

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD via a TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING on
WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021 at 19.00

Councillor B Troop (Chairman)

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

Public Participation

One member of the public who has lived in the town for over twenty five years visited Heron and Boyes and used the car park on both separate visits. One visit was for ten minutes and one for eleven minutes. A week later received a parking fine for £100.00 claiming that the vehicle had been left for 4.25 hours making the assumption that the vehicle was left in the car park for the whole time. It was stated that the Hardware Store has been asked to provide lots of video evidence for other customers who have been fined for visiting the stores twice with timings taking into account the time into the car park on the first visit and the time left the car park on the second visit. There is concern that other residents may be harassed repeatedly by the inaccuracies of the cameras on the Heron and Boyes car park.

One member asked if there was an option to appeal the fines and the only option is online and to provide evidence of the grounds of the appeal. There are terms and conditions of the appeal that make it very difficult to continue and proof has to be given.

One member stated that the car park issues have been highlighted over the last few months. He went on to state that the council need to consider how to approach these complaints. It was suggested that North Lincolnshire Council Enforcement team assisting with the issues has been turned down.

It was also suggested that potential appeals are actually against something that has not occurred as the fine is stating the car was parked continuously when the car park cameras are not capturing the leaving time of the first visit or the entering time of the second visit. It was also confirmed that the letters carry a tone that is distressing to the recipients.

276. **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.

277. **Apologies for Absence**

None received.

278. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr A Clark declared a personal interest in Senior Alliance

Cllr N Jacques declared a personal interest in Barton Civic Society and Payment for NALC Training Course attended

Cllr A Chapman declared a personal interest in Barton Lions

Cllr J P Vickers declared a personal interest in Champ.

Cllr B Troop declared a personal interest in Appendix 1 Item no 9

279. **Mayor's Notices**

Welcomed all members onto Microsoft Teams. Features hand up feature which is useful.

Council Code of Conduct can be made available to all members and members to always consider it when carrying out council duties,

It has been agreed that Community Committee be postponed to the 29th March in order to have more time to consider future events 2021 and decision making for additional Christmas lights.

280. **Minutes To receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3rd February 2021**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr A Clark**
Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3 February 2021 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with amendment to item 247 in relation to the Dilapidated Buildings Meeting reference to new roof and windows should be to Eagle House and not 51 Fleetgate.

281. **Matters of Report Arising from the above mentioned meeting of the Council**

Correspondence page 100 item no 8 relates to Cllr J Sanderson resignation from the Council. Since then after discussions with the Mayor and the Town Clerk will continue for some further time and will let the council know a new date when it is known.

Item 247 on page 101 – requesting information and updates on the Relief Road from the Ward members. Consultation has not taken place yet and it is being worked out when the best time to consult is to reach as much of the community as possible. Information will be publicised as soon as it is available.

282. **To approve as a correct record minutes of the following meeting of the Council**(a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th February 2021**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 15th February 2021**

Resolved that the circulated minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 15th February 2021 be approved as a correct record with the amendment on item 267 that Cllr Mrs A Clark declared she had a personal interest in being the previous owner of the land right up to the footpath on Butts Road.

(c) **Assembly Rooms Working Group – notes to be noted of meeting held on 17th February 2021**

Noted.

283. **Matters of Report Arising**

Cllr Vickers – have had permission to remove the disconnected cooler without prior to consent.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr J P Vickers, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Disconnected cooler to be removed as soon as possible

Unanimous

284. **Correspondence**

1. NALC – Coronavirus update, Chief Executives Bulletin and online events
2. North Lincolnshire Council – COVID-19 Business Update
3. Network Management North Lincolnshire Council – Dam Road will be closed between 1 March to 10 March 2021 between the hours of 7.30am to 5.30pm
4. North Lincolnshire Council – Travel ban information
5. Rural Services Network Newsletter
6. Environment Agency Routine Maintenance Factsheet
7. National Association of Local Councils – Newsletter
8. National Association of Local Councils – Coronavirus Update
9. Email request received from Mrs M Troop – request from Barton Baggers
10. 5 Minute guide Community Speed watch

There are 8-10 roads that qualify for flashing speed signs. Some have not been monitored recently. Some have had a huge increase in traffic and speeding vehicles. It was suggested to delegate to a committee to consider the detail. It was suggested that the Clerk obtain the latest data available for monitoring roads.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr J P Vickers, Seconded Cllr Troop

To delegate Community Committee to look at the issue surrounding speed and monitoring speed and bring recommendations back to Full Council.

