

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD on WEDNESDAY 05 July 2023 at 19.00

Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors N Jacques, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, B Troop, N Turner & A Watson. Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk) and two members of the public.

Prior to commencement of the formal meeting Major Alan read the Town Prayer. Members thanked Major Alan for all his attendances to read and say prayers prior to council meetings.

Public Participation

One member of the public made an enquiry as to the progress of works to the Interchange. The car parking area that has been re-surfaced currently does not allow the buses enough space to manoeuvre through and it was thought that the bus stops were going to be parallel to the train station. It was asked what further work is going to be carried out.

Mayor confirmed that the Interchange project is a phased development. The next Regeneration Meeting is coming up soon. The project remains in consultation.

96. **Apologies for Absence**

Mayor made the point that the council is not required to resolve to accept the apologies given. Town Clerk explained why it is good practice to accept apologies.

Cllrs L Bennet (Personal), C Patterson (Personal), P Vickers (Personal) & A Chapman (Personal)

97. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Turner declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 20 Tender Committee Recommendations.

98. **To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7th June 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr C Thornton

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7th June 2023 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

99. **To approve as a correct record minutes of the following meetings of the Council**

(a) **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2023**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Council held on 5th June 2023 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Unanimous

(b) **Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 5th June 2023****AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Community Committee of the Council held on 5th June 2023 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Community Committee.

Unanimous

(c) **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th June 2023****AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr C Thornton**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 12th June 2023 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Unanimous

(d) **Notes of the Environment Working Group Meeting held on 9th June 2023****AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**

That the previously circulated notes of the Environment Working Group held on 9th June 2023 be noted.

Unanimous

(e) **Notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group Meeting held on 22nd June 2023****AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**

That the previously circulated notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group held on 9th June 2023 be noted.

Unanimous

100. **Correspondance**

- 1) NALC Newsletter – 07.06.23
- 2) NALC Chief Executives Bulletin – 08.06.23
- 3) NALC Star Council Awards 2023 – 09.06.23
- 4) Local Councils Update - More Cash for Community Assets – June 2023
- 5) Local Councils Update - Natural England – June 2023
- 6) Barton Area Food Bank Update - June 23
- 7) NALC Events
- 8) VANL Fortnightly Update – 08.06.23
- 9) NALC Newsletter – 14.06.23
- 10) NALC Chief Executives Bulletin – 15.06.23
- 11) Roadworks from One Network
- 12) Serious Violence Survey – 19.06.23
- 13) NALC Newsletter – 21.06.23
- 14) NALC Chief Executives Bulletin – 22.06.23
- 15) Barton Carnival Thank you – 20.06.23
- 16) Business Focus – 22.06

- 17) VANL Fortnightly Update – 22.06
- 18) Local Councils Update Council DIY Waste Charges Abolished – July 2023
- 19) Local Councils Update Open Consultation - Yours Views Request – July 2023
- 20) EG Garage Correspondence 2306
- 21) NALC Newsletter – 28.06.23
- 22) NALC Chief Executives Bulletin – 29.06.23

Cllr B Troop wished to note the Carnival Committee thank you for the support of the Town Council.

101. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council**

- (a) **Cllr K Vickers**
No Report.

102. **To consider reports from Members appointed to outside bodies**

Cllr N Pinchbeck reported on the WREN Forum meeting that had taken place recently with a representative from WREN. The meeting went really well and all points were listened to. Cllr N Pinchbeck and Cllr P Vickers met on the WREN lorry park the evening prior to the council meeting and are very happy to report that white noise sounders are now being fitted on all lorries and the previous noise levels have greatly reduced. Lower Meadows was the worst affected area and this street is now experiencing much quieter nights. Residents will also be invited to see the improvements that are being made.

103. **Accounts for Payment and up to date Bank Reconciliation**

Accounts were noted as have had prior approval.
Accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £19072.77 (A/cs 68 to 86).
The balanced bank reconciliation sheets are now prepared for Finance & General Purposes.

104. **Mayoral Engraving Update**

Deferred to September Full Council with costs to add one link with inscriptions on both sides.

