

BARTON - UPON – HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room
on WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2025 at 18:00

Present: Councillors N Jacques, N Pinchbeck, A Watson, B Troop & Cllr Thornton

Also Present: T Davis (Town Clerk) Colin Andrew (Barton Lions), Clive Dench & Mark Bannister

Clive Dench

Referred to the Council has having a record of influence and soft power with other authorities. The Haven has been protected. Flash Flooding is an issue in the town. This is causing some residents to be experiencing difficulty obtaining home insurance. Flash Flooding on Marsh Lane/Catherine Street has seen water rise to one metre.

This leaves questions to the wider implications of the effects of Flash Flooding. There are some areas that are a higher risk of surface water flooding and on the Government website they can fluctuate between being highlighted as high risk and low risk. Low risk is defined as risk of 1/100 years risk. One metre of water can create a real problem and it would be helpful to seek funding and resources to ensure there is future protection. The centre of Barton is a saucer and the relief through the use of storm drains is essential to ensure the water is taken away during a bad storm.

A Member stated that there are similar problems faced in the Pasture Road South area of the town due to the amount of development to the south of Barton where land is being concreted over with the Local Planning Authority not requiring any mitigation for this.

A Member asked if this paper had been forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council and suggested to use the influence of the whole Community to help relieve flooding.

Mark Bannister

Local Access Form is the Public Organisation for Public Rights Of Way.

There is a Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan which is now over 10 years old. The Public Right of Way team at the Local Authority has gone from 4 members to 2 members. Their main focus now is to keep the definitive map up to date. Definitive Map holds all the information on Rights of Way. One issue is the Eastfield to Deepdale which essentially now has become a Bridle Way meeting a footpath and then continuing as a Bridle Way.

268. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Chapman (Work Commitments)

269. **Declarations of Interest**

None

270. **Minutes of Meeting held on 11TH November 2024 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council to be held on Wednesday 4th December 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 4th December 2024.

271. **Environment Working Group Funding update 11th November 2024 and Actions from the meeting update**

Members noted the Expression of Interest for the Nature Towns and Cities Funding has not been successful and Cllr L Bennet was thanked for all her hard work putting the documents together and submitting. There are other funding streams noted within the email and these will be reviewed as to the suitability to apply to.

272. **Membership of the committee - to consider inviting Mark Bannister from the North Lincs Access Forum to join the committee.**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Thornton

Committee welcomed Mr M Bannister to join the Committee

Unanimous

273. **Strategic Planning of Flood management of Surface Rain Water Scheme for Barton Upon Humber**

Members discussed the report presented. Drainage is a major issue within the area. The maintenance of drains is not being carried out sufficiently. The Environment Agency and the Drainage Board do maintain the areas under their responsibility.

There is an added risk of springs opening up.

North Lincolnshire Council does clear the drains with the machine but do not make residents aware of when they are coming resulting in cars often being parked and reducing access to many drains.

It was suggested to organise a meeting with the relevant officers at North Lincolnshire Council to try and resolve the issue and to share the document with North Lincolnshire Council. Also to contact the Environment Agency and the Drainage Board and add this item to the Emergency Committee for further discussion.

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Pinchbeck

To contact North Lincolnshire Council to establish a meeting with relevant officers and share the paper and additionally contact the Environment Agency and Drainage Board to make them aware of the concerns. Agenda Item for the Emergency Committee meeting.

Unanimous

274. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Members agreed to discuss the issues within the presented report with the Council Grass Cutting contractor who personally knows the Rights of Way within the town and is also responsible for the maintenance of them.

It was agreed to review the Definitive Map and this will be shared with Members.

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

To arrange a meeting with the Council Contractor and MB to discuss further the issues contained within the report and to share the report with the Contractor.

Unanimous

275. **Budget 2024-2025 & 2025-2026**

Remainder in budget	612
Horticulture Contracts remainder in budget is	5029
Town Purchases in Budget is	3131
Best Kept Gardens is	-5
Hanging Baskets in Budget is	7400
Remembrance Day Wreaths in Budget is	300
CPRE in Budget is	40
Town Bus in Budget is	£2200
Environ Projects Handy Person Equipment is	-289 (Half will be journaled to Community Committee
Community Planting in Budget is	1600
Remain in the budget is	<u>20596</u>
Committed is Town Bus	<u>2200</u>
Total remaining Budget	<u>18396</u>
Committed 2024-2025	
Lamp Post Testing	2000
10 UP The Pole	500
2 x 3 tier	1500
Wild flower Verges	2000
Total Committed	6000
<u>Total remaining</u>	<u>12396</u>

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr A Watson

Recommendation to move £3204 into the existing Special Projects EMR which will be £8000 and the remaining £9192 to move to a new EMR Assembly Room Environment Projects

Unanimous

276. **Bins update**

No update available with regards to the re-location of bins. This is being chased and Town Clerk will forward any updates received to Members.

277. **Town Bus update**

No update received at the time of the meeting, however North Lincolnshire Council Officers have been contacted and when further information is received Town Clerk will share with Members.

278. **Finger Post project**

It is anticipated that this project will re-commence early in March 2025.

279. **Wildflower verges**

There are Wildflower verges at Westfield Road, Far Ing, Holydyke/Fleetgate bend, junction of

Falkland Way. The Pasture Road area needs bog loving plants as this area is very wet. Butts Road requires careful clearing so as not to destroy the wild flower. Contractor to be asked to complete this work as soon as possible.

Wildflower verges require re-seeding after 3 years. Ramblers Way area was a good display in one area and not so good in the other area. This to be monitored.

280. **Purchase of new planter and location**

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop

It was agreed for a new planter to be situated on the Bowmandale Corner by the Fire Station and the area will require levelling. It was also agreed to replace the one near the Clinic with a three tier planter and relocate the one near the Clinic to Brigg Road near the house with the green roof.

Unanimous

281. **Handyperson Work Programme**

To remove the graffiti from the road sign on Soutergate Marsh Lane as well as the Temperance Development Signs. Also to remove any signs that have been installed without the relevant permissions and the owners to be contacted to collect from the Town Council.

Community Payback have been in touch and will be offering a date to meet to discuss the town centre project. Cllr Pinchbeck will attend the meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 18:43

..... Chairman
5th Feb 2025