Unanimous

Item No 9 – thanks to Mrs M Troop and the members of Barton Baggers – North Lincolnshire Council have provided support.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr J P Vickers, seconded Cllr J Evison

To purchase equipment for the group to use on long term loan to continue the volunteer services provided to the town.

Unanimous

285. **Correspondence Received Since Issue of the Agenda**

None

286. **Accounts for Payment****Resolved**

(i) the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in Appendix II in the sum of £5369.53 (A/cs 208 to 214) and those presented at the meeting (A/cs 215) – in the sum of £222.89 and a grand total of £5592.42

(ii) petty cash expenses for February 2021 is £0

iii) the balanced bank reconciliation sheets for February 2021 were signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk/RFO.

287. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council**(a) **Cllr J P Vickers**

Budget has been approved and Free Port Status has this will help get the Able Marine Energy Park up and running to give the next generation employment opportunities in the region and to stay with more well paid employment available. Funding is available for Baysgarth Park for a Green Gym and to enhance and improve the play equipment.

North Lincolnshire Team have been to look at St Peters Churchyard and this will be tidied up as has Barrow Road cemetery. Public Toilets have been closed but awaiting confirmation as whether they will be opened on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Bowls Club cutting machines have been organised.

There has been a meeting in Baysgarth Park and information posts for an activity run are being installed with tips on fitness and exercises being displayed.

Is there further advancement of phase 2 improvements to Baysgarth Park, bikes, bandstand and power supply. These are further down the line in the priority. Water Fountain, green gym and play equipment are first for improvements and other priorities will be taken in turn. Green Flag like a priority project time line in place.

Salt bins are in the process of being completed but there are bins that are still empty. This will be chased up in case there is further inclement weather.

(b) **Cllr J Evison**

Good news with the budget announcements.

Continued commitment to travel interchange and the proposals for the relief road but consultation is difficult at present.

Barton councillors continue to field complaints about the Kcom internet fibre installation with work mess being left.

Bike Night committee has tentatively agreed for 11th September event which is moved from the usual July date to give time for society to move out of restrictions caused by the pandemic.

(c) **Cllr K Vickers**

Budget announcement was great news for the area.

£20 million funding is available for the towns fund, £7 million for further High Street fund, £500 million for the Free Port Status and £285 million for new development and a unique opportunity in the UK for offshore wind development which is good news for employment for the area.

Trialling a new pot hole machine to repair pot holes once and for all and not a quick fill fix.

Have new client system installed in North Lincolnshire Council where Ward Councillors will be reported on the progress of the complaint. All complaints should go through that system.

288. **To consider reports from Members appointed to outside bodies**(a) **The Health Care Forum**

Central Surgery have completed cohorts 1-6. They are nearly at the end of cohort 7 and will be moving to the 50yr age bracket. Have completed 9888 vaccinations at Central Surgery. Limited supply is still an issue but looking to deliver 2000 vaccines in a week from March 15th. West Town surgery have vaccinated 76% of all over 50s at their practice and are ahead of target. Around 1100 patients are already vaccinated. Planning to deliver second vaccines later this month pending delivery. Thanks have been passed onto both surgeries and their teams.

(b) **Barton Civic Society**

Neighbourhood Plan have met with extended members to include the Town Council Reps and North Lincs Council Reps where it was agreed to further consult particularly targeting the younger generation which will include online consultation in conjunction with the May Bartonian. A further ten volunteers have put themselves forward to participate. New Planning White Paper is being developed and the Neighbourhood Plan is key with regards to the new planning rules and town and parish councils will receive a 25% share of development levys.

(c) **Barton Clay Pit Committee**

It has been suggested that the information board describing the old cement factory is not very visible at present. It was suggested an information board can be placed back from the bank so that visitors can view it and the suggestion is either the old one be relocated or a new one put together.

Have had permission for the seats on the bank and perhaps the board can be located close to a seat where it would be on top of the flood defence. Town Clerk to look at previous permissions gained for the seats and look to see if permission can be gained for an information board. The original board is on a path down towards the bank and the gate is being locked so perhaps the board can be moved to the other side of the gate. Town Clerk to write to the EA to re-locate the information boards to be more visible to visitors. It was suggested to take a picture of the board and the location and this can be forwarded to the Town Clerk to request permissions.

(d) **Bartonian**

Very impressed with the March edition and the changes look really good. Thanks to all who have worked on and looking forward to it being delivered next week.

(e) **Barton Lions**

Have cancelled a beer festival in June and may do this later in the year. Have been active outdoors and helping to clear up the cemetery.