105. **Election of Members to the Bartonian Working Group**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
To elect Councillors C Thornton and A Watson to the Bartonian Working Group and in addition to request 48hrs notice for proof reading.
Unanimous

106. **To consider the set-up of hybrid working group meetings**

Councillor B Troop suggest that the council considers the setup of a small meeting room for working group meetings with the TV monitor fixed onto the wall for better view of Teams entries to the meeting.

Clerk to consider costs and the best location.

107. **Handy Person Discussion and updates on the Staffing Review and forward planning**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr K Vickers
To discuss in closed session.
Unanimous

108. **Request update on future plans and timelines for improvements at the transport interchange on Butts Road**

Cllr K Vickers confirmed that there is no further update. The project remains in the planning and consultation stage. Cllr K Vickers encouraged council to agree to write to North Lincolnshire Council to obtain an update direct.

Cllr N Pinchbeck pointed out that members were informed that an update would be available at the July Full Council meeting. Cllr K Vickers stated there has been a vast improvement made. Cllr N Jacques stated that the current plan is the original Barton Civic Society plan. Cllr C Thornton asked when the rest of the Interchange plans will be complete.

KV – Suggested the Council write to NLC to obtain answers to questions direct.

NJ – Have been asking for sight of plans for the last 18 months and it is not adequate to just say write to North Lincolnshire Council.

NP – Total dissatisfaction to now have to be deferred to September Full Council. Would like this to be a standing FC agenda item.

CT – Suggested the Council to write to NLC and request the Leader attends the Full Council meeting in September.

NJ – Total dissatisfaction.

BT – Total dissatisfaction.

NJ - £120,000 of funding for the Interchange was this NLC capital budget. Contract was worth around £87,000 and is that Levelling Up Funding or NLC own funding?

109. **Consideration and update on Barton Upon Humber Relief Road**

Cllr K Vickers suggested the Council write to North Lincolnshire Council. The project with the Consultants and has not been signed off yet. There is no indication of a start date for the new roundabout. To add to the Full Council Agenda as a standing item.

110. **To discuss contacting the local MP for plans with local NHS provision in Dentistry and GP services**

Councillor N Pinchbeck explained that over seven hundred homes are being built and there are concerns that the GP practices are struggling with staff recruitment, space in the buildings and an increasing number of patients. The local dentist is also at capacity with 7500 patients. No further NHS funding is coming through. NHS England are reviewing plans with North Lincolnshire Council.

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr B Troop
Council to write to the MP to ask what the future plans are for
The GP Practices and the Dental Practice and to work with the
Town Clerk on the wording of the letter.
Unanimous

111. **Town Bus**

Councillor N Pinchbeck explained that there is a restricted route and often the bus is empty. Figures that have been supplied equate to 4 passengers per service. It was suggested to look at the route and passenger numbers in more detail as the west side of the town does not benefit from the Town Bus Service. Cllr N Jacques suggested consideration to link it with other existing services. There may be external funding for rural transport.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Thornton**
Refer to the Environment Working Group for further research on bus provision for the whole town with a request for more detailed figures and an annual comparison.
Unanimous

112. **To consider delays on North Lincolnshire Council Services**

Cllr B Troop explained that currently there are a number of delays in North Lincolnshire Council services and election time has been blamed on this.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
Clerk to write to North Lincolnshire Council to request actions and plans for an improvement and remedy of delays in services
Unanimous

113. **To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items:**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr K Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop**
To enter into closed session.
Unanimous

114. **Personnel Committee update**

Cllr B Troop explained the Personnel Committee have developed a draft Job Description for a Handy Person. Consideration is being made to additional Administrative staff.

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr K Vickers**
To delegate to the Personnel Committee to progress costing and funding and the development of a final Job Description. To also work with the Environment Committee for specific tasks.
Unanimous

115. **Tender Committee recommendations**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Turner, Seconded Cllr K Vickers**
To accept ParkWood tender of £53251.50 with additional costings for downstairs windows repair out of the Assembly Room maintenance budget 2023-24
Unanimous

