

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD**  
**on WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 19.00**

Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, C Thornton, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, B Troop, P Vickers, J Evison, N Turner and A Watson.

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk)

**Public Participation**

None.

328. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr K Vickers (Personal)

Cllr A Chapman (Personal)

329. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Jacques declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 Payment of Accounts - civic dinner receipts.

330. **Mayors Notice**

Mayor explained that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan had now progressed to Regulation 16 consultation. This is run by North Lincolnshire Council. This will take 6 weeks and is due to commence on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April or Monday/Tuesday 7/8<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Whilst this process is taking place the emerging Neighbourhood Plan will carry some weight when appending policies to ongoing planning applications which can be used to reference as evidence for comments made by the Town Council. The weight carried increased until the Neighbourhood Plan is formally adopted following a successful referendum.

**AGREED      Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

£500 to be made available from the Special Projects Reserve for a budget to be used for promotion of awareness to residents of the emerging draft Neighbourhood Plan and the up and coming referendum.

**Unanimous**

331. **Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**AGREED      Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr C Thornton**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

**Unanimous**

332. (a) **Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Committee of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Environment Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Environment Committee.

**Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting**

**(b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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**

**(c) Minutes of the Emergency Planning Sub Committee meeting held on 10th March 2025**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

That the previously circulated minutes of the Emergency Committee of the Council held on 10th March 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Emergency Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Emergency Committee.

**Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting**

**333. To receive Correspondence, Progress Report and Notices for Information**

Members noted the correspondence and additional Market Consent for the Wildlife Day Market on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025. No objections were raised.

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

**Cllr P Vickers**

The Labour and Conservative Parties are continuing to raise pressure on the authorities to keep the Blast Furnaces open and working at British Steel in Scunthorpe.

New Police Sergeant attended the NAT Group meeting and was welcomed to the town and the Neighbourhood Policing Team. One highlight was not enough reporting of concerns and issues was happening and only can there be a picture built when lots of reporting of concerns and issues. CCTV Cameras have been installed in the Lidl carpark as there have been high number of reports of speeding cars in the car park and vehicle anti-social behaviour.

It was stated that any issues that have been witnessed can be reported afterwards and do not have to be reported at the time of the issue or concern.

**Cllr C Patterson**

There has been a huge sadness over the region with the sad news that British Steel Works Blast Furnace may close and this will affect many Barton Upon Humber residents who are in everyone's thoughts.

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

Cllr N Pinchbeck reported the Business Forum have met. They are formalising the group with a constitution. They are due to meet the Brigg Business Group who have been running for a lot longer to share advice and experience and pick up some best practice.

336. **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 – 12 months – Noted**
- c) **Budget Report – 12 months - Noted**
- d) **(Community Committee) Grant Applications received since the last Community Committee Meeting**

Cllr N Jacques declared a Personal interest in Allotment Society.

**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

To grant the Allotment Society £200.00

**Unanimous**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

To grant Men In Sheds £100.00 for the VE Day celebrations and to ask for more information and details for the project for shed and storage space in partnership with the Barton Out of School Club.

**Unanimous**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

To grant the Armed Forces Breakfast Club £200.00 for the War Graves visit and the Christmas Party 2025.

**Unanimous**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

To grant the Killicks Rise Group £100.00 for VE Day celebrations

**Unanimous**

**AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**

To grant the Wilderspin School £100.00 for VE/VJ Day celebrations

**Unanimous**

337. **Town Award 2025 Votes**

**Voting was as follows:**

**Wendy Witter Award for Organisations.**

**Barton Inclusive Football Club**

**Unanimous**

**Young Person Town Award**  
**Ellie Ariss**  
**Majority Vote**

**Town Award**  
**Anthony Berridge**  
**Majority Vote**

338. **To approve amendments to Financial Regulations in relation to delegated authority and new procurement legislation.**

Cllr N Pinchbeck noted that cheques payments are not included in the New Financial Regulations. Town Clerk explained that cheque payments are now discouraged due to the lack of nearby facilities to pay in and the cost of bank charges. Cash payments can be paid in at the Local Post Office and Banking Hub. Bacs payments are not a service that is charged for.

It was noted that new Procurement changes have been included and internet banking security.

**AGREED**                      **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr J Evison**  
 To adopt the new NALC Model Financial Regulations with changes  
 highlighted by the Town Clerk.  
**Unanimous**

339. **Annual Town Meeting Update**

Mayor explained that there have been groups that have received Town Council grants who will be attending to present their projects and use of the grant funding as well as Neighbourhood Planning information and information on 2025-2026 council projects.  
 Information presentations commence at 6pm with refreshments and the formal meeting to commence at 7pm with the Town Awards and Questions.

340. **2025-2026 Calendar of Meetings**

**AGREED**                      **Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr C Patterson**  
 To approve the 2025-2026 calendar of meetings.  
**Unanimous**

Cllr N Turner left the meeting.

341. **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 B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**  
 To enter closed session.  
**Unanimous**

342. **Update from Personnel Committee**

Cllr B Troop updated members to some slight changes to working hours within the office staff.

Agreed to upload 10 years of previous minutes and the upload draft minutes of Council meetings on the website.

Quotation from Design Yorkshire for the survey work and the planning application work to be accepted and delegated to the Town Clerk to move forward.

Meeting closed at 20:05

..... Chairman Councillor N Jacques  
2nd April 2025