289. **Elect member to Personnel Committee**

Cllr C Thornton nominated

Cllr A Chapman nominated

Votes 5 for Cllr A Chapman Votes 4 for Cllr C Thornton 2 abstained

AGREED Cllr A Clark proposed Cllr K Vickers **Seconded**
To elect Cllr A Chapman to Personnel Committee
5 For 4 Against 2 abstained

290. **Elect Member to Planning Committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee, Environment Committee and a representative to Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council**

AGREED Cllr P Vickers proposed Cllr B Troop **seconded**
To elect Cllr N Jacques to Planning Committee
Unanimous

AGREED Cllr C Thornton proposed Cllr N Jacques **seconded**
To elect Cllr B Troop to Finance & General Purposes Committee
Unanimous

AGREED Cllr B Troop proposed Cllr N Jacques **seconded**
To elect Cllr C Thornton to Environment Committee
Unanimous

AGREED Cllr B Troop proposed Cllr C Thornton **seconded**
To elect Cllr N Jacques as representative to Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council
Unanimous

291. **Update from Cllr N Jacques on Lapwing Way and Butts Road projects**

Butts Road project and no further progress has been made yet but the end of April is the target for the planting.

Lapwing Way has received a site visit from North Lincolnshire Council and it is agreeable for the proposed location near the fence line at the back of the site. Trees have been ordered as have until the end of March to plant the trees. Variety of apple, pear and damson trees have been ordered.

292. **Annual Town Meeting Thursday 15th April – to consider live stream as this meeting will be held via remote video to be inclusive to the community – in addition to live stream all Full Council and Statutory Committee meetings for reasons to increase community**

Mayor explained the reason for consideration to live stream the Annual Town Meeting as this can be achieved due to the Teams software having the ability to allow up to 300 participants and live stream will also give the opportunity for the community to engage with the council. In addition further remote Full Council Meetings and Statutory Committee meetings can also be live streamed.

One member commented that it would be great to welcome 300 participants as usually turn out is very low.

One member explained that training recently attended encouraged councils to consider hybrid meetings in the future and allowing live meetings to provide another avenue of community engagement and this will increase engagement as Teams meetings can be controlled by the organiser. Would propose that live streaming the Annual Team Meetings is agreed and future Full Council and Statutory Committee meetings.

One member asked if meetings would be recorded and can be viewed after they have taken place and this would be the case.

Annual Meeting arrangements should take into consideration confirmation of outside organisations being present prior to publication. It was suggested to invite the police and highways to the meeting.

Town Clerk explained that guests would be confirmed and questions prepared prior to the meeting leaving time for additional questions on the night.

One member suggested a trial of the Annual Town Meeting should take place and then see how it works before live streaming any further meetings.

It was questioned as to the timing of the advertising of the meeting and the location of advertising.

One member asked if live streaming would continue after face to face meetings are brought back in and if this is the case more technology would need to be purchased to enable this to take place.

One member suggested that consideration should be made with regards to the exact technology to live stream council meetings once they go back to face to face meetings.

AGREED

Cllr K Vickers Seconded Cllr J Sanderson

To live stream the Annual Town Meeting and if the technology is successful to live stream further Full Council and Statutory Committees
Unanimous

293. **Correspondence relating to issues with parking and parking fines at Heron Car Park in Barton upon Humber**

The businesses are not a statutory body and it would be beneficial for the Town Council to write to Head of Democratic Services to ask for his opinion and to look at the best ways to deal with this complaint.

It was suggested to contact Heron further as parking restrictions were withdrawn during the first lockdown and were not withdrawn during the second and third lockdown.

It was suggested to write to Boyes as well as this could put customers off from using their store.

It was also suggested to organise a face to face meeting with Heron and Boyes and furthermore to confirm that the council does support the two hour parking in the store car parks.

AGREED

Cllr B Troop proposed, Cllr J Evison seconded

To write to the Head of Democratic Services to gain advice on how to further the complaints on behalf of the residents.
Unanimous

294. **To consider additional grass cutting and grounds maintenance at Bowmandale Roundabout and open space opposite and also Top Field Paths – additional costs to be funded from the NLC grant funding received for the whole grass cutting contract**

Areas have been missed off the map produced for the tender and there are additional areas that require quotations for. It was suggested

AGREED

Cllr K Vickers proposed and Cllr N Jacques seconded

To delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of Environment and the Town Clerk/RFO to make the decision once the required quotations are received.
Unanimous

295. **Consideration of additional information to be included into the Buy Local Policy approved in October 2020 for further clarity.**

It was suggested to look at Preston City Buy Local Policy.

AGREED

Cllr B Troop proposed, Cllr N Jacques seconded

To defer to Finance & General Purposes to review the policy and make further recommendations to Full Council.
Unanimous

The Chairman, Councillor B Troop closed the meeting at 20.30