffing needs, the recent consultations held by North Lincolnshire Council regarding the Local Plan revision, the number of people required to volunteer to undertake work for a Neighbourhood Plan etc. Carolyn Guy concluded that the demographic breakdown varied from place to place so no two plans were the same.

The Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck, along with members of the town council thanked the speakers for their informative talk. Both then left the meeting.

332. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor J Sanderson read out the Town Prayer.

333. **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.

334. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs S Garrard-Hughes (work commitments) and Mrs J Mason (on holiday)

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335. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)
Barton Lions – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)
Barton Bike Night and Barton Lions – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal Interest)
Barton Bike Night – Councillor A Todd (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – J P Vickers (Personal Interest)
Friends of Baysgarth Park – Ms J Warton (Personal Interest)
Age UK – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

336. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers stated the next meeting of the NAT group would take place on 12 June as the programmed meeting to be held on 15 May has been cancelled. Currently there is positive feedback from the local Policing team regarding crime figures etc. for the town. Councillor A Todd felt it was good news that the Police & Crime Commissioner for Humberside had announced an extra 100 officers had been employed, with an additional 200 to be recruited.

Resolved that this be noted.

337. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 7 March 2018**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 March 2018, be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

338. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **The Great British Spring Clean** (*Min Ref: 315(e)/132 – BTC 07/03/18*)

Councillor J Sanderson thanked everyone who recently took part in this project. It was agreed and

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions, Barton Rotary and St. Mary's Church Bell Ringers for their kind assistance in the litter pick.

(b) **Boots the Chemist** (*Min Ref: 315(a)/131 – BTC 07/03/18*)

Councillor N Pinchbeck gave an up-date regarding this matter. He had spoken with NHS England regarding the two chemists in the town and the health centre pharmacy. During the recent inclement weather, it had been noted that Lloyds Chemist had been closed. NHS England had stated this is not acceptable as an emergency/bad weather plan should have been in operation at the chemist reflective of the national requirement. The collection of prescriptions at the health centre surgery had been discussed and Councillor Pinchbeck is to attend a meeting with representatives of Boots Chemist next week. It was felt however, that a recent improvement had taken place with both chemists in the town.

Resolved that this be noted.

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(c) Further Consideration of the Development of a Neighbourhood Plan (Min Ref: 322/135 – BTC 07/03/18)

Councillor N Jacques gave appraisal of this matter and felt the town council should seriously consider developing a Neighbourhood Plan. He circulated a report he had furnished to all members of the town council regarding background information on the formulation of a plan. He referred to the North Lincolnshire Council Local Plan consultations recently held and the five options put forward. Whichever choice, he stated that some development on the outer town would probably occur. He felt that local residents are passionate about the future of the town and now is the ideal time to initiate a Neighbourhood Plan. He thought that perhaps the Barton Carnival was an ideal event to promote this matter and find out what the residents of the town felt about the future planning of it. Indeed, he felt it was the democratic right of the local residents. Responses to the Local Plan could be used as a platform to progress ideas on how the town is to develop. He felt the electoral ward boundary was the ideal area for the plan to be based upon for future planning requirements. He made reference to the probable costs and what the costs had been so far with the Appleby Parish Neighbourhood Plan. He felt that a recorded vote should be made regarding the motion he had previously put forward that “Barton-upon-Humber Town Council is minded to support a Neighbourhood Plan, welcome a steering group to take forward, and apply to North Lincolnshire Council for the electoral ward to be the designated area”. Councillor K Vickers seconded that a recorded vote should be made regarding the motion. However, he felt there was no comparison to the requirements of the Appleby Parish Neighbourhood Plan, with a small population, in comparison to the needs of Barton-upon-Humber with a considerable additional population level. He thought that considerable resource of budget and manpower would be required to undertake a plan and felt that the money should be better spent on priority services in the town. He made reference to the town council budget and council tax, having remained static for the last four years and that the town council is not politically led. He made reference to the Local Plan and that emphasis should be placed upon getting that right to reflect the needs of the town for future planning. He concluded that as there is to be an election next year and the number of councillors on the town council reduced, then it should be a matter for the newly appointed council next year to discuss and determine the requirement, or not, of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Much discussion ensued between members of the town council regarding Neighbourhood Planning. Councillor Ms J Warton stated that consultations had previously been held 10 years ago to determine what local residents wanted in the town. The top two were a McDonald's fast food outlet and a skate park. To date, one of these, a skate park had materialised. She questioned the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Mr J Oxley commented that out of nine parish/town council applications made to North Lincolnshire Council, only three were currently active. He concurred with the comments made by Councillor K Vickers. Councillor Mrs C Thornton explained that any grant money obtained by the town council could not be spent on any other project or service. Councillor K Vickers stated that Brigg Town Council had decided not to progress with a Neighbourhood Plan and were in the process of paying back the grant monies to the funders. Councillor N Jacques stated that a Neighbourhood Plan would be the town's process – not the town councils'. He felt it is the democratic right of residents for the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan and the process could be started now for all of the community. Councillor B Troop stated that the parish of Appleby had a population of 600 therefore the costs for a Neighbourhood Plan would be a lot less than one for the town council. Councillor N Jacques commented that the process for the Appleby Neighbourhood Plan would be the same as one for the town council. Councillor K Vickers proposed that any further discussions regarding the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan by the town council should be for the newly appointed council next year to discuss and determine the requirement, or not, of a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Mr J Oxley seconded this motion.

