

**BARTON - UPON – HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee**  
**Room on MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 at 18:15**

**Present:** Councillors N Jacques, A Watson, C Thornton and N Pinchbeck

**Also Present:** Mr M Bannister & T Davis (Town Clerk)

**24. Elect Chairman**

**Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr C Thornton**

To elect Cllr N Jacques as Chairman of the Environment Committee 2025-2026

**Unanimous**

**25. Apologies for absence**

Cllr L Bennet (Another Meeting)

Cllr A Chapman (Work Commitments)

Colin Andrew

**26. Elect Vice Chairman**

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

To elect Cllr A Watson as Vice Chairman of the Environment Committee 2025-2026

**Unanimous**

**27. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**28. Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, which were approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

It was agreed the previous minutes be circulated with the agenda in future.

**29. Updates from Emergency Sub Committee Notes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Awaiting confirmation from HEPS to finalise the detail on the Emergency Plan.

Authority has been delegated to the Town Clerk to purchase a portable defib for the Town Council.

**30. CPRE Best Kept Village 2025**

Members were happy with the wording for the PR for the competition and this can be uploaded to the website and social media to engage local interest in getting involved with joining in some of the individual categories.

Feedback from last year was lack of height in planters such as Whitecross Street. Grant application has been submitted to NLC In Bloom Grant Fund for 5 Holly trees to be planted in the street planters. It was agreed to follow up to request repairs to the Smokehouse wall as this has a detrimental effect on the brick planter adjacent.

Bin outside Premier Shop on George Street is covered in white stickers – to check with the Handyperson any solutions to clean and to report to NLC. It was suggested to place a polite sign on the bin to request stickers are placed in the bin once they have been removed.

### **31. Grasscutting review – Tender process Autumn 2025**

There have been no adverse comments received in regards to the grasscutting so far this season. There was one complaint about an area on Butts Road and one area on Whiston Way. The Whiston Way complaint has been resolved. A new Wildflower sign could be placed at the Pasture Road end of Butts Road identifying that it is a wildflower area.

It was agreed that the contracts will form 3 contracts.

- Main Grasscutting
- Parks
- Cemetery and Churchyard

It was agreed to obtain a budget cost to cut and maintain the cemetery and churchyard and request these areas to be devolved. There has been some surplus in the main grasscutting grant and the difference to be requested to North Lincolnshire Council to add to the main grant to cover the cost.

**Action to obtain budget cost to cut and maintain the cemetery and churchyard and liaise with NLC to devolve to the Town Council.**

### **32. Wildflower review**

Two thistles are growing in the Pasture Road wildflower bed and require removal. An area of verge outside the old Rideabike is hard to cut and the resident has requested a wildflower area. It is too late this year and the resident has requested permission to plant bedding plants this year with a view to it becoming wildflower verge next year.

It was suggested to plant a wildflower verge in the area between Pasture Road South to Falklands Way where there is no vehicle access.

**Action – Wildflower verge outside old Rideabike in 2026, Wildflower verge Pasture Road South to Falklands Way in 2026**

### **33. Lamp Post Planters and Town Planters**

Permission has now been granted for two new 3 tier plants near Beercocks and to relocate the

square planter to outside Pepperills. Additional lamp post planters to also be ordered as the stress testing is now complete..

St Peters Court has been cleared and it was suggested that suitable planting should take place. It was agreed to plant sweetpeas in the Market Place planters to create height, runner beans and coloured chard in the Whitecross Street planter.

#### **34. Strategic Rain Water Management**

Clerk read the response from North Lincolnshire Council Officers which contained a positive answer to the request to meet with the Committee.

MB explained that Mark Adams is the lead at the Environment Agency. North Lincolnshire Council are members of the multi-agency partnership dealing with surface water issues.

**AGREED for available dates to be submitted and Town Clerk to set up a meeting with the other agencies to discuss further and to be informed of new plans to be put in place to alleviate the issue.**

#### **35. Town Bus**

Town Clerk to re-visit the North Lincolnshire Council Transportation department and further request that the flags are sited at the bus stops as previously requested.

#### **36. Bins**

Town Clerk to update at the next meeting progress that has been made with siting of the bins in the town.

#### **37. Finger Post Project**

To confirm with North Lincolnshire Council that the budget is still available and the total of the budget available and ensure that this project is higher priority to commence soon.

#### **38. Rights of Way Improvement**

AGREED Town Clerk to arrange dates with the Town Council contractor to review the PROW report and discuss the contents with interested committee members.

#### **39. Handyperson Work Programme**

Members were happy with the on-going work programmed. A request was made to clean the graffiti on the sign near the Sloop Inn and the graffiti on Marsh Lane. It was also agreed to pursue again the Community Payback Programme for weed clearing jobs within the town centre.

The Chairman, Councillor closed the meeting at 19:07

..... Chairman  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2025