

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD in THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON, on MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillor J Sanderson (Chairman)

Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark, N Jacques, Mrs J Oxley, N Pinchbeck, Mrs C Thornton, A Todd, B Troop, J P Vickers and K Vickers

Also Present Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk)

236. **The Town Prayer**

It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor B Troop read out the Town Prayer.

237. **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.

238. **Apologies for Absence**

None

239. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Bike Night and Barton Lions – Councillor A Chapman (Personal Interest)

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

Barton Civic Society & Barton Tourism Group – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor J Sanderson (Personal Interest)

Ted Lewis Group – Councillor Mrs C Thornton (Personal Interest)

Barton Bike Night – Councillor A Todd (Personal Interest)

Barton Carnival, Barton Tourism Group & Friends of Baysgarth Park Group – Councillor B Troop (Personal Interest)

Barton Tourism Group, CHAMP Ltd and Friends of Baysgarth Park Group - Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

Friends of Baysgarth Park Group – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)

240. **Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2020 be approved as a correct record. Proposed by Councillor K Vickers, seconded by Councillor A Todd and agreed by members present. Councillor K Vickers gave an appraisal, stating the meeting had been a thorough, robust discussion of the finances of the town council.

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241. **2020/2021 Budget/Precept** (*Min Ref: 235(f)(iv)/106 – F&GP 13/01/20*)

Members received a presentation of estimates, income and expenditure, showing the build-up of the 2020/2021 budget, together with details of reserves held, earmarked reserves and council tax comparison tables for recent years (*Appendix attached*). The council tax for a Band D property would be frozen and be the same as for the previous five years, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 i.e. £44.33. This means this amount will now be held for its' sixth year for 2020/2021.

Councillor K Vickers stated the Finance & General Purpose Committee had held a robust meeting to discuss the finances of the town council. The council tax will now be held for a sixth year, mainly due to the council tax base increase. He explained if the discretionary support grant element was not met by North Lincolnshire Council in the sum of £6,102, the amount would be taken from the town council's reserves. He noted that this grant was £2,000 less for 2020/2021 than in 2019/2020. Councillor N Jacques enquired about the grant conditions. Councillor K Vickers stated it was using the services of North Lincolnshire Council, like grass cutting for example. Councillor A Todd commented that it was also support of the town bus etc. The Clerk confirmed it was a considerable number of North Lincolnshire Council services the town council undertook, which she had listed to them when applying for the discretionary support grant in December 2019. Councillor N Jacques enquired about the level of the town council's reserves and the earmarked reserve for trees. The Clerk explained the town council's reserves were stated in the budget proposal summary circulated to all members and the earmarked reserves for 'Trees (Civic Society)' had the title amended to remove 'Civic Society' from its' title at the Environment Committee meeting held on 9 December 2019.

Councillor Mrs A Clark wished to thank the town council for financially supporting the Barton Senior Alliance Group again in the 2020/2021 budget. Councillor K Vickers thanked Councillor Mrs Clark for the work she undertook to ensure continuity of this much needed group in the town. He also reflected upon the financial support made to numerous groups in the town from the town council, which had been incorporated in the budget for 2020/2021. Councillor A Todd highlighted the importance of this, as he pointed out that groups like Barton Bike Night relied heavily on the town council's financial support to allow the event to go ahead. Councillor K Vickers concluded that the services provided for and financial assistance to various groups in the town the town council budgeted for was good value for money in his opinion.

A formal proposal was then made by Councillor K Vickers and seconded by Councillor A Todd to accept the recommended budget, precept and grant for 2020/2021. The precept in the sum of £161,791 and the discretionary support grant in the sum of £6,102 - making a total sum of £167,893. All members present accepted and agreed the proposals.

Resolved

- (i) that the town council levy a precept and grant upon North Lincolnshire Council, in the sum of £167,893, for the financial year ending 31 March 2021. To comprise precept of £161,791 and a discretionary support grant element of £6,102. If the grant application is refused for acceptance by North Lincolnshire Council, the £6,102 to be met through savings made in the current financial year and the town council's reserves;
- (ii) the budget and earmarked reserves for 2020/2021 be accepted;
- (iii) The 'Barton-upon-Humber Town Council Budgetary Information 2020/2021' to be placed in the April 2020 edition of 'The Bartonian' and also onto the town council's website.

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The Chairman, Councillor J Sanderson closed the meeting at 7.11 p.m.

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