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A recorded vote was taken for the proposal put forward by Councillor N Jacques that “Barton-upon-Humber Town Council is minded to support a Neighbourhood Plan, welcome a steering group to take forward, and apply to North Lincolnshire Council for the electoral ward to be the designated area”.

In favour of the proposal are Councillors Mrs C Thornton, N Jacques, Mrs W Witter, N. Pinchbeck, A Todd and Mrs D Pearson (6 votes for the proposal);

Against the proposal are Councillors J P Vickers, Ms J Warton, Mrs P Sanderson, K Vickers, F Coulese, J Evison, Mrs S Evison, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, C Ulliott, Mrs A Clark and B Troop (12 votes against the proposal);

Councillor J Sanderson abstained from the vote.

It was agreed and

Resolved that the proposal put forward was not accepted by the town council.

339. **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 12 March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

340. **Matters of Report Arising**

None.

341. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt of the latest Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Confirmation of Barton Bike Night event to be held on Saturday 14 July 2018. Town centre road closures in place 2pm-10pm.
3. Up-date from North Lincolnshire Council to say they have listed The Assembly Rooms, Wilderspin National School, Baysgarth House and The Joseph Wright Hall as Assets of Community Value (*copy attached*).
4. Notification from the Humber Emergency Planning Service that the Environment Agency Floodline telephone number 0845 988 1188 is being deactivated on 1 April 2018 with only **0345 988 1188** being available.
5. Barton Tourism Partnership - minutes from 20 February and 20 March meetings and agenda for the 20 March meeting.
6. Correspondence received from a local resident (*copy sent to NLC Democratic Services and a copy attached for information purposes*).
7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council of the Mayor's charity tandem skydive to take place on Sunday 22 April at Skydive, Hibaldstow, in aid of his charity appeal fund. Anyone wishing to sponsor him, please refer to his just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-clark23>
8. The New Paths Music Festival will take place in Beverley from 5-8 April, a long weekend of concerts and community events. See <http://www.newpathsmusic.com/2018/03/15/the-kings-and-queens-of-song/> which contains a special link to Barton. More information refer to www.newpathsmusic.com

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9. Response from Lindsey Age UK (*Min Ref: 318(11)(iii)/134 – BTC 07/03/18 refers*). The charity asks the town council to reconsider the decision not to support the charity as they are not based in the town.
They have offered to attend a meeting of the town council to explain the work they do, if the town council wish them to do so.
10. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the Local Authority Support Grant for 2018/2019. The town council having made a commitment to meet the conditions required will be awarded the grant. However, the town council will be contacted by North Lincolnshire Council to ensure the conditions are being complied with in due course.
11. Documentation and agreement received from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the Town/Parish Council Highway Grass Cutting Pilot (*see agenda item 13 regarding this matter*).
12. Copy of meeting minutes from the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership (*copy available in the town council office*).
13. Embrace (NHS North Lincolnshire CCG) – Humber Acute Services Review – Update 22 March 2018. Copy available on their website www.humbercoastandvale.org.uk/humberacutereview.

