

BARTON – UPON – HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at the Assembly Rooms Queen Street Barton on
WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 at 19.00

Councillor B Troop (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, A Chapman, N Jacques, Mrs C Thornton, J P Vickers K Vickers, N Pinchbeck, A Todd, Mrs S Evison and Mrs C Patterson. Also in attendance Ms T Broughton (Town Clerk) one member of the public via Teams and two members of the public in person.

Public Participation

It was stated that the latest North Lincolnshire consultation was based on incomplete information. Not all landowners have been approached with any information. It was felt that there is vagueness and discomfort in regards of requests to North Lincolnshire Council for further information on the proposed Relief Road. Freedom of Information requests will be submitted to North Lincolnshire Council for explanations of the scoping of the current proposal and if any third part involvement. There was a general overview described to members of the current thinking of the RAID group. In summary there would be an increased accident risk in the town and increased pollution.

165. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Evison (Work Commitments)

AGREED Cllr B Troop Proposed, Cllr N Pinchbeck Seconded
 To accept the apologies given above.
Unanimous

166. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Jacques declared a personal interest in Barton Civic Society.

Cllr A Chapman declared a personal interest in Barton Lions Club and Agenda Item 20

Cllr A Clark declared a personal interest in the Senior Alliance Group

Cllr B Troop declared a personal interest in Barton Tourism Partnership and Nine Years Film

Cllr J P Vickers declared a personal Interest in Champ

167. **Relief Road**

Members questioned the timescales for the consultation and proposals for a new Relief Road. Cllr K Vickers reminded members that the consultation is not closed. He went on to state that North Lincolnshire Council is encouraging residents to put their ideas forward. Plans are not finalised and that is the reason why all landowners have not been approached. Cllr K Vickers reported that there will be further public consultation but no dates have been finalised yet. There are consultants working on further consultation. Cllr Jacques asked why specific questions that have been put forward have not yet been answered. Cllr Troop also asked for assurance that landowners will be approached and consulted direct. Cllr P Vickers stated that there is a lot of information that is currently being pulled together.

168. **To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st September 2021**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck
 That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the

Council held on 1st September 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the amendment on page 50 under Assembly Rooms to add that Barton Upon Humber Town Council were the main driver for the extra funding for the lift and improvements.

Unanimous

169. **To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting and Environment Committee Meeting held on the 6th September 2021 and Planning Committee Meeting and Community Committee Meeting held on the 27th September 2021**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr A Clark**
That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 6th September 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr A Chapman**
That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Committee held on 6th September 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr Mrs C Thornton**
That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 27th September 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the amendment that any trees that have gained planning permission to be felled within the Conservation Area and have a TPO should have the condition of replacement trees being planted along with the species and location as agreed with North Lincolnshire Council.
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr A Chapman**
That the previously circulated minutes of the Community Committee held on 27th September 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
Unanimous

170. **Correspondence**

1. NALC – Newsletter
2. Barton NAT minutes from 7 September 2021 and Caistor Road speed stats received.
3. Copy of Street Works W/E 24th September 2021
4. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin
5. NLC – Date correction Jobs Expo
6. The Rural Bulletin
7. NALC Election Survey

171. **Finance Matters**

- a) To consider and approve Accounts for payment (Appendix II attached)

AGREED Cllr S Evison Proposed, Cllr B Troop seconded

(i) the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts for September 2021 as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £8727.47 (A/cs 138 to 160) which is a grand total of £8727.47.

1(i) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for September 2021 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk/RFO.

- b) Grant Funding of £500 as General Power of Competence payment to DuckEgg Theatre Social Enterprise for their project the Nine Years Film in Barton

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr A Chapman

To grant fund DuckEgg Theatre £500 for their Nine Years Film Project.
Unanimous

- c) Closure of External Audit to 31st March 2021
Members noted the Except for Matters failure to display the Public notice on the website External Audit 2019/2020. There was thanks for the staff for their hard work in completing the audit.

172. **Assembly Rooms Working Group – consideration for two additional members to the Working Group and agreement to continue with the building project as per attached specification and Clerk to research grant funding possibilities.**

Cllr P Vickers explained that the guttering work has already taken place. The guttering has been lined across the whole building. Clerk will check the file for completion reports. The specification does include the repair and replace of windows as necessary. Grant funding will be possible as the deeds and associated documents have been located.

AGREED**Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**

To continue with the proposed works as according to the specification and for the Assembly Rooms Working Group to continue to oversee.

Unanimous

Mayor explained why the Working group was set up and the reasons for a three member group. The Mayor questioned the need for additional numbers in the group. Cllr Jacques commented that the council have already approved a fundamental review for the best management of the Assembly Rooms. Cllr P Vickers stated that the Assembly Rooms is too big a project for three members and that no progress had been made in the last year. Cllr K Vickers said that the Town Council should stop viewing the Assembly Rooms as a Town Council building and view it as a Community Building as it is a Community Asset. Cllr Troop explained that the building is regarded as a Community Building and following the agreement of the specification tonight work will begin, but it has not been easy to access the builders with the required skills to undertake the work required on the building. Cllr Jacques again reiterated that the Management Review must commence as approved at the last Full Council meeting. Cllr S Evison believes that the more people on the Assembly Rooms Working Group the better and that in the future she would like to become a member.

Proposal for Cllr Todd and Cllr Vickers to be elected members of the Assembly Rooms Working Group.

