

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 - COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors A Chapman, Mrs A Clark, N Jacques and Mrs J Oxley.

Also Present: Councillor Mr J Sanderson. Mrs C Edwards, Mr & Mrs D Witter (Barton Rotary Club)
Mr F Coulsey, Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

267. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A Robinson, Mr J French and Mr J Womersley (Barton Civic Society).

268. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

269. **Reports from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mr D Witter advised the 4000 bulbs planted in Baysgarth Park last year were starting to show. He thought planting wildflowers in plugs on the bank side next to the Leisure/Library extension should do well. Unfortunately the planting at the Viewing Area does not appear to be doing well.

Mr F Coulsey advised some wildflowers on the Viewing Area picnic site would enhance this area. Bulbs in the View Area bank side will probably not come through due to cars ploughing up the bank side. North Lincolnshire Council to be asked if they still plan to install sleepers to stop this happening.

Councillor J Sanderson advised he had registered the Town Council for The Great British Spring Clean between 20 March and 13 April 2020, all help greatly appreciated.

(b) **Barton Civic Society**

Councillor N Jacques advised Barton Civic Society unsponsored seat on Beck Hill under the trees which is constantly dirty from birds, would be used by Friends of Baysgarth Park in the second phase of footpaths behind the Leisure Centre. The brick planter at the bottom of Fleetgate has again been damaged, North Lincolnshire Council to be contacted.

Resolved that North Lincolnshire Council to be contacted about the damaged brick planter at the bottom of Fleetgate.

(c) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor A Chapman advised Barton Lions Club had not removed the shopping trolley from under The Haven Bridge on Maltkiln Road, as it has already been sorted. He would check if funding towards bulb planting would be given to the town council in 2020, for further report.

270. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 9 December 2019**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 8 January 2020.

271. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Planter at Pumping Station Waterside Road** (Min Ref:- 197(a)(ii)/88)

This planter will be moved to corner of Finchley Close/Maltkiln Road at the planting changeover around end of May.

(b) **Replacement Litterbin** (Min Ref:- 199 (iii)/89)

Cost for a replacement litterbin at the corner of High Street/Finkle Lane would be £150 +vat for a small plastic bin or £449 +vat for a large floor mounted square shaped 220 litre metal bin. It was

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agreed a large metal bin was best for this location. Funding to come from litterbin earmarked reserves for 2020/2021.

Resolved that a large floor mounted square shaped 220 litre metal bin at £449 +vat to be purchased for the corner of High Street/Finkle Lane from litterbin earmarked reserves for 2020/2021.

272. **Public Seat Humber Bridge Walkway off Far Ings Road** (Min Ref:- 195(d)/87 – 9/12/19)

Councillor A Todd asked at 9 December 2019 Environment Meeting if a public seat could be installed near the walkway from the Humber Bridge on Far Ings Road. Following discussion it was agreed to contact Stamp Engineering who fitted the sponsored public seats on the Humber Bank for a price to fit the same style seat. Advertising for a seat sponsor to be undertaken, with funding taken from earmarked reserves repairs/renewals 2019/2020 if no sponsor found. It was noted, landowners permission would also be needed.

Resolved that a public seat to be installed at the Humber Bridge walkway on Far Ings Road with funding taken from earmarked reserves repairs/renewals 2019/2020 if a sponsor cannot be found, noting landowner's permission would also be needed.

273. **Forward Planning 2020**

(a) **Planters and Hanging Baskets**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the current 26 planters and 20 hanging baskets for the town. Prices for this work should be sought from three contractors, it was noted a price had been received from the current contractor. Due to the planting season starting very soon, it was agreed to request three prices and authorise the Chairman and Town Council Office to accept the best price if within budget for this scheme to continue.

Resolved that three prices to be requested and the Chairman and Town Council Office to be authorised to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

(b) **Community Planting at Barrow Road and Ferriby Road**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the community planting schemes on Barrow Road and Ferriby Road, Due to the planting season starting very soon, it was agreed to request three prices and authorise the Chairman and Town Council Office to accept the best price if within budget for this scheme to continue.

Resolved that three prices to be requested and the Chairman and Town Council Office to be authorised to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

(c) **Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition**

Members considered the request from Mr M Martin, competition entrant, who's comments had been raised at the 14 October 2019 Environment Meeting for further discussion during this meeting's forward planning. It was agreed the Presentation event could be incorporated with another event in September and should be discussed at the next Environment Meeting in May 2020, it was noted most people unable to attend in 2019 were on holiday. Format for organising the competition and categories were discussed; it was agreed the competition format should remain the same as 2019.

Resolved

- (i) the Best Kept Garden/Hanging Basket Competition should be held in the same format as 2019;
- (ii) the Presentation event to be discussed further at the May 2020 Environment Committee Meeting, once details of other events in September it could be incorporated with were known.

(d) **Bulb Planting**

Members were asked if they wished to hold a bulb planting date in October this year? In 2019 they joined with the Friends of Baysgarth Park planting bulbs in the Park. It was agreed to purchase bulbs for 2020, Councillor A Chapman would ask Barton Lions for match funding, as has happened in previous years.

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Resolved spring bulbs to be purchased for planting in October 2020 at sites to be agreed, noting additional funding may be given from Barton Lions Club.

(e) **Tree Planting**

Councillor N Jacques advised he had spoken with North Lincolnshire Council Environment Team regarding planting trees to offset the town council's carbon footprint. They had suggested locations on the southern end of Barton Parish with Beech trees. Other areas of the town were discussed from top of Gravill Pit Road, Humber Bridge Viewing Area and Top Field Village Green area, along with different species such as Hawthorn and Community Orchards. It was noted an article would be in the April edition of The Bartonian asking residents where they want or do not want trees planting in the town, for further report. It was also agreed the £75 gift vouchers received for 2nd place in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition should be re-issued to winning entrants in the Town Council Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition 2020.

Resolved the £75 gift vouchers received for 2nd place in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition should be re-issued to winning entrants in the Town Council Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition

(f) **Market Place Planters**

The shabby condition of the private wall behind the planters and seat in the Market Place was mentioned, the council has painted this wall with vandal proof paint in the past. It was agreed to contact our maintenance contractor, Mr B Newton, for a price to re-paint this with vandal proof paint.

Resolved Mr B Newton to be contacted for a price to re-paint the private wall behind the Market Place seat and planters.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison closed the meeting at 7.3 5p.m.

..... Chairman 4 March 2020