Resolved

- (i) Councillor J P Vickers commented he had received good public feedback regarding the new footpaths in Baysgarth Park and continuation of park improvements generally. They are for the benefit of all age groups to access the park. Councillor B Troop felt that some of the comments made in the correspondence were verging on being slanderous. Following public comments made on Facebook, 94% of those commenting felt that the improvement programme in Baysgarth Park was for the better with much improved access for everyone. Councillor N Pinchbeck had recently undertaken a visit with the High Sherriff who had been impressed with the improvements. Councillor K Vickers stated that a correction was required in the correspondence whereby it states “it is a memorial to one of the town’s heroes...” whereby in actual fact it is “in memory of” to use the park. Councillor Mrs A Clark commented that she can now access the park in her motorised scooter, whereby she couldn’t previously. Councillor Mrs D Pearson stated she had been contacted by Mrs Barclay, a descendent of the former owner of Baysgarth Park who was not at all happy with the improvements. It was pointed out that Mrs Barclay had forwarded a copy of the letter she had sent to Councillor Mrs Pearson last year, stating she was happy with the improvement works (*Min Ref: 117(6)(i)/44 – BTC 06/09/17 refers*). The Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck stated he would be delighted to undertake a tour of Baysgarth Park with Mrs Barclay, as Councillor Mrs D Pearson suggested she wishes to do so. Members present felt that a line ought to be now drawn for the matter to be concluded (*item 6*);
- (ii) following further discussion and review of this matter, including advice sought from ERNLLCA by the Clerk, it was agreed that the original resolution not to support the financial request stands. The group to be notified (*item 10*);
- (iii) it was agreed for an agenda item to be placed at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to discuss this matter (*item 11*);
- (iv) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

342. **Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda**

1. Bartonian suggestion form completed by resident, requesting street names in memory of someone should have a short explanation on them showing why they were honoured.
2. Complaint from resident of Far Ings Road with photographic evidence, showing flooding problems now occurring in the back garden of properties adjacent to the Truelove development on St Chad’s Way since the developer has filled in the drainage dyke (*copy of the photographs available from the council office*).
3. Notification that the next meeting of Barton NAT Group scheduled for 15 May will now be held on 12 June 2018 at 6.30pm in the Assembly Rooms.

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Resolved

- (i) the suggestion to be put forward to North Lincolnshire Council. Also, Councillor N Jacques thought the town council may write to Barton Civic Society suggesting that they may wish to produce a leaflet explaining a brief history of some of the street names. Members present agreed (*item 1*);
- (ii) that the correspondence be received and the contents noted.

343. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £7,145.47 (A/cs 1 to 8) and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £9,119.48 (A/cs 9 to 16) - a grand total of £16,264.95;
- (ii) petty cash expenses for March 2018 are £117.89;
- (iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for February 2018 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

344. **The Parish Path Scheme**

Discussed and agreed under *Min Ref: 341(11)(ii)/144 above refers.*

Resolved that this be noted.

345. **Registration of the Mayor's Appeal with Lincs Lotto**

It was agreed and

Resolved that the Mayor, Councillor N Pinchbeck registers the Mayor's Appeal with Lincs Lotto.