6 – voted For

4 – Voted Against

1 Abstention

Motion carried

173. **Full Council Structure Review**

Cllr P Vickers explained his ideas and options for a new structure to the Full Council of Committees and Working Groups and options for Mayoral Terms. He explained that the merger of Community and Environment Committee would make more efficiencies within the work of the council and reduce the carbon footprint. Cllr Pinchbeck felt that this would make the committee meetings too long and Cllr Jacques felt the merger of Community and Environment was not the best option and would like to propose an amendment to the proposal to not merge Community and Environment Committee. It was agreed for Cllr Jacques and Cllr P Vickers to discuss outside of the meeting and bring back to the next Full Council meeting with a further recommendation.

174. **Community Speed Watch Update – Cllr P Vickers**

Cllr P Vickers explained that the Community Speed Watch is going really well and is now up and running with volunteers. Thank you to Cllr Mrs C Patterson for taking on the role of lead volunteer. She went on to explain that the group have been out four times and seven volunteers are now trained to take part. Lots of positive feedback has been received.

175. **Barton Upon Humber North Lincs Food Festival Markets – Cllr P Vickers**

There is an opportunity for North Lincolnshire Council to put on new Food Festivals Markets in the New Year in a central location in Barton Upon Humber. He went on to say he agreed that this should be February/March/April to start with. It was agreed that the Clerk write to North Lincolnshire Council to ask them to obtain feedback from the public. It was also requested that the Clerk obtain costs of any potential road closure that would be necessary if the market is in the centre of Barton Upon Humber. Cllr Mrs C Thornton asked if there were going to be a vegetarian stall.

176. **Provision of Markets in the Town – Cllr B Troop**

Cllr N Jacques and Cllr Mrs C Thornton talked about the recent National Association of Local Councils webinar on rejuvenating the Town Centre which covered local markets. There were many different ideas on how to encourage small enterprises and businesses and how to utilise unused businesses and market areas for pop up shops and businesses. It was agreed to write to North Lincolnshire to request support.

177. **Consider Barrow Road footpath between Barton Upon Humber and Barrow Upon Humber – Cllr B Troop**

It was agreed that the maintenance of this path was a really low standard. Members agreed to write to North Lincolnshire Council to encourage a more sustainable solution with regards to the best maintenance of the path as there is a constant issue with the maintenance leading to difficulty accessing the path. Cllr P Vickers did state that North Lincolnshire Council do their best but it is difficult with the nesting season and the amount of hedgerow. Cllr Todd also put in a request be

made to improve the actual path as well.

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178. **Consider devolution of services from North Lincolnshire Council – Cllr B Troop**

It was agreed to write to North Lincolnshire Council to inform them of the Council interest in taking on more devolved services such as grounds maintenance of roundabouts and other amenity areas and maintenance of the town parks.

179. **Consider the future of the Humber Bridge County Hotel and the lack of hotel accommodation in Barton Upon Humber**

Questions have been raised about the shortage of hotels in the town and whether they should be demolished such as the Humber Budge Hotel. It was agreed to write to North Lincolnshire Council and enquire what their strategy is for Hotel accommodation in the town. Clerk to write to the Business Development Officer at North Lincolnshire Council

180. **Appointment of replacement for ex-Councillor Sanderson on the Dilapidated Buildings Working Group and appointment of Representative/Trustee on the Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire Group**

AGREED

Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr N Jacques
To elect Cllr B Troop onto the Dilapidated Buildings Working Group.
Unanimous

AGREED

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr P Vickers
To elect Cllr A Todd onto the Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire Group as representative and trustee.
Unanimous

181. **Discussion on S106 and CIL receipts for Barton Upon Humber – Cllr B Troop**

Ward Councillors, Cllr K Vickers and Cllr P Vickers agreed to make enquiries and report on the receipts for S106 and CIL in Barton. Recently there was a £7K refund to Keiger Homes for unspent S106 funding on the Highways. It was explained that it had not been possible to spend this on the exact place it was allocated to and that was the reason for the refund. Members queried how that has happened and would prefer there to not be any refunds of Barton funding to go back to developers.

182. **Advertising in the Bartonian – discussion on specific advertising with a view to referral to F&GP for policy development on advertising in the Bartonian**

Cllr K Vickers left the meeting at 20.30 and has handed out new Clay Pit Leaflets.

Clerk handed members the request for advertising in the Bartonian received from the Residents Against Inappropriate Development group. It was agreed that a comprehensive policy should be developed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr A Chapman

Not to allow any advertising relating to current specific planning applications and for Finance & General Purposes to develop an advertising policy for the Bartonian to be brought back to Full Council.

Unanimous

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

(a) **Cllr K Vickers**

New Clay Pit leaflets have been handed out.

(b) **Cllr P Vickers**

Flashing Speed signs are coming back on line in the town.

Warrendale Play area is being repaired. Results for the Park status will be published soon. Viewing area scheme is very comprehensive and is ongoing. Cllr Todd asked how progress was being made for power cables to be installed in Baysgarth Park and it was stated that this is still being considered as they are on the wish list.

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

(a) **Barton Lions**

Activities are starting up and going well. The October Fest is scheduled for Friday October 29th then the Bulb Planting on Saturday October 30th and Bonfire night is planned for the 5th November and then the Lions are looking forward to the Christmas Festival.

(b) **Community Rail Partnership**

Barnetby to Barton Line has opened up and has been well received. There are positive signs.

185. **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 B Troop, seconded Cllr P Vickers

To move into closed session

Unanimous

186. **Personnel update**

AGREED

Proposed Cllr B Troop, seconded Cllr A Chapman

To approve the appointment agreed by Personnel Committee for new Assistant Clerk.

Unanimous

..... Chairman 6 October 2021