

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on THURSDAY 3 JULY 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, M Burman, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, S Dear, N Jacques, T Marron, Ms A McCourt, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Shearer, P Thornton, J P Vickers, K Vickers, I Welch, and Mrs W Witter

Also Present: R Dillon (Scunthorpe Telegraph Representative) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk)

53. **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 Mr J Oxley read out the town prayer

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, re-opened the meeting

54. **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.

55. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors T Chant (unwell), Mrs J Mason (on holiday), Mrs D Pearson and A Todd (on holiday)

56. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night – Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)

Barton Bike Night and Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

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CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal Interest)

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

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

One candidate was considered for co-option for the vacant position of town councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely Mr Neil Jacques. Members present duly considered the candidate. It was then agreed by all Members present that Mr Jacques be co-opted.

Resolved

(i) Mr Neil Jacques be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;

(ii) it be noted that Mr Neil Jacques read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office;

(iii) the Clerk to notify North Lincolnshire Council Election & Democratic Services of the Co-option.

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58. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers stated the date of the September meeting was yet to be confirmed, whereby further details would be announced prior to the meeting commencing. It was reported that although there had been a rise in crime figures in other areas, in the local area crime figures were down.

Resolved that this be noted.

59. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 June 2014**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 June 2014, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

60. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were raised.

61. **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 9 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

(c) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

(d) **Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on 2 July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

62. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Planning Application PA/2014/0685** – (Min Ref: 49(4)/18 – PC 30/06/14)

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Councillor Mrs Witter reported that a local resident had raised objections to this planning application. Unfortunately this objection was received after the town council planning committee meeting, so it was not included in the town council's response to North Lincolnshire Council's Planning Department at the time. It has been noted that the proposed extensions to the dwelling are extremely large, therefore the resident objecting to this application clearly has grounds for raising this matter. It was agreed and

Resolved Councillor J Evison raise this matter with North Lincolnshire Council accordingly.

63. **Correspondence**

1. Latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council (*copy enclosed*) (Min Ref: 385(a)/143 – BTC 07/05/14)
2. Healthwatch North Lincolnshire are looking for new Directors to join the Board, they work in partnership with the voluntary and community sector to gather views on all health and social care services. Applications can be made via CV to hgrimwood@hull-cvs.co.uk by Friday 11 July 2014. (*If interested, information pack available from the council office*)
3. Notification of ERNLLCA Financial Management Day Training Seminar on 23 July 2014 at The Ropewalk costing £80.00 +vat. The training will be undertaken by NALC's audit advisors, D.C.K.Beavers, who are specialists in accountancy and audit for town and parish councils, this is aimed at both councillors and clerks.
4. Update received regarding the Barton Beck Project, advising the removal of shrubs and several trees in the Beck, along with excavation of soil, repairs to boundary walls and seating improved.
5. Receipt of ERNLLCA June Newsletter (*copy available from the council office*)
6. Receipt of £50 donation from Barton Civic Society towards the Best Kept Garden Competitions
7. Receipt of Barton Tourism meeting minutes from 17 June 2014 (*copy available from the office*)
8. Notification of VANL AGM on Thursday 2 October 2014 at Heslam Park, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe. They have 8 vacancies on the Trustee Board, and any member organisation may nominate 1 representative. Nominations are required on their nomination form before Thursday 22 August 2014 (*details available from the council office*)
9. Copy of lengthy consultation response by Barton resident to the Department of Transport's current consultation on the new Northern and TransPennine Express franchises. This includes the Barton to Cleethorpes service currently being operated by the Northern franchise and considering changing to East Midlands Trains. The resident urges the town council to fully consider all implications of this change and to submit its own response to the consultation.
10. Correspondence from resident who was "thrilled by the new look" Bartonian, "the setting out of various reports and adverts etc. made easy reading and as an added bonus the coloured, shiny pages made it very professional"
11. Receipt of Barton Neighbourhood Policing – Community Issues newsletter for June (*copy available from the council office*)

Resolved

- (i) the Civic Society are undertaking an improvement programme of works to the Beck. Consideration is being given to the newt population there and wildflowers are to be seeded in the autumn (item 4);
- (ii) the town council has concerns of the Cleethorpes to Barton line being at risk regarding continuation of the service. It is an important service for local people, regarding financial and social needs, including that of the elderly. A letter to be sent reflecting these views (item 9);
- (iii) Councillor J P Vickers felt that the new look Bartonian had been a success due to the number of local residents praising it and good feedback received. He thought this improvement reflected upon the hard work put into the magazine and to convey the information in a more positive way to local residents. It was agreed that the Bartonian be continued to be printed in colour (item 10);