346. **The Town Crest**

Councillor J Sanderson reported that a local contractor was looking into the artwork of this, for the approximate cost of £40-£45. This is required to progress the town crest on ID badges for the town council. Councillor Mrs P Sanderson queried whether or not to wait until after the next election regarding this matter, but it was agreed to progress with this at the present time. With regard to colour printing in the town council office, it was noted that an appraisal of the current office printers would have to be undertaken as one was in black and white only and both printers would probably need replacing in the near future anyway due to their age and workload.

Resolved that this be noted and for Councillor J Sanderson to undertake the artwork with the contractor.

347. **The George Public House & Hotel**

Councillor N Pinchbeck had consulted with Enterprise Inns, the owners of the empty premises. They were eager to find a tenant and several enquiries had already been made. It was agreed and

Resolved that a letter be sent to Enterprise Inns explaining this historic building is well loved in the town and concerns are raised that whilst the premises are empty the building is kept in good repair. Also, could a temporary tenant be sought until a permanent one is found to take on the business.

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348. **The Call-Connect Bus Service**

Councillor Ms J Warton commented she had received several good reports of how useful this service is. It is available for everyone to use and should be utilised where possible to ensure the service continues for the good of everyone. Councillor Warton explained she has a few leaflets explaining the service. Further supplies are available from the town council office.

Resolved that this be noted.

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

(a) **Councillor J Evison**

Councillor J Evison gave report regarding the Police & Crime Panel. 330 new Humberside Police Officers are to be appointed over the next 18 months, which the Police & Crime Commissioner for Humberside has encouraged. Following the previous pattern of budget surplus rollover, the Commissioner has determined that £5m needs to be spent in the Humber regional area improving the Policing service.

The problems with potholes continues following a cold, wet winter and the recent spell of inclement weather. Everyone was encouraged to report pothole defects to North Lincolnshire Council or the three ward members. A deep pothole was reported at Barton Transport Interchange, the Haven Road signage needs repairing and several deep potholes on Meadow Drive. Councillor Mrs D Pearson reported that the footpath defects outside the Post Office on Burgate had now been repaired. Dog fouling issues in the town had also become a problem once again. Councillor K Vickers stated that all three ward members are available to be contacted to report potholes/defects, or any issues in the town, which is their role to undertake. Councillor Mrs W Witter asked if North Lincolnshire Council could undertake a rolling programme of footpath repairs on an annual basis. Councillor K Vickers reported that there is one already in place. Councillor Ms J Warton stated she had recent cause to contact Humberside Police with a ring and report incident. She found this extremely easy to do. Councillor J Evison concluded that the Police 101 service had been much improved for members of the public to use.

(b) **Councillor K Vickers**

Councillor K Vickers stated that the woodland area at the 'Top Field' site at the top of Ferriby Road needs to be looked into and progressed. Highway and access improvements to the proposed new Lidl Store are currently being addressed by submission of a planning application. Councillor Mr J Oxley asked if the deep ruts in the field, caused by site investigation services could be evened out to make access easier. Councillor K Vickers agreed that this needs to be addressed.

Councillor N Jacques explained the late night bus service from Hull to Barton is being axed shortly. These are the 10.20pm and 11.30pm weekday services. The Saturday service will still be maintained. Councillor A Todd stated this matter was due to the subsidy for the service being removed following the end of the City of Culture 2017. However, Councillor N Jacques felt that Stagecoach (Lincoln Depot) needs to reconsider this by looking at the entire service they provide which is after all a public service. It was agreed and

Resolved that a letter to be sent to Stagecoach (Lincoln Depot), requesting that they review axing the weekday 10.20pm and 11.30pm services, to allow passengers to attend evening functions and events in the Hull area from Barton. Also a letter to be sent to Hull City Council.

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(c) **Councillor J P Vickers**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that the 'Green Flag' status judges would be inspecting Baysgarth Park during May. A park warden has been appointed and fines are to be implemented for dog fouling in the park etc. The vandalised public conveniences are to be assessed and a supervision programme implemented in the future. Opening of the conveniences would be reported in the future.

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

No reports were made.

The Chairman, Councillor N Pinchbeck closed the meeting at 8.39 p.m.

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