

BARTON - UPON – HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room
on MONDAY 2nd October 2024 at 17:30

Public Time

- Trees at St Marys Churchyard – one has a dead branch which is dangerous and hanging over the pavement – to pass onto North Lincolnshire Council.
- Grass Triangle at Burgate/Beck Hill has a tree that is leaning over very badly and is rotten at the bottom – pass onto North Lincolnshire Council.
- Flooding at the bottom of Priestgate, drains are blocked at Whitecross Street end – to pass onto North Lincolnshire Council Highways.
- Trees on St Mary’s Lane are really tall and need to be pruned much lower as they are reducing the light into neighbouring properties. Owner of the trees must submit the application for a lower reduction. Owner can request the North Lincolnshire Council Tree Officer to review the trees.
- St Mary’s Lane is being used as a rat run and there are cars travelling at 40mph to 60mph. To pass onto NATS and to request the Community Speed Watch to add it to their list of spots to monitor speed.

Present: Councillors N Jacques, B Troop, L Bennet, N Pinchbeck and C Thornton (17:45)

Also Present: T Davis (Town Clerk) F Chapman (Admin) one member of the public

130. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors A Chapman & A Watson (Personal)

131. **Declarations of Interest**

None

132. **Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2024 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council to be held on 5 June 2024**

It was noted that these minutes were presented for confirmation as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council held on 5 June 2024.

133. **Environment Working Group Minutes 11th September 2024 and Actions from the meeting update**

North Lincolnshire Council Bus consultation is taking place. Members were not happy that the Leisure Centre stop will be removed, however it is evidenced that it is not used enough. Members queried whether the stops are advertised enough. It was agreed to request a stop at the Interchange as although there is one at Tesco, the Interchange would also be popular.

It is important that advertising the service is widespread. The service that is being offered is the same service but operating in a different way.

Cllr L Bennet Proposed and Cllr N Pinchbeck Seconded.

To remain with the current route and add a stop to the Interchange and clearly sign the bus stops.

Unanimous

It was suggested to put a call out for volunteers to help with weed clearance. It was agreed to select an area – such as Fleetgate steps and trial a weed clean up with photographs and to include the Handy person. Cllr L Bennet will put the call out for volunteers.

It was agreed that sweet peas and runner beans could be used in planters to give them height. To add this suggestion to the meeting with the Contractor.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk submit a request to the Community Payback portal for a clean up of the Town Centre which will improve all of the historic area of the town.

No local companies have been found to contract regarding graffiti cleaning. Clerks have suggested to send a letter to the owners in the first instance to see what the response is and then review. It was also suggested to bring up at the next NATS meeting.

Bulb Planting is 10-12 and 1-3 for the Caistor Road planting and Picnic area to be 12th October 2024 at 10am. Bulbs to be collected from the office.

Bin located in the snicket at Bowmandale has been reinstalled and members thanked NLC for this.

Hanging Basket winners will be invited to the November Full Council.

Clerk explained that the budget can fund additional Up The Pole planters for the remaining town centre lampposts. Three tier planters to be ordered when permissions have been given. Contractor to be invited to contribute to the discussions on which plants should be planted in the planters.

No further update on Flood Resilience – next meeting is on 8th October 2024.

134. **Carbon Footprint Update**

Deferred to next Working Group meeting.

135. **National Lottery Climate Action Fund – Cllr L Bennet**

Climate Action Fund deadline is 31st December 2024. Will accept bids up to £1million with a minimum of £500,000.

Heritage Lottery Funding is also available – for towns and cities. Expression of Interest have to be in by November 2024. This fund will fund revenue such as staff and there are graduate placements and funding for consultants. To look at the menu of what people would like such as a green corridor.

Cllr L Bennet will draw up the Expression of Interest for the Working Group to consider and the Clerk to submit.

136. **Budget 2024-2025**

To Increase the Environment Budget by the rate of inflation.

137. **Handy Person – Review of Environmental Work List**

Town Clerk presented verbally the Handy Person jobs completed, ongoing and the jobs that will be completed in the near future.

138. **Beck Hill benches – quotation for new engraved plaques.**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck
To accept M D Signs £53.50 each excluding VAT
Unanimous

It was also agreed that these plaques to be used in future.

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 18.15

..... Chairman
2nd Oct 2024