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(iv) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification from NHS North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group of the launch of their Healthy Lives, Healthy Futures Public Consultation to hear the views of residents about their plans for Hyper-Acute Stroke Services and Ear, Nose and Throat Inpatient Surgery. Contact 01482 672020 or email HLHF.team@nhs.net for further details or visit the Public Event at The Assembly Rooms on Tuesday 15 July 1.30 – 3.30pm.
2. Receipt of Wilderspin National School Annual Report for 2013 (*copy available from the council office*)
3. Notification of Barton Employment Advice Fair on Friday 4 July 2014 between 10am and 2pm at Job Centre Plus, King Street, Barton. This is a joint initiative between North Lincolnshire Council and Jobcentre Plus, with support from North Lindsey College and Ongo (North Lincolnshire Homes)
4. Receipt of Barton Tourism website figures for a year from 1 July 2013 to end of June 2014 (*copy enclosed*)

Resolved

- (i) Councillor Mrs Witter reported that she had copies of the consultation document, should anyone wish to peruse this for information purposes (item 1);
- (ii) all town councillors are invited to attend the Advice Fair (item 3);
- (iii) the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

65. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £2,931.98 (A/cs 60 to 65), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £7,962.46 (A/cs 66 to 73). A grand total of £10,894.44.

66. **Report of the Emergency Planning Working Party Meeting held on 11 June 2014**

Councillor Evison reported that the documents and plan provided by the Environment Agency was accurate regarding the flooding issues of December 2013. Also, the town council's emergency plan needs further review and update.

Resolved that this be noted.

67. **Barton Town Council Email, Internet and Social Media**

Each member present was furnished with a copy of Councillor Marron's suggested document for perusal, which Councillor Marron gave appraisal of. Much discussion ensued for and against this. This included improvements to embrace modern technology and information distribution, emergency information, staff time, staff costs and the on-going staff review, possible councillor expenses and/or purchase of equipment to engage in this issue, the current town council website within the Barton Tourism Group website, councillor and staff training and costs, not all councillors have a computer or IT equipment, the abuse in the use of facebook in the past etc. In light of those for and against this matter, it was agreed and

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Resolved that this matter be further discussed at a future ordinary meeting of the town council, once further information had been sought and the issue further investigated with the members and staff.

68. **The Bartonian**

This agenda item has been discussed earlier in the meeting (*Min Ref: 63(10)(iii)/21 refers*)

69. **The August Ordinary Town Council Meeting**

Councillor Evison raised the issue of whether or not to hold the August ordinary meeting of the town council, in light of summer holiday arrangements and that several other local councils undertook an August recess. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved that the town council continue to hold the August ordinary meeting of the town council.

70. **Mayor Cadet**

Councillor Evison reported that whilst undertaking a recent mayoral engagement he had been approached regarding the viability of a Barton Army Cadet to occasionally accompany the Mayor on civic duties. This would only include formal events such as a civic service, Armed Forces Day, flag raising etc but not civic dinners or the like. This matter was debated. It was generally felt that it gave opportunity to honour an individual in assisting to represent the town and it was noted that another local town council had also adopted this practice. It was agreed and

Resolved

- (i) a Barton Army Cadet be nominated by that organisation to accompany the Town Mayor to civic events such as a civic service, but not a civic dinner etc;
- (ii) the timescale for this to be limited to the current mayoral year only;
- (iii) transportation of the cadet to events to be undertaken by the Mayor, the parents of the cadet or the Barton Army Cadets organisation.

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

(a) **Highways**

Councillor K Vickers reported that a programme of highway resurfacing works had been extended, with additional budget towards this and the repair of potholes. Several members queried traffic management and the infrastructure in the town. Congestion of traffic in areas such as Ferriby Road, Holydyke, Queen Street, Queens Avenue, Chapel Lane, Finkle Lane and Hungate was given as examples. A previous traffic review consultation was also discussed. Councillor J P Vickers stated that with the additional new housing and general traffic and vehicle parking in the town, it may be prudent to draw up a neighbourhood plan, which would highlight and give support to the issues raised. This would require a public consultation process to be undertaken to provide views and information.

(b) **Travellers**

It was reported that travellers had set up encampment on Caistor Road. Councillor J P Vickers stated that the traveller liaison officer at North Lincolnshire Council would be notified accordingly.

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

(a) **Barton Senior Alliance**

Councillor Mrs Witter reported that the annual Senior Alliance Tea and Service would be held on the afternoon of 22 September 2014 at Trinity Methodist Church. All members are entitled to attend. On the 1 October will be the 'Celebration of International Senior's Day', between 10 am and 2pm and on the 16 August will be the Annual Horticultural Society Show. She also commented that should a Neighbourhood Plan of the town be drawn up, that all members of the town council be involved, as this was an important benchmark to the future planning of the town. Likewise, the recent review undertaken of the "North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Housing and Land Allocations – Revised Submission Draft (April 2014)", was equally important for all members to review and appraise.

(b) **Barton Bike Night**

A report of this annual event held last night in the town was given by Councillor J Evison. It was stated that it had been well attended and apart from one minor incident the event had gone very well. Following discussion, it was agreed and

Resolved

(i) letters of thanks to be sent to the following – North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services for the excellent cleaning up after the event, and the Barton Bike Night Committee for the hard work they had put in to arrange and hold the event.

73. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from this meeting because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following business, concerning personnel and contractual matters, arising out of the business to be transacted.

A member of the press left the meeting.