

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
on WEDNESDAY 8th January 2025 at 19.00

Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, B Troop, N Turner, P Vickers, K Vickers, and A Watson.

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk)

Public Participation

None.

241. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr C Thornton (Personal)

242. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

243. **Mayors Notice**

Mayors Civic Dinner is on Saturday 22nd February and thanks to all who have responded so far. Mayor is looking forward to further responses.

244. **Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2024**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

245. (a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th November 2024**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr K Vickers

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 6th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(b) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th December 2024**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr K Vickers

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held

on 16th December 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

246. **To consider Correspondence, Progress Report and Notices for information**

The Mayor noted the NALC Planning Webinar on 29th October 2025 might be of interest to members.

The Mayor suggested the Community Committee may wish to consider the Big Lunch as part of the VE Day event.

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

Cllr P Vickers

Part of Falklands Way – Pasture Road, Catherine Street and Soutergate have been resurfaced and this has been a great success. There has been a lot of positive feedback received. The contractors have worked really well. The remainder of the road will be completed later in the year.

NAT Meeting took place yesterday and the latest police crime figures were shared. The police were happy to report that the Anti-Social Behaviour figures are reduced since the youth club has been established.

The Local Police Office is staffed during the week and the opening hours have been advertised.

Monday – 12 noon to 8pm
 Wednesday - 10am to 6pm
 Thursday - 10am to 6pm
 Saturday - 9am to 5pm

To review parking on Millfields and promote parking sensibly in the area.

Cllr C Patterson

Barton Hope Tour September 2025 are looking for Baton bearers.

44 Air Fryers have been delivered to the over 80 yr olds.

The Beck water has been high. Residents have been out cleaning the grills of debris and this has lowered the water two bricks. Residents will monitor water levels.

Cllr K Vickers

North Lincolnshire Council have a new JCP pot hole repairer and are looking for large deep pot holes to trial the machine. Any that are spotted should be passed on to the Ward Councillors.

248. **To consider reports from outside bodies**

Cllr L Bennet – Friends of Barton Parks will be planting hedgerows and trees in Dam Road Park on Saturday 15th February and welcome volunteers to help.

The new CCTV is making a huge difference and thank you to the Town Council for its help in supporting the facility in the park.

249. **Finance Items**

- a) **To note Accounts for Payment already approved by Finance & General Purposes Committee** (Appendix II Attached) (Any urgent accounts received after making up the agenda to be submitted on the meeting day)
- b) **Income & Expenditure Report – 9 months – Noted**
- c) **Budget Report – 9 months - Noted**
Cllr L Bennet – requested an update on the delivery of the first quarter Utility costs for the Town Council – Town Clerk confirmed discussions with Management of the Assembly Rooms.

250. **Consideration of 2025-2026 budget and agreement for 2025-2026 precept as recommended by F&GP 25th November 2025 following re-modelling £294341 Band D £78.30**

Chair F&GP introduced the proposal to rise a precept of £294341.

- a) **To reduce the £34k on line Assembly Rooms Projects to 17K with a detailed program of work with priorities and quotations and details of work that can be done in-house. To request a precept of £277341 Band D £72.81 – Cllr N Pinchbeck**

Cllr N Pinchbeck explained to members his proposal tabled. There are no detailed quotations or Scheme of Works for the Assembly Rooms.

Cllr N Jacques stated that he could not support reducing the budget of £34K required for the Assembly Rooms.

Cllr L Bennet reminded members that the whole project could take over a year and if the Council does not budget sensibly this year then there will be another year to wait to finance the project and if the project is budgeted for this year any budget that is not used can be carried forward to the following year.

Cllr B Troop stated that some of the Assembly Room costs can be completed in house which will reduce some costs.

Cllr N Pinchbeck summed up by stating that the Office area does need updating and there are repairs that require urgent attention, however he questioned whether it was correct to take this funding from the local tax payers.

**Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr B Troop
Vote 2 In Favour, 7 Against, 1 Abstention**

- b) **To reduce the General Reserves by £20K and request a precept of £274341 Band D £72.03– leaving General Reserves at £61904 and any remaining budget from the Grants Budget 2024-2025 to be placed into General Reserves – Cllr P Vickers**

Cllr P Vickers proposal is to continue to absorb some of the reserves into the budget. He also continued that it is important to continue to protect reserves.

Cllr N Jacques stated that this proposal will put reserves at 22% but this may rise to 25% with some underspend in the 2024-2025 budget. The precept will be required in future years to replace depleting reserves.

Cllr L Bennet explained that the precept should not rise significantly each year to replace reserves. Cllr P Vickers summarised that his proposal will uphold the budget and there will be options to increase income.

**Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr C Patterson
Vote 9 In Favour, 1 Abstention**

A Vote was then taken on the Budget Proposal as amended

Agreed	Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr C Patterson To reduce the General Reserves by £20K and request a precept of £274341 Band D £72.03– leaving General Reserves at £61904 and any remaining budget from the Grants Budget 2024-2025 to be placed into General Reserves Unanimous
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251. **Speed Indicator Device Grant Scheme – update Town Clerk/Cllr P Vickers**

Cllr P Vickers explained that due to the new Number Plate Recognition devices being launched it would be best to wait on progressing the Speed Indicator Device project forward.

252. **Update on Progression of Youth Hub**

Town Clerk explained that the Youth Club is now fully staffed with effect from 10th January and with the new Senior Project Youth Worker progression of the project will be driven from the Youth Club with support from the Town Clerk.

A Tesco Groundworks grant application is being progressed with if successful will be up to £1500 for Youth Club equipment.

A Member stated that with the evidence given by the police of the reduction of anti-social behaviour grant funding success particularly further PCC Funding will hopefully be higher.

Members thanked the Town Council office staff for all their hard work in getting the project up and running.

253. **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 N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop To enter into closed session Unanimous
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254. **Update from Personnel Committee**

No Updates for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 19:28

..... Chairman Councillor N Jacques
8th January 2025